

Franklin Borough School

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Dear Franklin School Families,

I hope that you had a relaxing Spring Recess and that you were able to spend time with family and friends. The end of the school year is rapidly approaching, and there are some important items I'd like to share with you:

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) - NJSLA, formerly known as the PARCC, begins tomorrow, May 1, 2019 for students in grades 6 - 8. Students in grades 3 - 5 will begin NJSLA testing on Thursday, May 9, 2019. Franklin School has seen a significant increase in our test scores over the past two years. We would like to see this trend continue, so please encourage your child/ren to get a good night's sleep and have a healthy breakfast. Also, arriving on time is imperative; all students should report to school by 7:55 a.m.

Congratulations to Dr. Vallacchi - I am proud to announce that Mrs. Vallacchi recently completed the doctoral program at Centenary University. She has successfully obtained the title of Doctor of Education. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Vallacchi on this tremendous achievement.

Know the Signs Presentation - On Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. the Franklin Police Dept. will give a presentation on knowing the signs of drug and alcohol abuse. This presentation is eye opening for participants. I strongly encourage parents/guardians to attend. Child care will be available.

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New Jersey - The Special Olympics Torch Run is Friday, June 7, 2019. The run will start at the Shoprite plaza and continue to the intersection of Munsonhurst Road and Route 23. All money raised will support the Special Olympics. If any student or parent is interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Carr in the administrative office at 973-827-9775 ext. 211.

Calendar Changes - Below are important changes regarding the June school calendar:

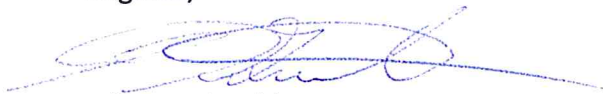
- **Friday, June 7, 2019** - **Only 8th graders** will have the opportunity to dismiss early at 12:30 p.m. to prepare for the 8th grade dance later that evening. Staff and students in grades Preschool - 7 will have a full day of school and dismiss at 2:30 p.m. **(Note: The bus will arrive at the regular 2:30 p.m. dismissal time. Parents/guardians must arrange transportation at 12:30 p.m. for any 8th grader who leaves early.)**
- **Thursday, June 13, 2019 through Tuesday, June 18, 2019** are early dismissal days; all students will dismiss at 12:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, June 18, 2019** is the last day of school; all students will dismiss early at 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events - Below are some upcoming school events:

- May 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. - Family Fit Night
- May 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- May 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. - *Know the Signs* presentation by the Franklin Police Dept.
- May 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - Spring Concert
- May 24, 2019 - Field Day/12:30 p.m. Dismissal Day. Contact Mrs. Tizzano or Mr. Speer if you are interested in volunteering.
- May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. - Sports Awards Ceremony
- June 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - 8th grade Dance; **only 8th graders** may dismiss at 12:30 p.m.
- June 13, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. - Kindergarten Moving-up Ceremony
- June 13 - 18, 2019 - 12:30 p.m. Dismissal
- June 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation
- June 18, 2019 - Last Day of School; 12:30 p.m. Dismissal

As always, if you have questions or concerns regarding any of the above, please call my office or email me at jrgiacchi@fboe.org.

Regards,



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