



NEWSLETTER

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Franklin School Community,

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall season. I wanted to take a brief moment to thank our entire school community for a great beginning of the school year. The positive opening of school is a reminder that we have outstanding students, faculty/staff, and families in our district. This is a great place for our young people to get an education and we appreciate your contributions.

As you might know, each summer our LINKS team meets for three days to use district data to identify focus areas for the upcoming year. This is a group consisting of both administrators and teachers from Franklin, who work together to create a thoughtful plan. Our two focus areas for this year include the following:

- **Achievement/Instruction**—Instructional staff will identify, post, and unpack student centered learning targets as part of daily classroom routines and procedures.
- **Family Engagement**—The district/faculty will identify and implement approaches to enhance family engagement to maximize learning.

We are excited about the opportunity to move forward and improve in these areas as a team. Additionally, we are continuing the Franklin tradition of building working relationships and maintaining positive attitudes that result in a feeling of trust. It is from an atmosphere of trust that we can facilitate open and honest dialogue among all stakeholders to establish greater understanding and connection. It is equally important to promote such relationships with students, staff, parents, administrators, and the community at large. The end product is a district that rallies around our common mission and goals knowing that individuals have a voice and input is welcomed during the process of improving our schools. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or ideas at any time throughout the year.

Respectfully,
Brad Zilliox, Superintendent

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are off to another great start at Franklin Central School! Thank you to all who attended Open House on September 21. We are very proud of our school and this was a great opportunity to show you our classrooms and talk about our curriculum for the year. As always, please contact your child's teacher for additional information whenever you have questions about your student's progress, subject matters—anything! If you have not signed up for a parent/guardian-teacher conference for November 9 or November 13, there is still time to do so. I also encourage you to visit our school website and teacher webpages. Our goal is to provide opportunities for you to learn more about Franklin Central School, our programs, courses, personnel and the many activities and events that occur throughout the year.

Our Morning Program continues to provide an excellent start for pre-k through second grade students on Fridays. We ask all Morning Program visitors to sign in at the Business Office upon arrival and sign out upon departure. Respectfully, we will admit guests and visitors for Morning Program starting at 8:15 am. Morning Program begins at 8:30 a.m. Thank you for the help and cooperation!

It is hard to believe it is October already. Reminders for Halloween—please no costumes with full masks. These often impede visibility. Also, no weapons of any kind (real or imitation) are permitted.

As the weather grows colder, I remind you to please send a sweater or light jacket with your child. Layering clothing is helpful in a changing climate. Additionally, we will continue outdoor recess for elementary students provided the temperature is at least 20°F. Please be sure to have mittens, hats, scarves, snow pants and boots on hand and label everything.

Please remember if there is anything I can assist with don't hesitate to ask! I am only a phone call or email away.

Enjoy the beautiful colors of autumn.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Julie Bergman, Principal

NEW FACES



LAURIE ALBERTI, ELA TEACHER

I am the daughter of immigrant parents and was raised in Long Beach, Long Island, which is where I developed my love of the ocean. I love education, reading and learning. The fall is my favorite time of year and anything outdoors during the fall.

I have four children and family time is very important to me. I have served as a Eucharistic minister, lector and catechist in my parish. I completed my administrator internship at Franklin and I am excited to be back!



AMANDA HAYNES, SCIENCE TEACHER

Hi, I am Amanda Haynes. I have an avid interest in all things science and I really enjoy learning new things in general. I received my BS in Biology from SUNY Cortland, an MS in Marine Biology from NOVA Southeastern, a Post-Bac from SUNY Oneonta, and a secondary SWD certificate this past summer. I really like to travel and have spent many months living in a motor home while driving across the country with my three children (twice). I have taught in Florida and Arizona and have helped teach undergraduates in Belize as well as on an island off the coast of Maine. This year I also took on coaching soccer for my youngest. In my free time, I juggle my three children and their various activities. They play football, cheerleading, soccer, baseball, basketball and are involved in scouts. We spend our weekends going on hikes or day trips to check out places we have not yet been to. I am looking forward to the upcoming year and getting to know the students and staff at Franklin CSD.



**EMILY WEST,
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

I graduated from Franklin Central School in 2011. I then attended Cazenovia College where I graduated with a dual degree in Inclusive Elementary Education and English in 2015. I am very excited to be back at Franklin to complete my second year of teaching. In my free time I enjoy playing with my two cats (Chloe and Remi) and volunteering at the Franklin Fire Department.



TONI WALLEY, BUILDING AIDE

I grew up in Franklin and graduated from FCS in 2010. I currently live in Treadwell with my husband and 10-month-old daughter Lexi. I worked at the School of Springbrook for four years as a Special Education classroom aide and Adapted Physical Education LTA. I am extremely excited to be back at FCS; it is going to be great year!



