




FRANKLIN TOWNE CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

 Even though February is one of the shortest months in the calendar year, it always seems to be one of the busiest at Franklin Towne. In that time and the few days of March so far, we saw a wonderful Read Across America Week, our students and teachers battle on an episode of the ClassH Room which just aired last night and much much more! Spring Break is almost here and with the change in the weather, we wish you and your child a moment to rejuvenate and return to power through what has been such a wonderful school year thus far!



For those of you who missed the airing of the ClassH Room (congratulations to the staff on their win), a recording can be found through Fox29.

Pi Day – Our favorite mathematical day of the year, 3.14 (March 14th) is tomorrow! This year to determine which staff members will be pied we again held Penny Wars. Tomorrow, March 14th, students are permitted to dress down – students must wear a shirt with a number on it. Please refer to the student handbook for dress down day rules.

PSSA Testing – PSSA Testing is approaching in April! As you know, the PSSA is mandated by the PA Department of Education and is used to determine the success of our school. Historically, Franklin Towne has performed well and we anticipate even greater results and scores this year! After all the amazing efforts our students and teachers have put forth so far this year, the time will arrive soon and we could not be more confident or proud of them! Additional schedule information, reminders and details will be communicated as we get closer.

Philadelphia Phillies All-Star Teachers – The Philadelphia Phillies are holding their 2019 All-Star Teacher Competition. In order to enter please visit, <https://www.mlb.com/phillies/community/all-star-teachers-contest>. Students must submit an essay of 500 words or less stating why any teacher, past or present, has positively impacted their life and stands out like an all-star. Essays are judged on Clarity, Grammar, and the Teacher’s Impact on Your Life. The deadline for submission is March 15, 2019. Winning students and teachers get to attend the game on Friday, May 13, 2019.

Dismissal – Student safety is our utmost priority with everything we do. Recently, we have been receiving a lot of complaints regarding people double parking outside of school. Please understand, that under no circumstance, is it okay to double park and wait for your child to dismiss from school. Not only is this a huge safety concern, it also creates more traffic on Bristol St.

If you plan on picking your child up from school then your student should be listed as a *Parent Pick-up*, not a *Walker*. Those in the parent pick-up line will be dismissed after all buses are called and parents can pull through our bus loop and your child will walk out to your car. This is the safest and most convenient means to pick your child up. We are dismissing 900+ students daily and we need your cooperation throughout the process to ensure the safety of all our children.

If you would like to change your student to dismiss via *Parent Pick-up*, please send a note in to the teacher. We cannot continue to operate effectively and safely with the amount of double parking that is taking place outside. It is not safe!

Upcoming Calendar Dates to Remember:

Thurs	Mar 14 th	Pi Day Dress Down Day – shirts must have a number on it
Fri	Mar 15 th	Green Shirt Dress Down Day - refer to the student handbook for dress down day rules No ASP
Mon-Fri	Mar 18 th -22 nd	School Closed – Spring Break
Fri	Apr 5 th	End of 3 rd Marking Period

As always, thank you for your support of Franklin Towne and the education and opportunities we provide to students!

Eugenia Koo, Head of School

“It may take a village to raise a child...but it takes a TOWNE to educate one.”