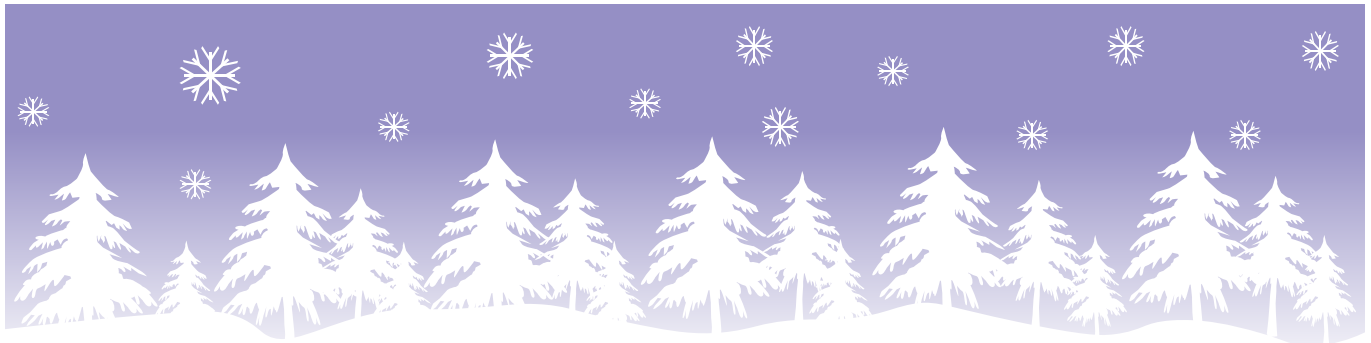




NEWSLETTER

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Franklin Families,

What a difference a year makes. Even though we are still faced with COVID protocols, our students at Franklin Central School are doing so much more than where we were a year ago. All students are in person and attending school every day, open house was in person, we completed a full season of sports (championships included), the band and chorus performed in front of a live audience for the first time in almost two years, and at Halloween our community was able to come and enjoy the haunted hallway. While the district's COVID safety measures are still in place, students have been able to participate in the activities they love with some planning and creativity by parents, faculty, and staff working together.

Needless to say, the 2021-2022 school year has been challenging for school districts, students, teachers, and families. As a school community we have adapted to the COVID way of life with increased and/or changing safety protocols, unexpected schedule changes, COVID quarantines, and more; all with incredible flexibility and understanding. At the same time, the energy in the building is incredible, students are in school with their peers every day while making connections with faculty and staff. People are so very excited to be back together and to be able to do so safely. Students are creating, playing, performing, competing, building, exploring, writing, reading, researching, learning and most importantly being kids.

As always, please keep an eye on our digital platforms (ParentSquare (new) FCS website, FCS Facebook page) for the most accurate and up-to-date information about the Franklin Community, including student opportunities, budget updates, weather-related news, special events, and more. Communication continues to be a focus point for our district, and is part of our overall approach to partner with you and all members of our school community.

As a final thought, I must recognize the incredible efforts of the entire FCSD staff. Working during a pandemic is not for everyone. Our staff cherishes our students, yet the challenges inherent to shifting guidelines, ever-present mandates, personal difficulties, and staffing shortages make for a difficult school year. Even so, the members of the FCSD instructional and support teams have risen to whatever is thrown their way. If you are able to do so, please take a moment to thank our hardworking and dedicated teachers, counselors, school nurse, aides, drivers, custodians, food service workers, technicians, administrators, clerical staff, and anyone/everyone connected to our schools. We are all proud of our Purple Devil Team!

Thank you for your continued support of the Franklin Central School District.

Proud to be a Purple Devil,
—Bonnie Johnson

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Franklin. Thank you for all of your efforts and hard work thus far this year and we are looking forward to a successful second semester.

As PK-12 principal, I sincerely believe that we here at Franklin can do a better job reinforcing positive behaviors and learning from negative behaviors. Throughout the first half of the school year the discipline referral data has been pretty consistent with mid-year numbers pre-COVID (the last time we started the school with everybody in the building, 2019-20 school year). But there are clear patterns of individuals and grade levels who are repeating the same offenses with the same faculty members. If we were to ignore just a few of those patterns for a second, our referral data would actually be very low. This fact is what leads me to believe that the answer lies in what I said above. We must learn from negative behaviors and respond to them in a way that will effectively reduce the same behavior in the future

Going forward, I am asking parents (although I know most do a fine job with this already), to please take each and every referral or concern brought to your attention as seriously as possible and help your child reflect on the situation. Blaming the teacher, or enforcing rules and values not consistent with our code of conduct, while perfectly within your rights, is not going to be helpful in alleviating negative behavior patterns. Repeated referrals will force my hand to assign consequences such as lunch detentions, after school detentions, and in/out of school suspensions for varied durations, but I do so knowing full well that this is not addressing the root of the problem.

