



# FRANKLIN TOWNE CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin Towne Parents/Guardians,

**Book Fair & Parent Tech Support:** Our Fall Book Fair rolls into Towne next week! We again will offer shopping through the Scholastic’s Online Book Fair. Visit this website: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/ftces> beginning now through October 26<sup>th</sup> 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/studentcommercials>

Included here is the schedule for shopping at the Book Fair. Students who need to make additional purchases will be able to on Friday, Oct 26th. Please be reminded that a sales tax of 8% is applied to purchases that are made.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur
801/802	803/804	703/704	701/702
501/502	503/504	601/602	603/604
101/102	103/104	201/202	203/204
K1/K2	K3/K4		
301/302	303/304	401/402	403/404

We look forward to seeing you at “Family Night at the Book Fair” which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th from 5:00 PM until 6:45 PM. On this evening, we will also have staff available to assist any parents who need guidance in utilizing the various tech resources that support your child’s education here at Franklin Towne. Please stop in for help if needed with Infinite Campus, ThinkCentral, etc.

In an effort for our school to become more environmentally friendly, 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 reused from a store. Children will have the opportunity to shop one day with their class. If they wish to return to the fair on Friday to make additional purchases, please again, provide them with a shopping bag. We appreciate your support in reducing the amount of plastic materials from our school ending up in landfills!

**Wear and Share Orange:** On Wednesday, October 24, 2018, students and staff will be permitted to Dress Down wearing the color **ORANGE**. We will come together to observe Unity Day in one giant orange message of hope and support against bullying. This supports our initiative this year to Bee Your Best Self and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.



**Fall Events:** With this fall season upon us and Halloween on our doorstep, we are excited about the upcoming events of the Fall Harvest Dance and Home & School’s annual Trunk or Treat! It is our sincerest hope that events such as these allow students to enjoy the festivities of this time of year. As such, children are NOT to dress in costume for the school day. All students must be in compliance with the dress code in order to attend class. We also respectfully request that you do NOT send food in relation to the holiday. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Student Council will be holding its annual Fall Fest Dance on Friday, October 26, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in our Gym. The dance is open to 5th through 8th Graders. Admission is \$5 and you can pay at the door. Juice

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and snacks will be sold for \$1. You are permitted to wear a costume BUT please remember no masks, no weapons, and everything must be school appropriate! Come out, enjoy yourself, and dance the night away with our new music host – DJ Sandi who started the year off for us at the Back to School Dance. There will be prizes for the best costumes.

**Sibling Applications/Preference:** Families are reminded that applications to FTCS are given sibling preference for currently enrolled FTCS students at any time a lottery takes place. It is encouraged for families to ensure applications for siblings are on file as soon as possible. Applications are available on the school website. Applications for 2019-2020 kindergarten students are due by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Breakfast & Lunch Accounts:** Please remember to sign up for ScholarConnect through our school website so you can manage your child's meal account. Signing up for an account allows you to add money to your child's account from your debit or credit card, track what your child is buying at breakfast or lunch, and set up an email alert to notify you when the account has a low or negative balance.

**Infinite Campus Parent Accounts:** Having an established parent account in Infinite Campus linked directly to your child is helpful for awareness of your child's progress in school as well as communication from the school via newsletters, etc. Parents/Guardians who have never accessed Infinite Campus before can request an access key by completing the form found on the school website. Any parent/guardian who has already created an account but is experiencing difficulties accessing it should contact Franklin Towne's IT Department for assistance at 215-391-4592. We strive to maintain open lines of communication with families and access to your child's progress. Parent accounts are critical to this relationship. Please contact the school and IT support if you encounter any difficulty in establishing or accessing your account.

**Upcoming Calendar Dates to Remember:**

Week of	Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fall Book Fair
Wed	Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	Family Book Fair Night
Fri	Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Fest Dance 6pm
Fri	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	End of 1st Marking Period
Tues	Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Issued
Fri	Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Professional Development (no students)
Mon	Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed – Veterans' Day

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



Eugenia Koo, Head of School

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