JAMES ROBERTSON, BUS DRIVER

MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

As a reminder, effective September 22 there was a change to our morning drop off procedures. In order to promote overall safety while developing independence in our students, we are asking that you drop off your sons or daughters in the vestibule area in between the outer and inner front doors. If you need more time, you can use the Main Office to the left as well.

If you are attending morning programs on Fridays, we ask that you remain in the vestibule area until the cafeteria clears at 8:15 a.m. or arrive just before 8:30 a.m. when the program begins. You can also wait in the Main Office. Please sign in and out of the Main Office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SADD

The SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Chapter of Franklin Central School is ready for another exciting and informative year. We will start the year hosting an Activity Night on Thursday, November 16 for all grades. There will be a bouncy house, Velcro wall and competitive obstacle course along with food and drinks raffle prizes and lots of fun. PK through 6th grades are welcome from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Children 4-10 must be accompanied by an adult. Seventh grade through 12th grade students are welcome from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The admission will be donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey and Irma. A specific list will be available with information that will be sent home to students closer to the event.

Also on our SADD calendar, this year will be another Souper-Bowl Can Drive, the SADD 5K in the spring and After Prom that will be held at the Clark Center this year on June 9, 2018.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Franklin Central School District Board of Education regular monthly meetings will be held on the second Thursday (except where noted) of each month as indicated below:

- August 10, 2017
- September 14, 2017
- October 12, 2017—Audit Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- November 9, 2017—Audit Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- December 14, 2017
- January 11, 2018
- February 8, 2018
- March 8, 2018
- April 23, 2018
- May 10, 2018
- May 15, 2018—Special Meeting immediately following the polls closing
- June 14, 2018

All meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Executive Session; Open Session will begin at 6:30 p.m. (*unless otherwise noted*) in Room 206. Please Note: **This is a change in meeting time from previous years.**

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BUDDY BENCH

On September 22, the AVP Club dedicated a Buddy Bench to the Franklin Central School District. Students representing the SADD and AVP clubs assisted in the dedication by providing a presentation to students in grades PK-2nd on the purpose of the bench and what it means to be a good buddy. The bench is located at the school playground.



DIGNITY DAY



The Alternative to Violence club at Franklin Central School is looking forward to another great year. We kicked off the year with a Dignity Day on September 12. All students in grades PK-12 attended presentations given by Sweethearts & Heroes. The presentations focused on the topics of being inclusive of others, standing up for what is right and developing empathy skills. It was a great day!

Last year, we welcomed 13 new student facilitators into our organization. The group is very excited for a year based on the theme of human connection. We are planning a mix-it-up lunch day for elementary students and future workshops for students in grades 5-12.

Thank you to the community for your continued support of AVP. The experiences the students create and run truly help make a difference in the lives of others.

2017-2018 GRADES K-12 REPORT CARD GRADING PERIODS

Quarter	End of Marking Period	Report Cards Issued
1st	November 9	November 17
2nd	January 26	February 2
3rd	April 13	April 20
4th	June 11	PK-6 Last day of school 7-12 mailed home June 26

4TH-12TH PROGRESS REPORT PERIODS

Quarter	End of Progress Report Period (Grades Due by 3:00 p.m.)	Progress Reports Mailed
1st	October 11	October 13
2nd	December 13	December 15
3rd	March 7	March 9
4th	May 16	May 18

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SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!

Are you looking for a part-time job that allows you to have a similar schedule as your children? Are you looking for a way to supplement your income? Are you an empty nester, grandparent, or retiree who misses daily contact with children? If so, we have the perfect job for you, Franklin Central School is looking for substitutes in all areas:

- Teaching Substitutes
- Non-teaching Substitutes (Aides and Monitors)
- Nurse
- Cafeteria Staff
- Maintenance Staff
- Bus Drivers

We provide on-the-job training, and will help interested candidates obtain the necessary licenses and endorsements to become a bus driver. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and able to pass a background check. Bus drivers must also pass a drug test and annual physical. Applications are available on the District website or can be obtained by calling 829-3551.

CATSKILL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION DONATES TO SENIOR CLASS



*L.-R.: JIM ELLIS, MEREDITH TOWN SUPERVISOR;
 RAY PUCCI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATSKILL DEVELOPMENT
 FOUNDATION; LACEY COX, SENIOR; PETER NIEBANCK, JUNIOR;
 AND BRAD ZILLIOX, SUPERINTENDENT*

Executive Director of Catskill Development Foundation, Ray Pucci, and Meredith Town Supervisor Jim Ellis presented **Lacey Cox** a check for the Class of 2018. Lacey Cox and **Peter Niebanck** volunteered at the Meredith Dairy Fest back in June.



