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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS

AUGUST ISSUE 1 2018

From the Desk of Mrs. Anderson: Welcome Back!

Dear Franklin Families.

Welcome to the new school year! We are excited to see all the new and old faces as the 2018-19 year commences. First day of school is MONDAY, August 27th. Breakfast is served at 7:30; classes begin at 7:55. Monday is a short day, school is out at 11:15p.m.

This is our newsletter. We publish monthly and it is available on-line on our website. If you would prefer a hard copy, please let the office know and we will put you on the mailing list.

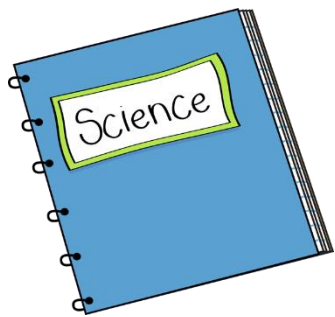
Additionally, we notify parents periodically with robot-calls-generally this information is for important meetings, emergencies, or school closures. Please make sure the school has a current, working phone number by which to contact you.

Lastly, we are looking forward to seeing you at our orientation meetings: August 22nd, 2018 from 8-3pm for our sixth graders, and on August 22nd from 3-4pm for seventh and eighth graders. This will be a great time to have your questions answered, purchase PE uniforms, find your way around our building, and pick up your student schedule. Hotdogs, for the entire family, will be served at 3pm until we run out.



School Supply List

- Backpack
- Binder (3 ring binder, at least 2" minimum ring size)
- College-ruled paper
- Colored pencils
- Dividers
- Pencils
- Pens, 2 colors
- Spiral notebook (80 pages), at least 3 notebooks



PTA Meeting Kickoff

We are excited to get started with our PTA plans for this year at Franklin. We would like to welcome any parents/guardians to join us in making the experience of our students one that they will treasure for many years to come. **Our first meeting will be September 18 at 6:30 PM** in the Franklin Middle School Library. If you have any questions, please contact:

Kate Watters – Assistant Principal:
509-573-2104

Cell Phones & Electronic Devices

All student cell phones, earbuds, and electronic devices are to be turned off and stored in student's backpacks during school hours of 7:55 am – 2:30 pm. Franklin Middle School staff will not be responsible for lost or stolen cell phones or electronic devices.

Essential Fall Sports Information

All athletes will need to have an up-to-date sports physical before they are allowed to participate in any athletics this fall.

Fall Sports Parent's Meeting: August 23 at 6:00-6:45pm Franklin Middle School Commons. Any questions, call Paul Voorhees, Athletic Director 573-2103

Fall Sports for 6th Graders

- Cross Country (boys/ girls)
- Softball (girls)
- Soccer (boys)

Fall Sports for 7th/8th Graders

- Cross Country (boys/ girls)
- Softball (girls)
- Soccer (boys)
- Football (boys)



SCHOOL PHOTO REMINDER

On Thursday, August 30th, students will be having their school photos taken. Please make sure to fill out the packet that will come home with your student on the first day of school.

Spotlight Information Dress Code

The purpose of the Franklin Dress Code is to foster a professional, safe, and respectful learning environment at school. We believe it is one more component of preparing students for success. Student who choose to dress inappropriately will be asked to change.

Shirts/pants will be provided in the office that student will wear for the remainder of the day.

Shirts

- Must cover all of the stomach, back, and chest at all times, even with raised arms.
- May not be see-through (except sleeves) nor reveal any undergarment. No portion of a bra can show. No spaghetti straps.



Pants/Shorts/Skirts

- Cannot sag below hips or show any portion of underwear, even when worn with untucked shirts.
- May not have tears or rips in the hip/thigh area UNLESS there is a SEWN-IN-LINING underneath.
- May not have any messages written on the backside.
- No pajama pants.
- All shorts, skirts, and dresses must be longer than the finger tips when arms are at the student's side.



