



NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Interim Superintendent's Message

Dear FCS Families,

To start the 2021 year off, I would like to reflect on what our school district and community have accomplished this school year! We have been committed, from day one, to stay true to our students and families during these unprecedented times. There have been many obstacles to overcome, but our faculty/staff members have been tremendous! They have shown their dedication and caring attitudes through it all. The community and parents have supported us through these challenging times. Through it all, we have made it to 2021.

As many of you know, Mr. Zilliox moved to a new position closer to home. We would like to thank Mr. Zilliox for his time and dedication to the Franklin Central School District over the past four and a half years. His leadership and guidance have had a positive impact on our students, families and community. As I sit down to write this letter, I will be transitioning into the position of Interim Superintendent through June of 2021. I would like to thank the Franklin Central School Board of Education for this opportunity. I look forward to continuing to work with our FCS students, faculty/staff and community. While we transition, Mr. Coyle will be taking on the role of Dean of Students. The Special Education Department will continue to move forward with Ms. Banner as the FCS chairperson for the district and myself as the director.

The end of the semester concludes on January 29. Between now and then, please check in with your child on their progress in their classes. Please note you can check their progress through Schoooltool. If you do not have access please contact Mr. Coyle at bcogle@franklincsd.org.

I wish each and every family a wonderful start to the New Year! I know the second semester will bring plenty of challenges as well, but we will succeed just like we have in the past. I appreciate the community's continued support of our school district, staff and students. It makes going into the new year much easier knowing our community will always support our students!

Happy New Year!
Bonnie Johnson
Franklin CSD
Interim Superintendent

Guidance Office News

The mid point of the 20-21 school year is quickly approaching. It has been interesting and different but at the moment I type this we are one of the few schools in the area who have not had to close. We are very proud of that, and hope to continue to stay healthy and diligent about safety. Whether school is open or closed; 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 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 in March, May, and June. Usually we have a prep class opportunity in March and April. This class and the tests themselves will depend on developments with COVID so please stay tuned and be in touch with your counselor often 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, make good choices, and use ludicrous amounts of hand sanitizer.

Quarter 1 Honor Roll 2020-2021

**7TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**
Adaline Coulter

HIGH HONOR ROLL
*Nolan Boyles
Nadine Gilson*

HONOR ROLL
*Zoe Boren
Jayden Cawley
Kathryn Cronk
Jaiylah Harrell
Alen Ibrahimovic
Issac Jordan
Oliver Lamb*

**8TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**
Hailey George-Jamison

HIGH HONOR ROLL
*Sydney Elmendorf
Arthur Hilton
Krista Pantale*

HONOR ROLL
*Lily Morrell
Natalie Nebesnik
Katie Sanford*

**9TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**

*Alexis Hilton
Griffin Leddy
Patricia Rodriguez-Matias
Lindsey VanDyke*

HIGH HONOR ROLL
*Valentina Temple
Cailyn Williams*

HONOR ROLL
Bree Reed

**10TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**
Madeline McLaughlin

HIGH HONOR ROLL
*Isabella Hotchkin
Max Meo*

HONOR ROLL
Desiree Rosenbusch

**11TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**
*Kayla Campbell
Brandon Gregory
Jacob Sanford
Matthew Serrao*

HIGH HONOR ROLL

*Marissa Campbell
Tori Decker
Angel Shaw
Meredith Shivers
Nicketa Utter
Zoe Warren*

HONOR ROLL
*Alan Dumond
Leah Hyzer
Edvin Ibrahimovic
Victor Rodriguez-Matias
Lucia Temple*

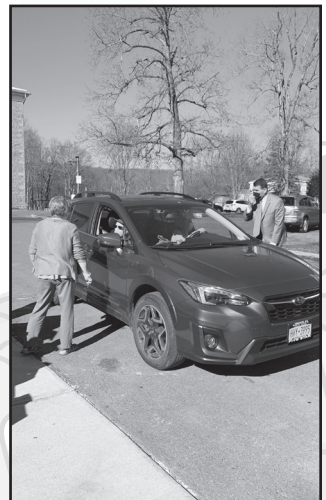
**12TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**
*Nathaniel Dennis
Paige Dutcher
Zachary Ross
Megan Yager*

HIGH HONOR ROLL
Jeffrey Bullis

HONOR ROLL
*Gretchyn Ackley
Bryce Davis
Emma Lobdell
Cole Ruff*

Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner

On Monday, November 9, the Franklin Central School held the 31st Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon as a drive thru due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff handed out a total of 102 meals. Mrs. Karen Terry and her staff out did themselves again with an amazing meal. We would like to send a special thank you to Donna Dean, Jayne Bolton, Marc Spaziani, and Brad Zilliox for handing out meals, Peggy Peterson, Diane Winfield and Lori Babcock for transporting meals to the pickup area, and Karen Terry, Tara Cronk, Vickey Sickler, Nancy Carroll and Lisa Moody for preparing and packaging all the meals. We appreciate all you have done to make this a successful event!



