



FALCON CONNECTION



I CAN ACHIEVE, I CAN SUCCEED, I AM A FALCON!

August 2018

Principal Corner

Dear Franklin Families,

We look forward to seeing all the smiling faces for the first day of school. Everything is going well at Franklin and the teachers are devoted to maximizing your child's learning experiences. Every instructional minute counts (bell to bell). We make teaching and learning a high priority at Franklin School

Franklin's attendance goal for this school year is 96.2%. Please send your child to school everyday, on time and ready to learn. If your child is ill, please keep them home and call our attendance line 631-5270 (press #1 after hours) or send a note to school when your student returns.

Thank you for all your support.

Ms. Tafoya

Individual birthday celebrations involving food and beverages are not allowed. School will return food items bought for birthdays. Bring a Non-food Alternative instead such as pencils, stickers, erasers etc..... BP 600.3

Mark Your Calendar

August 6-10- Kinder Bridge
August 15-First Day of School
September 3- Labor Day
September 13- Back to School Night
Oct 22-26 Parent Conference Week

Reminder: Every Wednesday is Bank Day

Why is Attendance important?

Our goal this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly.

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!! We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.