

# Franklin Borough School

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Dear Franklin School Families,

The school year is off to a great start; it is hard to believe the first month of school has come to an end! I encourage you to regularly visit our school website at [www.fboe.org](http://www.fboe.org) where you will find student activities and other important information listed in the school calendar. Below are just a few items I would like to highlight for you:

- 1) **Grades** - Mid marking period grades are available for review **TODAY**, October 5, 2018 on the *Oncourse Connect* parent portal at [www.fboe.org](http://www.fboe.org).
  - a) The first marking period ends Wednesday, October 31, 2018.
  - b) **Parent/Teacher Conferences** are Monday, November 5, 2018 through Wednesday, November 7, 2018. At the Parent/Teacher conferences, first marking period report cards are distributed to 1st through 8th graders. More information about signing up for Parent/Teacher conferences will be provided at a later date.
- 2) **Preschool Education Expansion Aide Grant** - I am happy to announce that Franklin Borough School applied for and was awarded a grant offered through the State of New Jersey. This Preschool Education Expansion Aide (PEEA) grant will enable our district to offer free, full-day preschool to students who reside in Franklin Borough. Our plan is to open an additional preschool classroom in the 2019 calendar year and enroll up to 26 students in the program. All preschool classrooms will consist of general education students as well as special education students. Although only up to 26 students may be enrolled this school year, the long-term plan is to educate all three- and four-year-olds from our community. Further information regarding this new program and registration requirements will be forthcoming.
- 3) **Instant Alert/School Messenger** - This afternoon, you should have received an instant alert via a phone call and/or email informing you that this letter was added to the digital backpack on our school website ([www.fboe.org](http://www.fboe.org)). A second instant alert test will be sent **TONIGHT**, October 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. All emergency numbers listed on your instant alert account will be contacted. If you do not receive a call or email alert, please notify the main office.

- 4) **School App** - Franklin Borough School has a mobile phone app which we use to share information with parents/guardians. Please download the **Franklin Borough SD App** via the Apple or Google Play Store. Directions for downloading the app are posted on the school website at [www.fboe.org](http://www.fboe.org).
- 5) **Morning Drop-off** - Thank you all for your continued cooperation during morning drop-off! The flow of traffic has greatly improved in the front parking lot (the lot with the solar panels) and in the lower parking lot (the lot adjacent to Walgreens). However, there continues to be an increase in traffic in the back parking lot. To relieve some of the congestion in the back parking lot, I ask parents/guardians *who are only dropping off and not parking* to take advantage of the improved flow of traffic in the front parking lot and drop off your child/ren there. Crossing guards are in place to help children cross the street safely. As always, please be patient and remember that student safety is our main priority.
- 6) **Parent Academy** - The second of four Parent Academies is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The topic is, "Give them Wings/Social and Emotional Development." Please consider attending this very informative event. During the presentation, activities for school-age children will be available in the main gymnasium.
- 7) **Parent Advisory Team** - The Parent Advisory Team (PAT) meets monthly. Team members provide input and feedback to school administrators on school-related topics. If you would like to become a member of Parent Advisory Team, please contact Mrs. Carr at 973-827-9775 extension 211 or via email at [jcarr@fboe.org](mailto:jcarr@fboe.org). The first PAT meeting is Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.
- 8) **Family Math Night** - Family Math Magic Night is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy a fun evening with your child/ren while learning more about our math program.
- 9) **Veteran's Day** - Franklin Borough School will celebrate Veteran's Day on Monday, November 12, 2018. If you are a Veteran or know a Veteran who would like to speak with and share your story with various classes on Veteran's Day, please contact Mrs. Carr at 973-827-9775 extension 211 or via email at [jcarr@fboe.org](mailto:jcarr@fboe.org).
- 10) **Free/Reduced Meal Benefits** - Any child receiving "roll-over" benefits under last year's application (2017-2018) must complete a new application for the 2018-2019 school year. Meal benefits processed using a 2017-2018 application will expire on October 18, 2018. To be clear, free/reduced meal eligibility for this school year must be determined based on a 2018-2019 application. However, if you received notification that your child is eligible for meal benefits as a result of being Direct Certified, no further action is necessary. Please contact Mrs. Carr at 973-827-9775 extension 211 or via email at [jcarr@fboe.org](mailto:jcarr@fboe.org) for a 2018-2019 application or if you have questions about free/reduced meals.



**11) Ram Jam** - Ram Jam is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2018. This fundraiser is organized by the Franklin Borough School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

Students will be challenged to run/walk as many laps around the school as they can in thirty minutes. Students will be asked to solicit donations for their efforts. A pledge brochure will be sent home with your child the week of October 19, 2018. More information regarding **Ram Jam** will be sent home in the coming weeks, or you may periodically check the PTO Facebook page for additional information.


Parents/guardians are welcome to come to school to cheer on your child/ren during your child's scheduled **Ram Jam** run time. Please remember that even though this activity takes place outside, parents/guardians must first sign in at the main office.

<b>Tentative Ram Jam Schedule Friday, October 26, 2018</b>	
7th Grade	8:10-8:51
8th Grade	8:52-9:33
5th Grade	9:34-10:15
6th Grade	10:16-10:57
4th Grade	10:59-11:40
3rd Grade	11:42-12:23
Kindergarten	12:25-1:06
1st & 2nd Grade	1:07-1:48

**12) Halloween Parade** - The Halloween parade is Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 1:15 p.m. for students in preschool through 4th grade.

As always, I thank you for your support. Feel free to email me at [jrgiacchi@fboe.org](mailto:jrgiacchi@fboe.org), call me at 973-827-9775 ext. 212 or stop by to see me if you have questions.

Regards,



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