



FRANKLIN TOWNE CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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April 25, 2019

Upcoming Calendar items/Adjusted Dismissal Times:

Fri	Apr 26 th	**Change to Dismissal time** Grades 1-8 dismissal at 3:15PM Kindergarten dismissal at 2:45PM
Mon	Apr 29 th	PSSA Mathematics Testing Grades 1-8 dismissal at 1:30PM Kindergarten dismissal at 1:45PM
Tues	Apr 30 th	PSSA Mathematics Testing Grades 1-8 dismissal at 1:30PM Kindergarten dismissal at 1:45PM
Thurs	May 2 nd	PSSA Science Testing (gr 4 & 8 only) – regular dismissal time
Fri	May 3 rd	**Change to Dismissal time** (lunch will not be served) Grades 1-8 dismissal at 12:30PM Kindergarten dismissal at 12:45PM No ASP
Mon-Fri	May 6 th -10 th May 8 th	Spring Book Fair Family Night at the Book Fair, 5:30pm-7:00pm
Fri	May 24 th	No ASP
Mon	May 27 th	School Closed – Memorial Day

Great Adventure Fundraiser – Franklin Towne is selling discounted tickets at Six Flags! Tickets are on sale for \$32 and are good for the entire summer season. Each ticket to the theme park includes Great Adventure and the Safari. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested, please send in cash (exact change only) or a money order made payable to Franklin Towne Charter Elementary School in a sealed envelope that is clearly labeled and includes your child's name, homeroom, and the number of tickets requested. All proceeds from this fundraiser go to support our Towne Connections program.

School District Parent Survey – Each year we are required to have our Franklin Towne parents participate in a School District of Philadelphia survey. The results of the survey are used by the school district in our school's overall rating. This is a great opportunity for us to show the district that charter schools are a wonderful option and that Franklin Towne is the best! So, we are asking all of our parents to participate in this survey, if possible.

- Access the survey by visiting <https://webapps1.philasd.org/parentsurvey/>. Or, find the link on our school website.
- **You will need your child's 7-digit student ID that is found on the front of their student ID card or in their Infinite Campus account.**
- We are asking all of our Franklin Towne families to take this survey as soon as possible and complete one survey for each child you have enrolled at Franklin Towne.
- Once you have completed it, please print the last page (completion page). This will serve as a Towne dress-down coupon on Wednesday, May 15th!

As always we thank you for your continued support and the opportunity to work with you to provide the best education possible for your child!

Spring Book Fair – Our Spring Book Fair rolls into Towne in a little over a week! We again will offer shopping through the Scholastic’s Online Book Fair. Visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/ftces> beginning April 27th through May 10th to shop an even larger, expanded collection of books and goodies. If you’re interested in finding out some of the items available for sale before the fair and online shop begin, you can check out the book fair commercials below through this link: <http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/spring-es-video>

Included here is the schedule for shopping at the Book Fair. Students who need to make additional purchases will be able to on Friday, May 10th. We look forward to seeing you at “Family Night” which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM. Please be reminded that a sales tax of 8% is applied to all purchases that are made. In an effort for our school to continue towards environmental friendliness, we are asking you to provide your child with a shopping bag for their day at the book fair. It can be a reusable cloth bag, or a plastic bag from the store. If they wish to return to the Book Fair on Friday to make additional purchases, please provide your child with a bag as well. We appreciate and thank you for your support!

Monday 5/6	Tuesday 5/7	Wednesday 5/8	Thursday 5/9
301/302	303/304	401/402	403/404
501/502	503/504	601/602	603/604
101/102	103/104	201/202	203/204
K1/K2	K3/K4	703/704	701/702
801/802	803/804		

PSSA Testing – PSSA Testing continues next week! Please keep in mind the following:



- **Rest:** Please make sure that your child gets to bed as early as possible. Rest is a huge factor in a child’s ability to perform well. The more rest they get, the better they will do.
- **Nourishment:** The kind of food eaten for breakfast makes a big difference in how long the meal will keep your child energetic, alert and successful on the test. A balanced breakfast, consisting of complex carbohydrates, protein and fat gives energy and prevents a drop in blood sugar for several hours, until snack or lunch time.
- **Be Punctual:** If you drop your child off in the morning, please make sure your child is here on time. Since we start this test first thing in the morning, it is critical that your child arrives with enough time to get settled and ready to do well! Students that are present and are on time each morning for all testing days each week will be rewarded with a Towne Dress Down Day on Friday of that week.
- **Uniform (Grades 3-8):** Students in Grades 3-8 should report in their regular uniform on testing days.
- **Relax and Be Confident:** Please encourage your child that they have done what they needed to do all year long and that they are ready! Pressure will only make them nervous. Your words of encouragement go a very long way. We will be doing similarly with a rally on Wednesday, April 17th as Franklin Towne Superheroes vs. Supervillains for our Super Test-takers!



Planning for 2019-2020: With just under two months remaining in this school year, we wanted to highlight some important dates from the calendar for **NEXT** school year for your planning purposes:

- **Meet Your Teacher Day/Supply Drop-off:** Thursday, August 29, 2019
- **First Day of School (Grades 1-8):** Tuesday, September 3, 2019
- **Winter Break:** Dec 24, 2019-Jan 1, 2020
- **Spring Break:** April 6-10, 2020
- **PSSA Testing: ELA:** April 20-24, 2020; **Math & Science:** April 27-May 1, 2020
- **Last Day of School:** June 12, 2020

*Please note that dates are subject to change. The most up-to-date calendar is always available on our website.

All the best,

Eugenia Koo, Head of School