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# NEWSLETTER

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## A Thanksgiving Tradition

### SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Wednesday, November 20, the Franklin Central School held the 30th Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon. The students and staff served approximately 100 senior citizens from the community. Mrs. Karen Terry and her staff outdid themselves again with an amazing meal. A great performance was put on by the kindergarten class; senior chorus; junior, senior and jazz bands. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. We would like to send a special thank you to the FCS Cafeteria Staff, Custodial Staff, Office Staff, Band/Chorus Departments, and students for making this event a great success!



THE ROOTS OF *All Goodness* LIE IN  
THE SOIL OF *Appreciation for Goodness.*  
—Dalai Lama



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Franklin School Community,

We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday season and are ready for an outstanding new year. We look to continue and enhance the quality educational services that we are able to provide for our students and families. We would like to recognize and thank our teachers, staff, parents, families, and community members for their support of our efforts.

The start of 2020 is an opportunity to reflect on the fine work that has been done over the last several months. Here are some of our district highlights that we are proud to note:

- Establishing revised mission, vision, and core belief statements created collaboratively by a wide range of stakeholders
- Developing a goal setting process for employees that moves us closer to providing our vision of a world-class education for all students.
- Allocating approximately 5 million dollars in facility upgrades that range from new doors/windows to improved technology infrastructure.
- Delivering social emotional instruction and skill development at our K-6 grade levels.
- Promoting critical thinking in the classroom through review and enhancement of essential learning targets and associated assessments.
- Creating an Alternate Learning Center for credit recovery and assignment completion.

We look forward to working together in the future to enrich opportunities and experiences for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices at any time with questions, concerns, or ideas.

I am proud to be the superintendent in a district that is committed to our students now, as well as in the future.

Respectfully,

*Brad Zilliox*

Franklin CSD Superintendent

## HAPPY NEW YEAR, FCS FAMILIES!

2020 is here! Believe it or not, the second marking period is coming to an end! The marking period closes on Friday, January 24; it is amazing how quickly the school year moves along. Quarter two report cards will be distributed, posted, and mailed on Friday, January 31. As we approach the end of the quarter, I encourage you to reach out to one of your child's teachers—you may do this by email, by typing the teacher's first initial, followed by last name, @franklincsd.org. For example, you may email me anytime at *bjohnson@franklincsd.org*. You can also find a directory of our staff on our FCS webpage. Please remember, we are always happy to speak with you.

Another way for the District to stay in contact with you is through email or cell phone. If your contact information has changed (email or cell phone number), please contact Mrs. Seymour at *nseymour@franklincsd.org* or 607-829-3551, ext. 311 to update your information. Our school communications are transmitted through email, phone, and text. If you would like text communications, please make sure you enable this service by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's code number of 67587.

Don't forget our basketball teams are in full swing! The players are working hard and would love to have their families and community there to watch. Thank you for your continuous support of our students!

Proud to be a Purple Devil,

Principal *Bonnie Johnson*

## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

The midpoint of the 2019-2020 school year is fast approaching. Here are some friendly reminders from the Guidance Office.

### SENIORS

Keep sending those college applications, many schools in our area have rolling admission and you can continue to explore options. By this point, I would advise you to submit your FAFSA and TAP applications very soon if you have not already. Good luck as you receive your decision letters and award packages.

### JUNIORS

Start to consider taking the SAT before the end of the year. The test is offered March 14, May 2, and June 6. Please visit the Guidance Office if you have any questions about these college admissions tests.

### SOPHOMORES

Start giving serious thought to CTE program selection if this is something you have been considering. We will be sending those selections to BOCES soon.

For the rest of our Franklin CSD students, continue to put forth your best efforts, strive for high academic success, respect one another, and make good choices.