I intend to do my best to use restorative consequences and facilitate learning from negative behaviors, but our students will need wrap-around support from all the adults or this approach will be ineffective, leaving no other options but harsher consequences.

I appreciate all of you for taking the time to read about this and we wish you a successful remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

—Mr. Coyle, PK-12 Principal

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

The mid-point of the 21-22 school year is fastly 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.

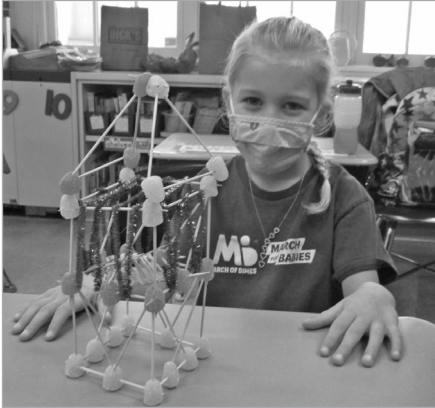
For the rest of our Franklin CSD students, continue to put forth your best efforts, strive for high academic success, respect one another, make good choices, and use ludicrous amounts of hand sanitizer.

IMPORTANT: DISTRICT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM CHANGE

Effective January 1, 2022, FCS implemented a new communication system called ParentSquare. We will no longer be using SchoolMessenger for school closings or other notifications. Several emails inviting parents to join ParentSquare were sent prior to January 1. Please make sure you have joined ParentSquare in order to receive important notifications from the district.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

During the month of December, the Kindergarten students had a STEM challenge to choose. They could either make a bridge, a boat, or a house that would keep the Gingerbread Man safe from the fox. They had to build their project out of inexpensive materials. The boats had to float and there was a bonus if the house was two stories high. The children were very creative and their projects were great! Here are *Brielle Elderkin*, *Elijah Becker*, and *Emmett Carmody* showing off their Gingerbread projects

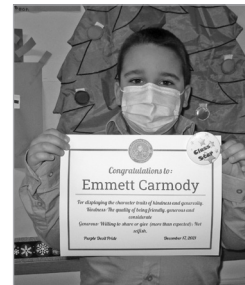
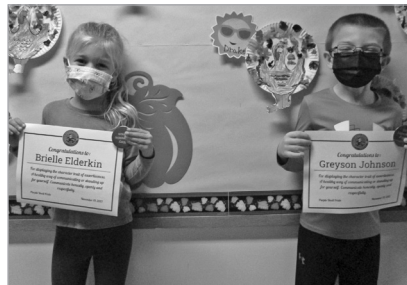


HERE ARE THE KINDERGARTEN WINNERS OF THE PURPLE PRIDE CHARACTER TRAIT AWARDS:

OCTOBER—*Lexi Janitz and Parker Doring for Respect*

NOVEMBER—*Brielle Elderkin and Greyson Johnson for Assertiveness*

DECEMBER—*Emmett Carmody and Braylee Donenges for Kindness*



Kindergarten shared the honor with the 6th Grade class for collecting the most items for the Franklin/Treadwell Food Bank during the month of November sponsored by the SADD organization. Both classes received an ice cream party from the SADD organization. SADD members, *Marissa and Kayla Campbell* are shown in the picture helping to hand out the ice cream bars to the Kindergarten class! What a great message of giving!

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL & PRINCIPAL'S LIST FIRST QUARTER 2021-2022

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Kayla Campbell
Adaline Coulter
Alan DuMond
Hailey George-Jameson
Brandon Gregory
Alexis Hilton
Jacob Kingsbury
Shannon Kingsbury
Griffin Leddy
Madeline McLaughlin
Patricia Rodriguez-Matias
Sara Rosenbusch
Matthew Serrao
Bryden Sheldon
Isaiah Smith
Valentina Temple
Lindsey VanDyke

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Kaleb Archibald
Deziray Aubry
Brylee Beers
Macey Beers
Zoe Boren
Marissa Campbell
Jayden Cawley
Lily Cleaveland
Abigail Gregory
Carter Hilton
Leah Hyzer
Alen Ibrahimovic
Daniel Kehoe
Logan Kingsbury
Shon Klintchev
Riley McNamara
Krista Pantale
Michael Pickhardt
Victor Rodriguez-Matias
Nicholas Rogers
Meredith Shivers
Xander Tyrell
Zoe Warren
Cailyn Williams