VETERANS DAY

DRIVE-BY SALUTE



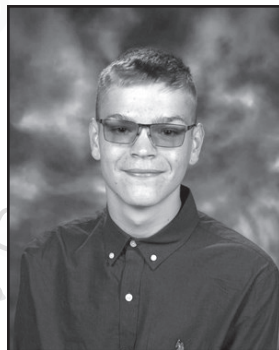
FCS CTE Students Recognized by DCMO BOCES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

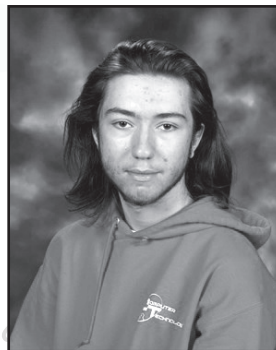
Franklin Central School is continuously accepting applications for the following substitute positions:

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

Applications are available online at www.franklincsd.org or call (607) 829-3551.



*JACOB SANFORD:
STUDENT OF THE
QUARTER FOR WELDING*



*ZACHARY ROSS:
STUDENT OF THE
QUARTER FOR COMPUTER
TECHNOLOGY*



*NATHANIAL DENNIS:
STUDENT OF THE
QUARTER & PERFECT
ATTENDANCE FOR
GRAPHIC DESIGN*

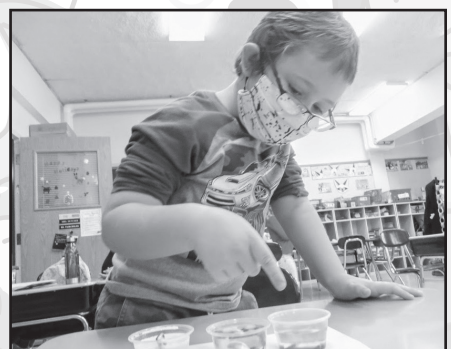
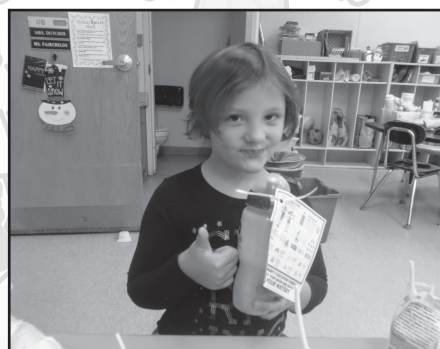
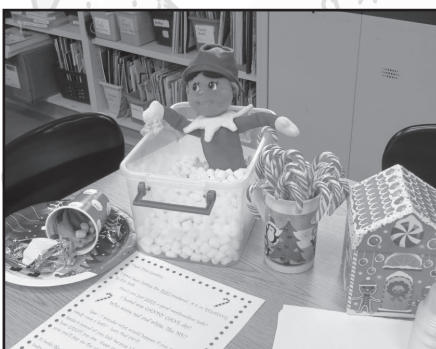
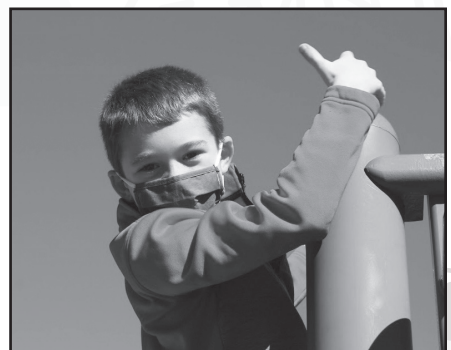
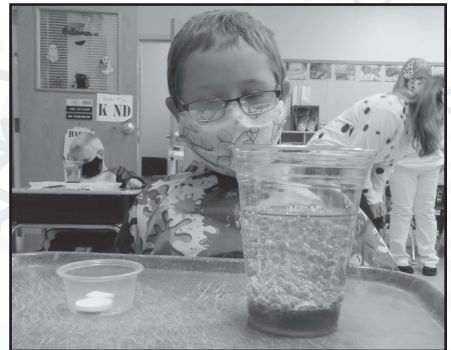
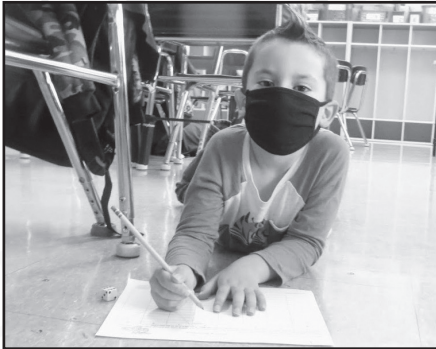
Well done!