“BITS AND BITES”

HEALTHY EATING AND ACTIVITY TEAMS

September 2017

BACK TO SCHOOL NUTRITION

Often, summer break is when the children’s healthy eating habits take a vacation. So, as summer comes to an end and the school year starts, take time to refocus your efforts to ensure your children’s nutrition and physical activity habits are ready for the year ahead.

Breakfast is a very important meal for growing children. Studies show that breakfast eaters tend to have higher school attendance, less tardiness and fewer hunger-induced stomach aches in the morning. Their overall test scores are higher, they concentrate better, solve problems more easily and have better muscle coordination. So whether they eat at home or at school, be sure your children eat a nutritious breakfast every day.

If your children’s school provides meals, take time to go over the menu with them and discuss how to build a healthful and nutritious meal they will enjoy. Make sure the choices include whole grains, vegetables, fruits and low-fat or fat-free dairy at every meal.

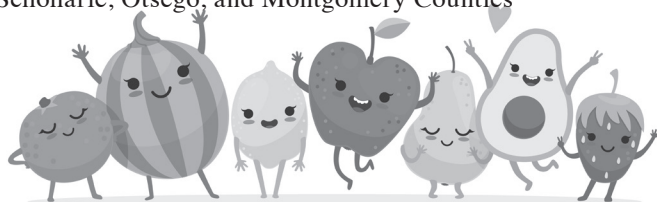
If you pack your children’s lunch, take your kids grocery shopping with you and allow them to pick out healthy foods that they enjoy. Your children are much more likely to eat what you pack for them if they have picked it out.

If your children are involved in after-school activities, pack a healthy snack they can eat beforehand. Fruit or vegetable slices, 100% fruit juice and whole-grain crackers with low-fat cheese are healthy options that will give them the energy they need to make it to dinner.

Regular physical activity is also vital to your children’s development. Not all children like sports, but there are still plenty of ways they can get exercise on a daily basis at school and at home. In fact, involving the whole family is a great way to spend time together while getting the physical activity everyone needs.

Most importantly, talk to your children. Learn the foods they like. Teach them about the foods they need for their growing bodies. Find ways together to make sure they have the knowledge and ability to eat healthy and tasty foods.

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EXERCISE AT FCS

Franklin Central School will be open for walking for exercise from 6:30-7:30 a.m. and 4:00-8:00 p.m.



GUIDANCE NEWS

I would just like to take this opportunity to welcome everybody back. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We are all looking forward to a successful 2017-18 school year and I hope you are excited to be once again engaged in learning. I hope that all of our seniors are well underway with planning for post-graduation. I look forward to working with all of you and your families in the coming weeks to assist in that process.

JUST SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Please check regularly in guidance for scheduled visits from college reps and for scholarship opportunities throughout the school year.
- Don’t forget to sign up for SAT exams this fall if you are planning to retake them.

Finally, remember, we are all one school, one community, one family. Treat all students and staff with respect and compassion. Reach out and welcome new students, reacquaint yourself with old students, and let us all continue to make Franklin Central School District a great place to learn. Have a great school year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

The National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society will be hosting two American Red Cross Blood Drives this year. The first one is on Wednesday, December 20, from 1:30 until 6:30 p.m. The second is on February 16, 2018 also from 1:30 until 6:30 p.m. Collecting at least 35 pints between the two drives will allow an Honor Society member to receive a \$250 scholarship.

All National Honor Society members and National Junior Society members are beginning their ISP’s. This is their Individual Service Project for the year. The requirement is at least four hours per month towards this project. The Societies will also be having a fundraiser this year during November.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Pre-kindergarten is off to a great start at Franklin Central School! We are working on our *All About Me* unit and getting to know our classroom, teachers and new friends! We have been practicing name writing, letters, shapes and colors.

We like to call Fridays in PK *Fun Fridays*. We enjoy attending Morning Program where we learn new songs, meet new faces and celebrate our Star of the Week! When we come back to our classroom on Fridays, we put on our Scientist Smocks and have fun with science experiments! So far, we have created green slime!

We are looking forward to what is to come in our PK class and reaching our goals!



VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

The Veterans Day Celebration is on Thursday, November 9, with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and program at 8:30 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

TIPS FOR RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

- Have papers stored in a backpack or book bag so the papers cannot fly around the bus or cause a hazard on the floor. Keep belongings out of the aisle.
- Check clothing to avoid long drawstrings or other dangling items that could be a safety hazard if caught in bus doors or snagged.
- Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive each day. Children should be waiting for the bus as the bus cannot wait for them. This helps assure orderly boarding and an on-time schedule.
- Children should board the bus in single file and away from the roadway. Behavior problems at the bus stop can create a hazardous situation for all students, so please remind children to be respectful and orderly when boarding the bus.
- Children must wait for the driver's hand signal to cross the road before boarding the bus.
- Children should sit quietly in their assigned seats. Distractions on the bus could cause an accident.
- Cameras are used on buses to ensure the safety of the children and the driver.