HONOR ROLL

Zaeda Beadle
Jason Boren
Leah Brower
Leanna Dean
Carl DeDominicis
Cole Elmendorf
Sydney Elmendorf
Abraham George
Naydine Gilson
Carter Groff
Jaiylah Harrell
Arthur Hilton
Isabella Hotchkin
Madeline Hyzer
Edvin Ibrahimovic
Isaac Jordan
Brodie Kehoe
Connor Kulp
David Lamb
Oliver Lamb
Max Meo
Willow Mondore
Lilly Morrell
Jelena Myers
Bree Reed
Wraith Rodriguez
Krysta Roe
Desiree Rosenbusch
Jacob Sanford
Katie Sanford
Riley Sisson
Haylee Taggart
Lucia Temple
Corbin Tyrell
Issac Wright

ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL FIRST QUARTER 2021-2022

4TH GRADE

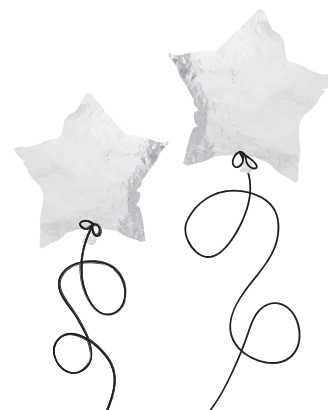
Michael Bellino
Peyton Boning
Carson Carmody
Kamali Hall
Ella Hilton
Emma Huyck
Aubrey Janitz
Zoey McNamara
Jeanette Ogborn
Chloe Pfeffer

5TH GRADE

Olivia Ash
Kyli Condon
Amelia Coulter
Liam Finnegan
Mason Gillette
Madelyn Hilton
Bodie Jordan
Diego Lopez-Mejia
Reis Hunter
Trentin Goodspeed
Connor Kern

6TH GRADE

Mason Bagley
George Coulter
Scott DeDominicis
Daniella DeSilva
Evan Janitz
Amelya Lambrecht
Payton McNamara
Alyssa Noble
Alyssa Pantale
Aubrey Post
Joshua Shivers
Jessalyn Taggart
Ivana Svecharnik



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Certified Teacher

Non-Certified Teacher (2 yr. degree required)

Building Aide

Custodial

Cafeteria

Nurse

Bus Drivers/Monitors

Applications are available online at
www.franklincsd.org

SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER

On November 17, the Franklin Central School held the 32nd Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon as a drive thru for the Franklin and Treadwell communities. With the assistance from National Honor Society members, a total of 91 meals were handed out.

Mrs. Karen Terry and her staff out did themselves again with an amazing meal. We would like to send a special thank you to Ms. Dean for organizing the event, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Cronk, Mrs. Sickler, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Moody and Mrs. Bagley for all their hard work with cooking a wonderful meal and packaging everything up for delivery and to honor society members *Kayla Campbell, Marissa Campell, Griffin Leddy, Maddie McLaughlin, Valentina Temple, Patricia Rodriguez-Matias* and *Krista Pantale* for their help in handing out meals. We appreciate all you have done to make this a successful event!



VETERAN DAY DRIVE BY SALUTE



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VETERANS

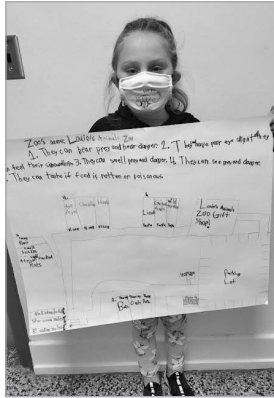


GRADES 4-6 SCIENCE

4TH GRADE

Have you ever thought about how zoos decide to group animals together? We decided to group them differently for our unit project. We grouped them by their best sense receptors! We each designed a zoo, colored it and gave class presentations. It was hard, but we had fun. We always have fun in science class!

—Emma Huyck, 4th Grade



5TH GRADE

In 5th grade science we have been learning about plants and how they survive. We have also been having debates and discussions about whether we should burn yard waste or not. We have analyzed and talked about what we see or hear in pictures or videos. The class has also done some fun activities. For example, before Christmas break, we turned pipe cleaners into the shape of our choice and put them in borax and steaming hot water. After a while they had formed crystals on them. These are just a few of the things we have been working on in class.

—Bodie Jordan

6TH GRADE

Science is a very entertaining subject if you learn things that are interesting. So far in this year, we have learned to tell apart different types of relationships and ecosystems, learned vocabulary words like biotic and abiotic, and even had many activities focusing on plants and animals and their interactions within each other. Another magnificent activity we did was go to the 7th grade and observe their projects on hatching chicks. We watched as the embryos developed and then shared our observations in class. Then, to check our knowledge, we took quizzes on a program called “Stemscoptes” which helped us grow and improve.

—Ivanka Sveharnik



BAND NOTES



Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to the 2022 All-County Music Festival. This year’s instrumental ensembles include Jazz Band (grades 9-12), Orchestra (grades 9-12), and Junior Band (grades 7-9). Students will get to work with reputable guest conductors at Walton High School on March 18 and 19, culminating in a concert on March 19th.