First Grade Happenings

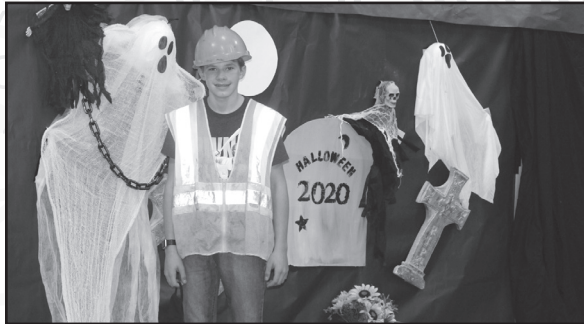
FCS First Graders are doing an amazing job in and out of the school building. They are working hard to learn new technology and the basics of reading, writing and math. The children have recently been learning about important U.S. symbols and landmarks such as the bald eagle, the American Flag and the Statue of Liberty. We particularly enjoy science explorations and STEAM challenges.

We were pretty busy in December! We read many books, did some science experiments, had an elf visitor, made some gifts and got new water bottles from the FCEF.

We are very proud of how well our children have adjusted to all of our safety precautions. Our first-grade families have been fantastic supporters and we appreciate that very much.



Halloween Fun!



Chorus News

Even though there was no actual festival for Area All-State this year, the following students had the honor of being selected for participation: **Griffin Leddy** and **Nicketa Utter** for Mixed Choir, and **Zoe Warren** for Treble Choir. Congratulations on being selected!



Griffin Leddy



Nicketa Utter



Zoe Warren

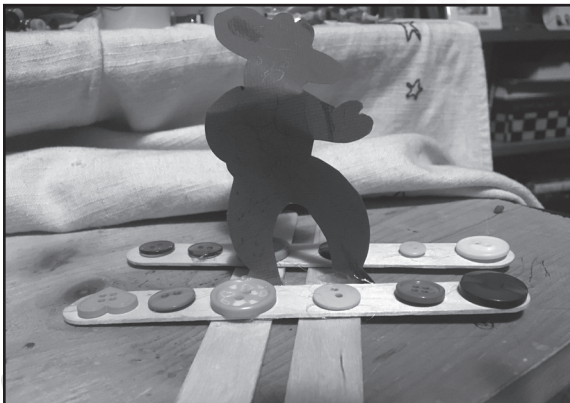
O H T S T A N D I N G !

Kindergarten Gingerbread Man STEM Challenge

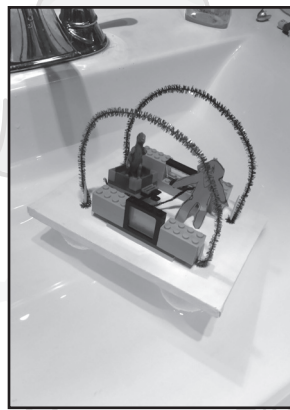
Kindergarten has been very busy learning at school and at home. **Angelina Bellino** shows us how much fun math can be at home. **Abby Huyck** is holding her Gingerbread Man STEM challenge bridge that she built. It could hold at least five pennies and it kept the Gingerbread Man safe from the fox. **Onnalee Hilgers** is testing her bridge that she made to see if the Gingerbread Man can go across it. Also, there is a picture of **Jacob Taggart's** Gingerbread Man STEM challenge: build a boat. He proved that it could float in water. This was another way to keep the Gingerbread Man safe from the fox. Even a world-wide pandemic can't stop these kindergarteners from learning!



