

Franklin Borough School

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Dear Franklin Borough School Families,

During a press conference on Monday, May 4, 2020, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced that all New Jersey schools will remain closed for in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year.

In light of the potential for heightened stress and anxiety associated with this decision, it is very important that we continue to work together to keep our students motivated through the end of the school year. If you or your child need additional support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me. The faculty and staff of Franklin Borough School are here to support you and your family.

Remote Learning Continues - Remote learning will continue through the end of the school year, which is currently scheduled to be Thursday, June 18, 2020 for all Franklin Borough School students. Please continue to encourage students to check the [Remote Learning Plan](#), *Google Classroom*, and their school email daily. Be sure to encourage your child to complete schoolwork so that he/she receives credit for the completed work. You may reach out to your child's teacher or an administrator if you need assistance with remote learning.

Caring Award - It is with great pleasure that I announce that Franklin Borough School's Caring Award recipient for the 2019-2020 school year is Kaylyn Bowden! Kaylyn was recognized at the May 4, 2020 Board of Education meeting. She will also be recognized at the Sussex County School Counselor Association (SCESA) Caring Award Ceremony. Please join me in congratulating Kaylyn!

Mildred Harden Scholarship - Each year a Franklin School Alumni graduating from high school is awarded a \$2,000 scholarship through the Franklin Education Foundation. This year's recipient is Andrea Kidd. Next year Andrea will be attending the University of Mary Washington to study business administration/analytics.

STEAM Challenge - I encourage all of our Franklin Borough School families to participate in the weekly Family STEAM Challenge. This is a great way to work together and have fun as a family. I look forward to seeing all your creative designs! For more information about the Family STEAM Challenge, please visit the morning assembly announcement slideshow, or contact Mrs. Roberts at lr Roberts@fboe.org.

End-of-Year Activities - Because Franklin Borough School is closed through the end of the school year, all school activities are cancelled.

Franklin Borough School faculty and staff are currently planning virtual/remote ways to celebrate the end of this school year. This includes Virtual Field Day and Virtual Graduation. Although the end-of-year experience for this school year is very different from past years, my hope is that students remember these new experiences fondly. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Extended School Year (ESY) Program - Franklin Borough School is currently planning for an ESY program. As further guidance is communicated by Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) regarding social distancing, we will determine whether the ESY program is held remotely or at school. More information about the ESY program will be provided soon.

Building Access - The school building is accessible only by appointment. If you need a Chromebook or any other item from the school building, please email a school administrator to schedule a time to pick up the needed item.

- **Mr. Giacchi** - jrgiacchi@fboe.org
- **Dr. Vallacchi** - lvallacchi@fboe.org
- **Mrs. Ryder** - cryder@fboe.org
- **Voicemail** - 973-827-9775 ext. 7212 *Voicemail is checked in the morning and afternoon.*

Please do not show up to the building unannounced as the building is staffed on a limited basis.

School Meals - Breakfast and lunch are available for families who qualify. You may pick up meals on Mondays and Wednesdays between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the auditorium entrance of the school. As circumstances change for many families during the extended school closure, please know that you may contact Mrs. Carr via email at jcarr@fboe.org if you have questions about the National School Lunch Program. Applications are available on the school website at [free/reduced meals application](#).

Thank you for your support as we continue with remote learning for all students. You may reach me via email at jrgiacchi@fboe.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Stay healthy,

John R. Giacchi

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