Tamara Wright (trumpet) All-County Orchestra
 Griffin Leddy (trombone) All-County Jazz Band
 Hailey George-Jameson (flute) All-County Jr. Band
 Abigail Gregory (clarinet) All-County Jr. Band

Kaleb Archibald (baritone saxophone) All-County Jr. Band
 Leah Brower (trumpet) All-County Jr. Band
 Lilly Cleaveland (french horn) All-County Jr. Band

ART CLUB VISITS CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS



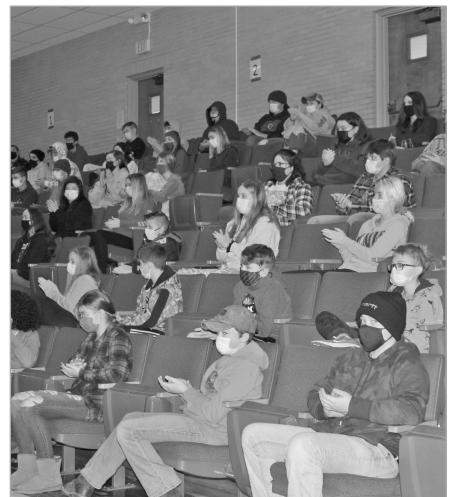
SWEETHEARTS AND HEROES VISITS FRANKLIN



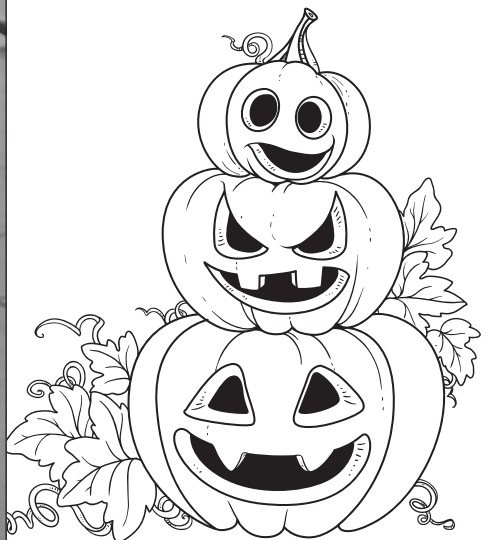
Sweethearts and Heroes, an organization that devotes itself to addressing the impact bullying has on schools, neighborhoods, and individuals recently spent two days at Franklin Central School. This visit was hosted by the Franklin School Chapter of SADD and Franklin Central School.

The Sweethearts and Heroes team including Tom Murphy and Rick Yarosh, presented an assembly for grades 4-6 on December 9 and grades 7-12 on December 10, visited classrooms, joined students for lunch and had one-on-one conversations. Sweethearts and Heroes also held a professional growth session for teachers in the afternoon on December 9.

The program for the Elementary students used humor and role-playing to emphasize what bullying is and how to recognize it in all its forms. The Middle/High School assembly was more serious in tone and focused on empowering bystanders to help them find ways to make a difference and the growing rate of suicide among our young people.



HALLOWEEN FUN



FRANKLIN COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Valentina Temple – September 2021



Peyton Boning – October 2021

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB IS EXCITED TO HIT THE SLOPES

Ski/Snowboard club are super thrilled to head to the slopes once again! Greek Peak gave our students a fabulous deal. We're so grateful and excited! Now we need snow!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 13 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 **No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- 27 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 **½ Day for Students—Staff Development Day**

FEBRUARY

- 10 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 **No School—President’s Day, Offices Closed**
- 22-25 **No School—President’s Day Recess**

MARCH

- 8 Jr./Sr. High School Band Dinner Concert
MIOSM Concert
- 15 Elementary Music and Senior Chorus/
MIOSM Concert
- 10 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 **½ Day for Students—Staff Development Day**
- 18 **No School—Superintendent Conference Day**
- 18-19 All-County Music Festival, Walton

APRIL

- 8 **½ Day for Students—Staff Development Day**
- 11-14 **No School—Spring Recess**
- 15 **No School—Good Friday (offices closed)**
- 20 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 26-28 NYS 3-8 Math Testing

MAY

- 3 Jr/Sr High School Spring Concert (Senior Recognition)
- 5 Annual Public Hearing with Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting Immediately Following, 6:00 p.m. Cafeteria
- 6-7 NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival, Norwich
- 13 Elementary Drama Production
- 14 Elementary Drama Production
- 17 Budget Vote & BOE Election, Noon-8:00 p.m., Bus Garage
- 23-24 NYS 4-8 Science Performance Testing
- 27 **½ Day for Students—Staff Development Day.**
- 30 **No School—Memorial Day, Offices Closed**