Hats/hoods/Belts/Shoes

- Hats and hoods cannot be worn inside the building. Belts made of web material and/or that hang down below the waist are not allowed.
- NO red shoes with red laces & NO blue shoes with blue laces.
- NO bandanas.

Student Drop Off-Zone

Student drop-off zones are the school parking lot on 19th or the museum parking lot off of Tieton. Please do not drop off students on 19th near the school parking lot entrance **IF they have to cross 19th**. It is too dangerous.

The 19th street parking lot can be very congested before and after school so please plan accordingly. When you pull in, please pull in as far as possible. If you are coming inside the building, do not park at the curb, use a parking space.

Entry for the building is at the 19th street entrance



Attendance

Attendance is the most critical aspect of student success. The state has new attendance guidelines and they are as follows:

Excused absences for an illness, religious observance, school activity, or emergency are honored at principal's discretion. Written excuses are required at school within forty-eight (48) hours of student's absence, or record defaults to unexcused. Unexcused absence of five (5) days in a month or ten (10) days in a year start juvenile court petition and/or contempt truancy process (Operational Procedures 3120 and 3122)

Absences may be pre-arranged in cases where parents have a compelling reason to have students out of school if absence reason does not fit the approved excuses described above. If approved by the principal, it enables the student to continue school work with excused absences. (OP 3122)

Appointments During School Hours

We will appreciate your help in scheduling doctor, dentist, or other appointments outside of school hours. If such an appointment is necessary, especially during LUNCH HOURS, please have your student bring a note to get a prearranged absence slip in the morning to leave. Parents will need to come inside to sign their student out.

Please allow enough time for our process to work-the office can be very busy at times. Last minute appointments interrupt instructional time for all students.

Student Contact Information

Parents, to help ensure that communication home can happen effectively and efficiently, we need you to update your student's information and **emergency** contact list. If there have been any changes to your/emergency contact's phone number and or address please contact our Registrar at 573-2105. Please remember, **ONLY** those listed as an emergency contact are permitted to pick-up your student.

Accurate contact information is critical to maintain communication, especially in emergencies.

Upcoming Events!

6th GRADE ORIENTATION - AUGUST 22, 8AM-5PM

This is an opportunity for our incoming 6th grade students to become more familiar with our school and to spend the day with some of the 7th and 8th grade students learning about what a typical day is like in middle school. **Parent and student will meet from 8AM-8:30AM.**

FALL SPORTS PARENT MEETING- AUGUST 23, 6:00PM

For those parents who have a student that intends to play a fall sports in the Franklin Commons.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - AUGUST 27, 8:00AM

We are looking forward to our students returning for another great year here at Franklin Middle School! Parents/Guardians, the first day is a HALF day, meaning that the students are done at 11:15.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - AUGUST 30

Please make sure to fill out the packet that will come home with your student the first day of school so that they are prepared

OPEN HOUSE - SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30PM-7:30PM

We would like to welcome families to tour the school and meet the teachers of your student on this evening. There will be a brief meeting in the gym at 6:30 with Mrs. Anderson, the head principal.

SUNFAIR PARADE- SEPTEMBER 22

Our band students will march in the Sunfair Parade. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the musical talents of our students.

DENTAL SEALANT - OCTOBER 3 & 4

Free dental procedure for all students to prevent or postpone the development of cavities. Expect to see information come home with your student in the middle of September.

FALL CONCERT 7TH/8TH GRADE - OCTOBER 11, 6:30PM

Please join us for an evening of outstanding music performed by our 7th and 8th grade band, choir, and orchestra students.

COLOR RUN - OCTOBER 11

ASB (Associated Student Body) will be hosting a fundraiser where the students have the chance to collect donations for running in the color run. Additional information will come home with your student in September.

HARVEST SOCIAL - OCTOBER 26, 2:30PM-4:00PM

The Harvest Social is a student gathering where they can dance or play a variety of games with their friends.

END OF QUARTER 1 - OCTOBER 31

The end of the first grading period will be on October 31.

