July 2020

Dear Franklin Families,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over! My name is Mrs. Emily Mastin and I will be the Principal at Franklin this school year! I was a teacher at Franklin for 7 years. This past school year I was an assistant principal in the Unit 5 school district in Bloomington. My husband and two dogs, Moses and Joanie, are proud to call Peoria our home. I am so excited to be returning home to my Franklin family!

Even though we are in the midst of uncertain times right now due to the COVID-19 pandemic, one thing remains true: We are all very excited to welcome your children back for another year and dedicated to helping them learn, grow, and build friendships that will last a lifetime. We all will work together to rise to any challenge we may face! We will continue to work hard to provide your child with the best educational opportunities, collaborate with all stakeholders, and build positive relationships with everyone in our Franklin community. The positive support you have provided your child and the staff at Franklin over the past few months does not go unnoticed and is appreciated.

During these uncertain times, it is extremely important that we stay connected. Clear communication to our families is essential. Please make sure you have all your current contact information including address, phone number, and email updated on your student’s account in Skyward. If you need assistance updating that information, please do not hesitate to email or call. Please make sure you are checking our website often and listening to all ParentLink calls. Certain aspects of the 2020-2021 school year may be subject to change due to the effects of COVID-19. Rest assured, if any changes happen, we will keep you informed and updated on those changes.

- **Kindergarten Welcome Day @ Franklin**
  - Tentatively Tuesday, August 18th (time TBD)
    - We are working to plan a safe welcome experience for our kindergartener and their families. More details to come on the time and method of this event.

- **First Days of School**
  - Group A - Wednesday, August 19th, 2020 – 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
  - Group B - Thursday, August 20th, 2020 – 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

- **Attendance**
  - It is important for your child to attend school **every day** and **on time** (In person **AND** virtual).
    - Franklin’s attendance goal is 95%
    - School begins at 9:30 am and dismisses at 3:00 pm
    - We **open our doors at 9:15 am** for students to enter the building.
    - Please do not drop off your student before 9:15 am. **There will be no student supervision until that time.**
All of us at Franklin have been busy preparing for the new school year. As the school year nears, we will be out in the neighborhood visiting with you and the community to share all the exciting progress we are making at Franklin!

It is truly our honor to serve our students, families, staff, and community. Please feel free to stop by, call, or email me at Emily.Bernardi@psd150.org. Make sure you follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. We are looking forward to working with you as a team to support and provide an excellent education for our Franklin Scholars!

See you soon,

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