## ART CLUB VISITS GOLDEN ARTIST

The Art Club traveled to New Berlin, to Golden Artist Colors, Inc. on November 5. Mrs. Wood and Ms. Epps chaperoned and David Buel was the bus driver. We arrived, were brought into a gallery of large works that were done with Golden Artist Colors and were greeted by the founders' granddaughter, Emma Golden. Ms. Golden talked about the roots of the company and its expansion to its present day size. She gave the students, chaperones, and Mr. Buel

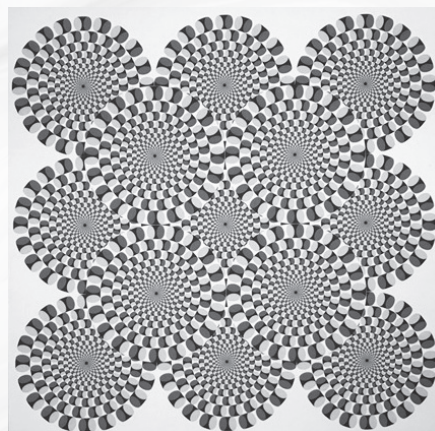
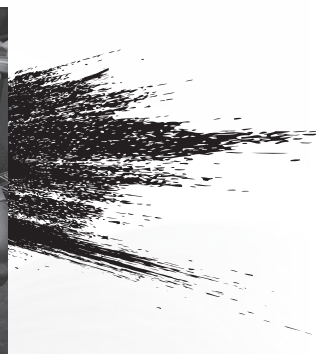
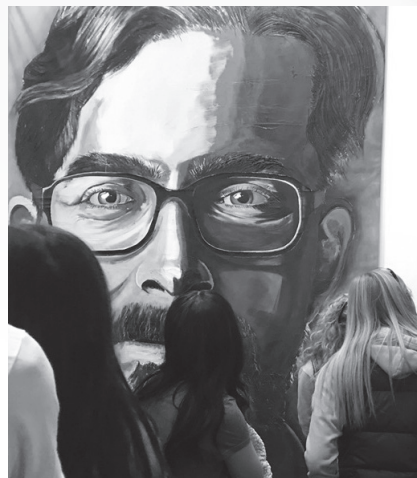
a detailed tour of the factory floor. At the conclusion of the tour, the group was brought to an area where everyone completed "monoprintings" of flowers, pandas, scarabs, pigs, and the like using Golden Artist Colors. Ms. Golden kindly volunteered to mail the student and staff art once dried. On the return trip, lunch was enjoyed at New Berlin's New York Pizzeria.

*"It was cool. I liked painting,"* said Senior **Morgan Carpenter.**

*"I liked when I got to monoprint a picture of myself,"* said **Brian Johns,** Senior.

Senior **Ryleigh Brown** said, *"Watching the paint making process was so amazing!"*

*"Learning the chemistry behind the paint making process was intriguing!"* said Senior **Johnny Davis.**



# Veterans Day Celebration



*Thank You, Veterans.  
Honoring those  
who served.*



*From the students,  
faculty and staff at  
Franklin Central School*



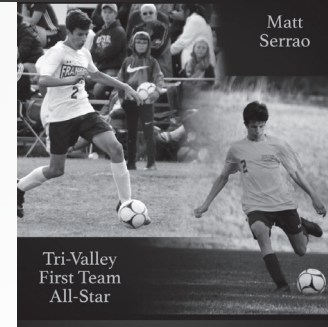
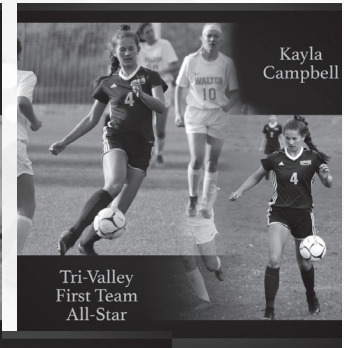
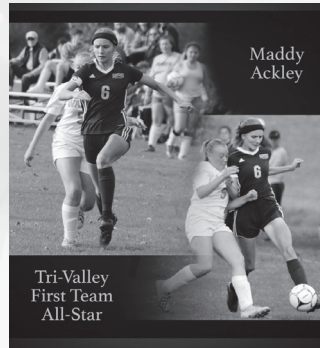
## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Franklin Central School is continuously accepting applications for the following Substitute positions:

- Certified Teacher (2 year degree required)
- Building Aide
- Custodial
- Cafeteria
- Nurse
- Bus Drivers/Monitors

Applications are available online at [www.franklincsd.org](http://www.franklincsd.org) or call (607) 829-3551.