Parents or guardians must submit a new dismissal form for any permanent changes to a student's dismissal to the Nurse's Office. We will accept changes to a student's daily routine. Remember the child must bring a note to school in the morning signed by the parent or guardian. All transportation changes must be made by 1:00 p.m. If you miss the 1:00 p.m. deadline, your child will need to be picked up at their designated bus stop for that particular day.

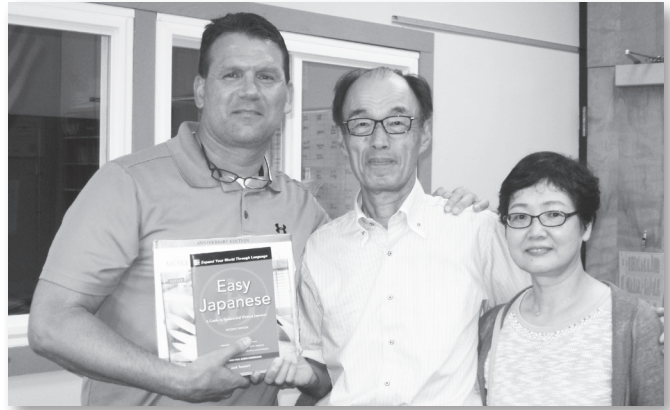
Riding a bus is a privilege that can be revoked because of misconduct. Parents/guardians may be held responsible for restitution for school property willfully damaged by their child. If you have any questions or problems, please call the transportation supervisor at 607-829-3366.

FRANKLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL IS REPRESENTED AT THE FAIR

R. David Buel, FCS Bus Driver, took Best of Show in the Professional Division with his hand-built mini barn at the Delaware County Fair. Mr. Buel's barn is on display at White's Farm Supply in Franklin. Congratulations Mr. Buel!



FORMER EXCHANGE STUDENT VISITS FCS



Over the summer, Mr. Zilliox, Superintendent, received a visit from former FCS foreign exchange student, Akira Watanabe and his wife Akiko. Akira came to Franklin from Hiroshima in December 1966 to November 1967. He stayed with four host families for three months each. Akira still remains in contact with three of the families. Before leaving Franklin in 1967, Akira donated a beautiful Japanese doll to the District, which is on display in the library.

During his most recent visit to FCS, he donated several books on Japan for the students, teachers and staff to utilize and enjoy. Akira also donated \$1,500 to the District for the library and robotics club. The Franklin Central School District is very grateful and thankful for Akira's generous donations to our District.

FRANKLIN ANGEL TREE

This Holiday season the Franklin Angel Tree will be in the Main Office at Franklin Central School. Select an *angel* from the tree and purchase a gift for a child in need. Angels will be available in Mid-November in plenty of time for Black Friday holiday shopping.

All gifts should be wrapped and returned, with the tag, to the school by Friday, December 15. Last year, 18 families and 44 children were assisted by this program. A huge thank you to the Franklin Community who make this program possible year after year!



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CURRENT RESIDENT OR

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

20 Early Dismissal Drill, 2:45 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3-4 High School Drama, 7:00 p.m.

8-9 Book Fair

**9 ½ Day for Students—Parent Teacher Conferences,
11:30 a.m. Dismissal**

Veteran's Day Celebration, Breakfast 7:30 a.m./
Program 8:30 a.m.

Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

10 No School—Veterans Day

**13 ½ Day for Students—Parent Teacher Conferences,
11:30 a.m. Dismissal**

13-17 Book Fair

15 Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving Luncheon, 1:00 p.m.

20 Book Fair

22-25 No School—Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER

6 Holiday Concert, 7:00 p.m.

7 Holiday Concert Snow Date, 7:00 p.m.

8 NHS Blood Drive, 1:30-6:30 p.m.

14 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

25-29 No School—Holiday Recess

JANUARY

1 No School—New Year's Day

11 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

15 No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

29 No School for Students—Staff Development Day

SENIOR CITIZEN

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon is on November 15,
in the Franklin Central School Cafeteria at 1:00 p.m.
Call Vivian Groat at 829-6846 for reservations

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The school will make an attempt to contact parents using
our PowerSchool phone system at times when emergency
closing is necessary. Please be advised that the phone sys-
tem or electricity may not be in service and therefore the
school will be unable to make these calls.

The following radio and television stations will announce
school closings:

- WCDO-101 FM and 1490 AM Sidney
- WDLA-92.1 FM and 1270 AM Walton
- WSKG-91.7 FM, WAAL-99.1 FM, WHWK-98.1 FM
- WDOS-730 AM and WZOZ-103.1 FM Oneonta
- WBNG-TV Channel 3
- *WBNG.com*

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