

Franklin Borough School

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Dear Franklin School Families,

I hope you are off to a happy and healthy new year! Can you believe that we are already at the halfway point of the school year? Monday, January 29th was the 90th day of school!

Below are upcoming events, reminders and general information for your attention:

Teacher of the Year - I am proud to announce that Franklin Borough School's 2017/2018 Governor's Educator of the Year is Ms. Kelly Fedynich. Congratulations!

Strategic Plan - Franklin Borough School has partnered with the New Jersey School Boards Association to create a strategic plan for our district. This process will consist of three meetings, with the first meeting being held on Thursday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All parents and Franklin residents are welcome to attend to collaborate on identifying Franklin Borough School's strengths and areas needing improvement in an effort to develop goals for the district moving forward. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Front Parking Lot - When entering the front parking lot (the lot with the solar panels), please do not make an immediate left turn to park in the marked visitor spots. Instead, you must follow the flow of traffic toward the back of the parking lot. ***Note that making an immediate left turn is illegal and very dangerous.*** To further ensure the safety of students, drop off students only on the straightaway by the crossing guard. Direct students to exit vehicles only from the passenger side and proceed to the crossing guard. If you must exit your vehicle while in the front parking lot, please park in a designated parking space so that you do not block traffic. If you plan to park your vehicle, please use the back parking lot or the lower parking lot by Walgreens. This will help with the flow of traffic.

Basketball - Although the regular season is over, the varsity girls' and boys' basketball teams are playing in the 38th Annual Hardyston Invitational Basketball Tournament next week. The girls play at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 5th at the Hardyston Elementary School, and the boys play at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5th at Andover Long Pond School. Additional games and times will be posted on Franklin Borough School's website at www.fboe.org as the teams progress through the tournament. Please consider coming to a game to cheer on our athletes. ***Go Rams!***

Kindness Month - Franklin Borough School dedicated the month of January to kindness. Students and staff participated in many activities and spirit days held throughout the month. For example, kindergarten through 5th grade tracked acts of kindness on classroom bingo boards and 6th through 8th grade students tracked acts of kindness on strips of paper that have been linked together to make a kindness chain. Every grade collected loose change as part of the "Pennies for the Pantry Challenge."

To help spread the message of kindness, teachers and students delivered "kindness banners" (printed by students at Sussex County Vo-Tech) to local schools and emergency responders in our community. Also 8th grade students prepared kindness goodie bags that were distributed to the 8th graders at Hamburg, Hardyston and Ogdensburg schools. Please join me in saying Thank You! to the teachers, students and staff who helped organize all the kindness activities throughout the month.

Pictured below are the "kindness banners" that teachers and students delivered to local schools and emergency responders in our community.



As always, thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

John R. Giacchi,
Chief School Administrator



**You're
Invited**



FRANKLIN BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETINGS MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY

The Franklin Board of Education invites all Franklin Borough residents to attend strategic planning meetings at Franklin Borough School.

Be part of this exciting process, and help us plan for the future! You will work with your neighbors, friends, teachers, and students to create a shared vision for the future of Franklin Borough School!

Guided by the New Jersey School Boards Association, we will work together to develop the goals and objectives that will move the Franklin Borough School District forward to meet the challenges of the 21st century. You will have an opportunity to provide input on the district's current strengths and needs which will be used to create a shared vision for Franklin Borough School.

The Franklin Board of Education looks forward to collaborating with you to ensure this is a productive process!

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Come to one meeting or all three:

- **Thursday, February 8th**
- **Tuesday, March 6th**
- **Tuesday, April 10th**

Inclement weather dates, if necessary, are February 9, March 8, and April 11, 2018.

Check for cancellations on the school calendar at www.fboe.org.



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