CHARLOTTE TAGGART'S GINGERBREAD MAN AND BRIDGE

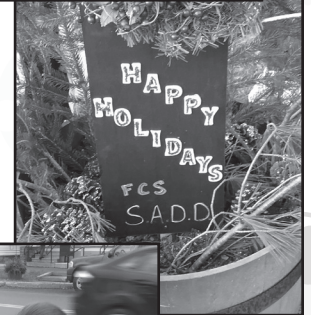


RYAN GROFF'S BRIDGE FOR THE GINGERBREAD COWBOY



Art Club & SADD Help Decorate the Town

The Art Club and SADD got into the Holiday season by decorating planters in the Town of Franklin. The planters are located near Burgin's Auto (Art Club) and in front of Mirabito's Gas Station (SADD). Members who assisted in decorating were: **Alexis Hilton, Adaline Coulter, Jayden Cawley**, Art Club Advisor Mrs. Anne Wood, **Gretchyn Ackley, Zoe Boren, Maddie McLaughlin** and SADD Advisor Mrs. Jayne Bolton. The town always looks so beautiful this time of year and it was nice to be a part of the decorating! Wishing you all peace, love and joy, this holiday season, and don't forget to treat each other with kindness!



Great job!

Franklin Community Education Foundation Scholarship Winners



*DANIEL KEHOE:
SEPTEMBER 2020*



*JACOB SANFORD:
OCTOBER 2020*

Amazing!

AVP Members Help Spread Kindness



2019 AVP MEMBERS

AVP means Alternative to Violence Program. The theme for this year is KINDNESS. Franklin's AVP students have been very busy.

Students met on Sunday, November 8 to put out 254 flags on the school lawn for Veteran's Day. Each flag represented a student at FCS.

Students have also helped out the Franklin Garden Club by working on decorating the barrels on Main Street for the holidays.

Several of our members made kindness posters which were hung all around the school.

All facilitators received a T-shirt which was designed by member **Maddie McLaughlin**.

AVP helped to sponsor Dignity Day on December 17 and 18. Members were facilitators during both days. Our guest speaker was Sean Nix. Mr. Nix spoke to the students in grades 7-12 about kindness and diversity.

AVP members continue to dedicate themselves to making FCS and the world a kinder place.

Franklin Teachers' Association

Recently, the Franklin Teachers' Association donated to The Greater Franklin Food Pantry to sponsor a Christmas basket. The FTA also holds Jeans Days once per month and for four months around the holidays, all funds generated from Jeans Days go to the Food Pantry.

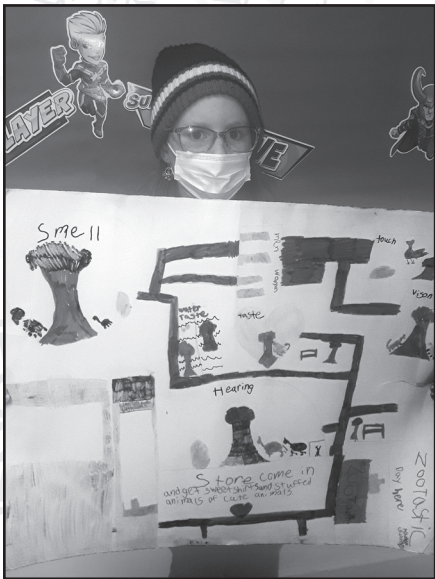
Purple Devil Speed & Agility Camp Continues . . .

Despite not having sports for this past fall season, the Purple Devil Speed & Agility camp ran for six consecutive weeks in the months of October and November. The students were able to participate through their cohorts after school for 11 total sessions each. The program consisted of injury prevention, strength training, agility and speed training. A total of 25 student-athletes partook in the camp. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Laing for organizing and administering the camp!

Science Grades 4-6

We have been focusing on life science in grades 4-6. The fourth grade has recently completed a unit on organism structures and behaviors. To demonstrate their learning, students designed a zoo and organized animals in an unusual way - by their best sense receptors! The zoos were very creative and well thought out. Do you know what an earworm is or have you ever had one? An earworm is a song that gets stuck in your head and you can't help but sing it over and over. Fifth grade certainly had one as they listened to, "Owl Pellets," while they dissected owl pellets. They found many different bones from mice, voles and birds. They not only made connections to what we had been discussing in science class, but to "There's an Owl in the Shower," which they had been reading with Mrs. DeCarlo in ELA class.