## TRI-VALLEY FIRST TEAM ALL-STARS



## FRANKLIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**GEORGE COULTER —**  
**JUNE 2019**



**MASON DOLEZEL —**  
**SEPTEMBER 2019**

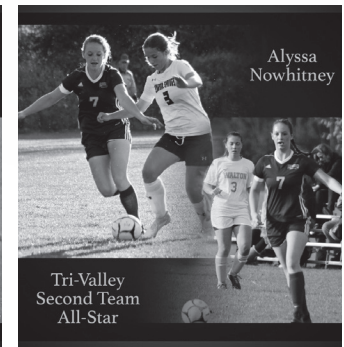
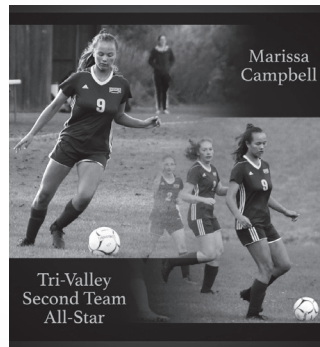


**PAIGE DUTCHER —**  
**OCTOBER 2019**

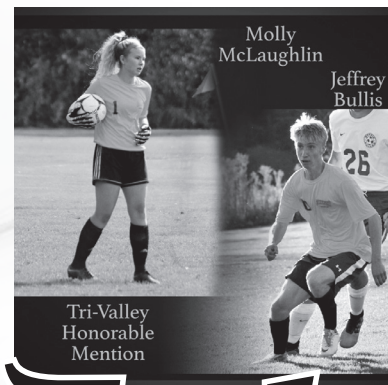


**ZOE WARREN —**  
**NOVEMBER 2019**

## TRI-VALLEY SECOND TEAM ALL-STARS



## TRI-VALLEY HONORABLE MENTION

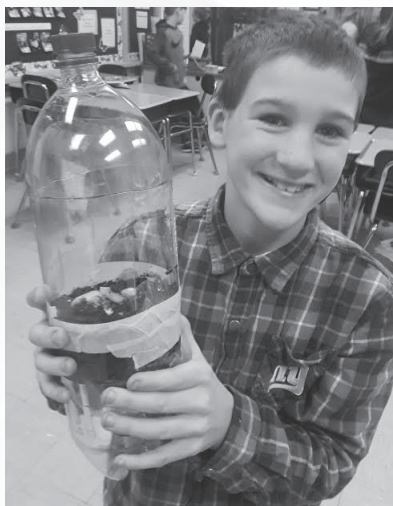


# Great Job!

## NEWS FROM 4-6 GRADES

Grades 4-6 have been working very hard this year. They have been practicing their skills through participation in class, math workshop and centers time. Fourth grade is currently wrapping up their lesson on fact families and how multiplication and division are related. They thoroughly enjoyed this particular lesson and the hands-on activities that came with it. Fifth grade is working on division through the use of models. This hands-on activity allowed fifth grades to work with partners and create tens and ones to work with division problems. Sixth graders have been working hard with conversions of percents, decimals, and fractions. We are looking forward to practicing more of these skills after break!

Students have been utilizing a new science series called *Stemscopes*. We have been conducting several experiments and working within groups to participate in hands-on activities. Earlier in the year, fourth graders dissected plants to examine their internal structures and more recently, they moved throughout a life-sized body system to explore how internal body structures work together. Fifth graders enjoyed dissecting owl pellets after reading *There's an Owl in the Shower* with Mrs. DeCarlo. They are currently observing a mini compost pile, complete with worms, in the classroom! In sixth grade, we used microscopes to determine if something was living or nonliving. Prior to break, they completed various mini labs where they did activities, which represented various systems within the human body. We are all looking forward to what the rest of the school year brings!



## HS DRAMA PRODUCTION A SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the HS Drama fall play, *Treasure Island* a success! Be sure to attend the Elementary Drama play on May 1-2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m!

## ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

This year the Angel Tree program provided holiday meals and gifts to 18 families (and 46 children). Thank you to the Franklin United Methodist Church and the Franklin-Treadwell Food Bank for packing food baskets, the Franklin Good Old Boys Club for donating Aldi's gift cards, and to the FCS employees who coordinated the program and made deliveries. Also, a HUGE thank you to the Franklin Community who make this program possible year after year by donating food and gifts!

## FCS BAND MEMBERS PERFORM AT THE FRANKLIN HOLIDAY MARKET



## CHORUS NEWS



The choruses have been very busy with performances around the community! Here at school, all choruses sang at the Veterans Day program, and the Senior Chorus sang at the Thanksgiving Luncheon. The Junior and Senior Chorus sang the National Anthem at the Binghamton Devils hockey game on November 22. On December 7, some of our high school chorus members performed a variety of holiday songs at the Franklin Holiday Market at the Fire Department. We also had a very successful Holiday Concert on December 10. Thank you to everyone who participated and attended!

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the 2020 All-County Chorus! Junior Chorus: **Sophia Whitaker, Isabella Hotchkin, Cailyn Williams, Alexis Hilton, Larisa Utter, Katie Sanford, Sydney Elmendorf, Tamara Wright, Abigail Gregory, Hailey George-Jameson, Krista Pantale, Macey Beers, and Leah Brower.** Jazz Choir: **Trinity Rivera, Zoe Warren, and Nicketa Utter.** The concert is on March 21, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. at Delaware Academy.

### Milk Matters...

No Bones About It,  
Kids Can't Do Without It.  
Milk for Strong Bones & Teeth


never stop drinking milk


# MILK

#### HOW MUCH CALCIUM DO YOU NEED EACH DAY?


AGES	CALCIUM (MG)
1-3	600
4-8	800
9-18	1,300

One 8 oz. glass of milk has about 300 MG of calcium.





National Institute of Child Health and Human Development



For more information, contact the NICHD/Milk Matters Clearinghouse at 800•370•2943.

## SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The FCS Ski/Snow Club pancake breakfast had a fantastic turnout. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the club. A special thanks to Roger Angel, Doug Whitaker, Ellen O'Hara and Marsha Bagley for their generous donations!



## BOOK FAIR

Thank you for supporting our recent Scholastic Book Fair. It was a huge success! We hope to see many of you at the spring Book Fair, which will be Buy One Get One Free!

## SCHOLAR ATHLETES



To achieve scholar athlete status you must play a varsity sport and have a grade average of 90 or better. The following student athletes achieved Scholar Athlete status during the fall season at Franklin: **Gabe Smith; Matt Serrao; Nick McWeeney; Brandon Gregory; Jeffrey Bullis; Nate Dennis; Molly McLaughlin; Kayla Campbell; Marissa Campbell; Maddy Ackley; Paige Dutcher; Valentina Temple; Leah Hyzer; Zoe Warren; Niketa Utter; and Kristin Cronk.**



Congratulations!

## DELAWARE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU RECOGNITION

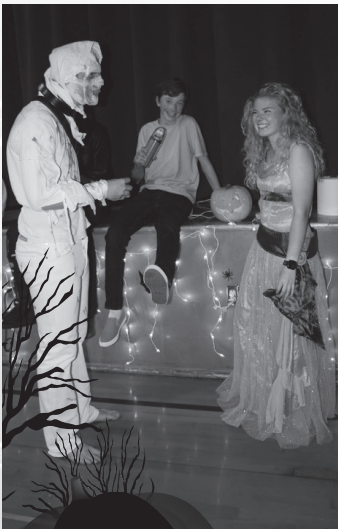
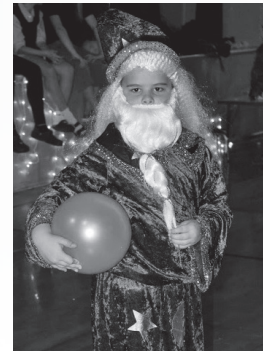
On October 30, 2019, the Delaware County Youth Bureau recognized **Madelynn Ackley** and **Jayne Bolton** for their dedication to our Franklin SADD Chapter. Congratulations to both! Well deserved!



