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E-newsletter for the Franklin Regional School District

## Innovation Grants Awarded to Three FR Teachers

The Franklin Regional (FR) Panther Foundation awarded \$8,434.99 in Innovation Grants to fund various programs at the Franklin Regional Senior High School (FRSH), as well as Sloan and Heritage Elementary Schools. The FR Panther Foundation conducts various fundraising events throughout the year for the Innovation Grant program. Teachers and coaches have the opportunity twice a year, to apply for available funding for any program that is new, innovative, and not currently being supported by the Franklin Regional School District's general budget. Since its inception, the FR Panther Foundation has awarded \$132,146.47 to worthwhile and innovative Franklin Regional classroom and athletic programs.

### Round 5 Innovation Grant Awardees:



Franklin Regional Middle School's Librarian Ms. Christy Belgiovine received an Innovation Grant award of \$5,000. Ms. Belgiovine applied for a "Making a Difference in the Library" grant seeking to promote innovation, creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking with her Middle School students in the library. Using her grant funds, Ms. Belgiovine intends to implement programming and a

designated Makerspace. Her activities in the Makerspace will range from STREAM (science, technology, research, engineering, arts, and mathematics) initiatives to arts & crafts.



Sloan Elementary School's Ms. Sue Callihan received an Innovation Grant of \$1,599.99. Ms. Callihan's grant application project was, "Padcaster Morning Announcements" at Sloan Elementary School. The project funding will be used to allow 5th graders and the Sloan Kid Council members to work collaboratively to plan, develop, write, edit, film, and report the morning announcements to the entire school. This project will allow

the students to take ownership of the process and improve their skills. The teachers will be able to learn how to film with green screen technology and to produce video content with their students.



Franklin Regional Senior High School's (FRSH) Ms. Dorothy Grego received an Innovation Grant of \$1,835 for her project entitled: "Lark and Owl Mini PCR." Ms. Grego will use the funds to generate a lab where students can link a behavior to an identified gene variant which has strong influence over this trait. Students will have to connect the DNA structure and sequence to a trait of interest to them. Using biotechnology, students will select and amplify the gene and then identify which variants they carry using Gel Electrophoresis.

Franklin Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Gennaro R. Piraino, Jr., FR Panther Foundation Executive Director Cara Zanella, Foundation President Charles Hergenroeder, and Foundation Vice President Herb Yingling surprised the recipients with giant checks during Franklin Regional's Opening Day activities in front of 250 of their colleagues and administrators. 🐾

## New FR Website Makes Debut



The Franklin Regional School District (FRSD) is proud to announce the launch of its newly designed website. The new website launched today, right in time for the 2019-20 school year. The new site features a user-friendly navigation system, is ADA compliant, and features an easy-to-read mobile app. The website's address is: [www.frsdk12.org](http://www.frsdk12.org).

The new website will feature new teacher pages, more user-friendly menu navigation, a revised directory, and a mobile app which allows visitors to access the site from any mobile device.

The District will also be utilizing the electronic calendar feature of the website which is compatible with Google calendars. As a result, the District will discontinue the printing of its calendar that was sent home every year at the beginning of school. Families who wish to print the electronic calendar should visit the homepage of the website and scroll down to the Event Calendar section. Click on the "Show All Events" button at the end of that section. The calendar page will pop up. In the right column, click on the "Calendar View" link, which is listed below the small block calendar image. Families may also choose to print an individual school calendar by checking the box for one of the Franklin Regional schools in the section marked "Calendars."

The new website process was guided by Mrs. Zanella, Mr. Brad Schrecengost, Technology Supervisor, Ms. Lisa Stewart, Web Master, and members of the FRSD Administration and Building Principals. 🐾