We are currently learning about how energy flows within an ecosystem through food chains and webs. Sixth graders are taking their understanding of ecosystems to the next level. They are investigating how interactions between organisms affect an ecosystem. They have been debating whether hunting should be used for population control and finding matches by playing, "Find My Ecosystem Buddy." We are hoping to answer our student wondering question, "Do fish bathe?" Well, what do YOU think? Finally, we were all sad to say goodbye to Brian Ziemann who has completed his student teaching. He has had such a positive impact on the students and we were lucky to have been part of his journey to becoming a teacher. It has certainly been a bittersweet end to 2020.



KYLI CONDON WITH HER ZOO PROJECT



BODIE JORDAN AND HIS ZOO DIAGRAM



ECOSYSTEM ACTIVITY


Milk Matters...

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


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...never stop drinking 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.







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

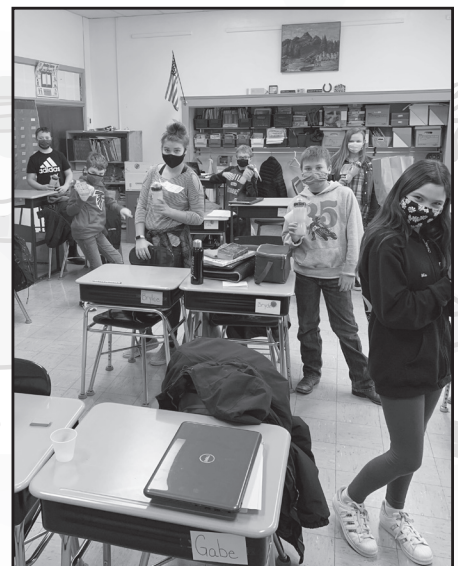
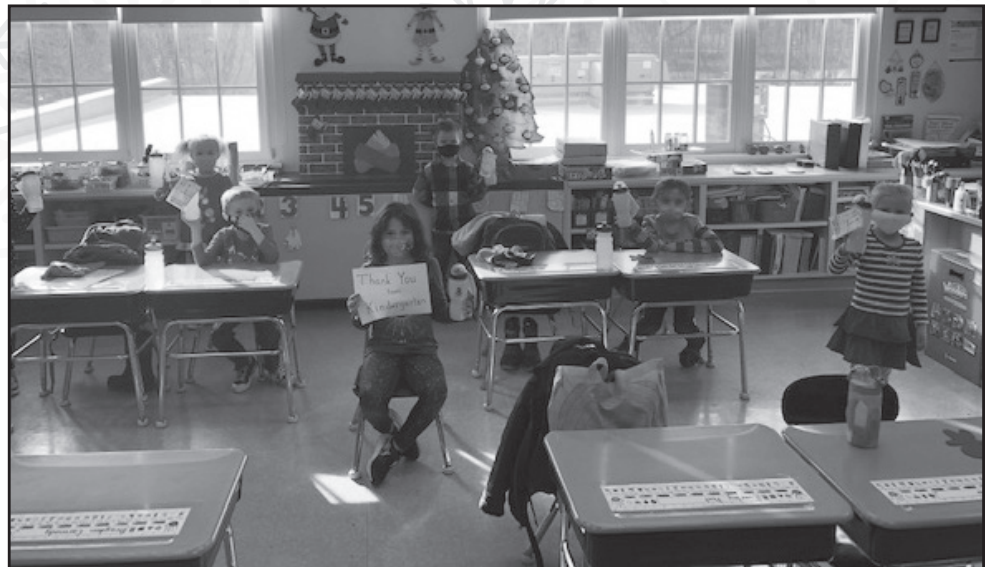
FCEF Continues to Support Franklin Area Youth

The mission of the Franklin Community Education Foundation is to support and, where possible enhance the educational experience of youth in our community. This year has been no different. With the added strain caused by COVID, however, we have come up with some new ways to support our students and community youth.

Over this past summer we held a Chromebook raffle, successfully raising funds and providing a needed piece of technology. At the start of the school year, FCEF began a new annual tradition of handing out school supply bags for all Franklin students. All remaining supplies were donated to the school to be distributed as needed. Recently, we also purchased and provided water bottles for all the Franklin Central School students, highlighting the importance of hydration to thinking and learning.