**GEORGE MACHALA (COMMUNICATIONS/GRAPHIC DESIGN), GABE SMITH (WELDING) AND BROCK WARNER (WELDING) SELECTED AS STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS AT DCMO BOCES. GREAT JOB!**



# Halloween Fun!



## MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, BLAKE FLY, VISITS FCS

On November 26, motivational speaker Blake Fly presented to our 7th-12th grade students. His message to our students was to follow their dreams and passions while being gracious and appreciating others. He included a great example of a friend of his who transformed a childhood love of radio into a successful career being an executive at Z103 in Toronto, Canada. He also introduced us to his creation the *Thank Call*, not to be confused with prank call. He challenged students to pick a contact in their phone and randomly call them to express appreciation for the role that they played in their life. Overall, it was a very positive and inspirational presentation.



## KINDERGARTEN HARD AT WORK

Kindergarten students have been working really hard this quarter. Many students have earned a certificate for completing their number tile folders. Our 100 Book Challenge reading program continues to be a great success and many students have earned their 100th medal as well as their 200th medal. Creativity is so important in kindergarten and you may be looking at a future engineer or architect. We teach them to dream big and work hard!



## HEADWATERS SOCCER CAMP COMING TO FRANKLIN!

Local youth soccer organization Headwaters Soccer Club will hold Session I of their 2020 Summer Soccer Camp Series in Franklin this summer. The camp will take place Monday, June 29-Thursday, July 2. Each day the camp will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

The A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation is the sponsor for the Franklin Session. The cost for a week of the camp is normally \$60 (without ball) or \$75 (includes a ball). Headwaters was able to secure a grant from the O'Connor Foundation which will provide 1/2 scholarships for all Franklin students. That will lower the cost to \$30 and \$45.

Over the past 30 years, 40-50 students from Franklin annually attend Headwaters Soccer Camps. Several FCS alumni currently work for the club each summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Laing will have more information about the Headwaters Soccer Camp Series this spring.



# HARD WORK



# Holiday Fun & BATTLE OF THE CLASSES



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JANUARY**

**20 No School—Martin Luther King Day**  
21-24 Regent Exams

**FEBRUARY**

13 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.  
**17 No School—President's Day (offices closed)**  
**18-21 No School—President's Day Recess**

**MARCH**

5 Junior/Senior Band Dinner Concert/MIOSM Concert  
6 No School for Students—Staff Development Day  
11 Elementary Music and Senior Chorus MIOSM Concert, 7:00 p.m.  
12 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.  
**16 No School**  
20-21 All-County Music Festival, Delhi  
24-27 NYS 3-8 ELA Testing  
30-31 NYS 3-8 ELA Testing

**APRIL**

**6-9 No School—Spring Recess**  
**10 No School—Spring Recess/Good Friday (offices closed)**  
**13 No School—Spring Recess**  
20 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.  
20-24 NYS 3-8 Math Testing  
27 NYS 3-8 Math Testing  
29-30 Book Fair

**MAY**

1 Book Fair  
1-2 Elementary Drama Production, 7:00 p.m.  
4-8 Book Fair  
5 Jr./Sr. High School Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. (Senior Recognition)  
11 Book Fair  
14 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.  
19 Budget Vote & BOE Election, Noon-8:00 p.m., Special BOE Meeting following polls closing  
20 NYS Science Performance Test, Grades 4 & 8  
20 8th Grade High School Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
**22 No School—Memorial Day Recess**  
**25 No School—Memorial Day (offices closed)**

## **FCS REUNION WEEKEND**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Franklin Central School**

### **ANNUAL SUPER REUNION WEEKEND**

**July 17-18, 2020**

*For all who have attended FCS, including teachers, staff & families*

More details to follow—please share with all or direct your questions to Rod Earl at 607-242-5977 or check the Franklin Alumni or Franklin Friends Face Book Pages

A portion of this year's proceeds will be donated to the **Franklin Recreation Department**, so help us support them by joining us!