The Franklin Community Education Foundation would love to thank our community for all their support throughout the years. Without you, none of this would be possible. Due to COVID, several of our normal fundraising events had to be cancelled, such as the Spring Flower Basket Sale and our Fall Bake Sale. However, we have had tremendous community support with our Chromebook Raffle and our Poinsettia Sale, allowing us to continue to support our students.

We look forward to more opportunities in the coming year to provide both the academic support and educational experiences for our youth, as well as engage and partner with the community in our efforts to do so.



What You Can do if You are at Higher Risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19

Are You at Higher Risk for Severe Illness?



Based on what we know now, those at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- Older adults

People of any age with the following :

- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 or higher)
- Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Sickle cell disease
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Here's What You Can do to Help Protect Yourself



Limit contact with other people as much as possible.



Wash your hands often.



Avoid close contact (6 feet, which is about two arm lengths) with people who are sick.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.



Avoid all cruise travel and non-essential air travel.

Call your healthcare professional if you are sick.

For more information on steps you can take to protect yourself, see CDC's How to Protect Yourself.



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Franklin CSD Begins Issuing Chromebooks

Using a combination of monies from the technology budget and the Corona Virus Relief Act, Franklin CSD has purchased 311 Chromebooks. We have received 209 so far and have begun issuing them to students.

WHAT EXACTLY IS A CHROMEBOOK?

A Chromebook is a laptop of a different breed. Instead of Windows or Mac OS, Chromebooks run Google's Chrome OS, which in turn is built from Linux. These machines are designed to be used while connected to the Internet, with applications and documents living in the cloud.

There is very little operating system to speak of and programs cannot be installed; essentially, it's just a portable version of Google's Chrome browser.

At first, the concept of a browser-only laptop seems a little strange. You may have already noticed that the majority of our students' everyday computing tasks can be done via the web, internet connection allowing. As the Chromebook only needs to run a web browser it does not require an expensive device and becomes a very cost-effective means of getting technology to students. The student version has an 11.6" touchscreen, is very light and portable, and folds completely open to be used as a tablet. There is a teacher version that has a slightly larger touchscreen and allows for additional connections to classroom projectors and document cameras.

Aside from the cost benefit of the Chromebooks, their simplicity means that they are very fast to start up, have great battery life, and require minimal maintenance. Updates are automatically installed and they have security features built-in, so there's no need to run separate antivirus software. Additionally, our requirement to filter the internet still takes place no matter where in the world our students use their Chromebook.

WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO WITH A CHROMEBOOK?

Each students' Google Drive account is baked into the file manager which makes opening, organizing, and managing files relatively simple. Google's office productivity is also built in, along with Google Classroom as our primary online platform and Gmail for communication. We have a custom Chrome App Store that allows only approved apps and extensions to be installed. We can also remotely install apps and extensions that we know teachers want students to have, like we did with Zoom.



This integration of all of Google's applications allows students to share and collaborate in real time while all utilizing the same software on the same hardware platform. Also, the Chromebooks ensure teachers can create lesson plans and present content without worry that a student is unable to participate.

Along with the network upgrades that took place over the summer, to facilitate every student having a device, we are very pleased to be a part of the technology shift at Franklin CSD.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

18 No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

11 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
12 No School—President's Day Recess
15 No School—President's Day, Offices Closed

MARCH

4 Jr./Sr. High School Band Dinner Concert/
MIOSM Concert (*if permitted*)
5 No School for Students – Staff Development Day
9 Elementary Music and Senior Chorus MIOSM
Concert, 7:00 p.m. (*if permitted*)
11 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
19-20 All-County Music Festival, Walton (*if permitted*)

APRIL

**2 No School—Spring Recess/Good Friday,
Offices Closed**
5-9 No School—Spring Recess
19-26 NYS 3-8 ELA Testing
27 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
30 Elementary Drama Production, 7:00 p.m.
(*if permitted*)

MAY

1 Elementary Drama Production, 7:00 p.m.
(*if permitted*)
3-7 NYS 3-8 Math Testing
4 Jr./Sr. High School Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m.
(Senior Recognition) (*if permitted*)
7-8 NYSSMA, Norwich (*if permitted*)
10 NYS 3-8 Math Testing
13 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
18 Budget Vote & BOE Election, Noon-8:00 p.m.
19 8th Grade High School Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
25-28 NYS 4-8 Science Performance Testing
31 No School—Memorial Day, Offices Closed



WELCOME 2021!