



FRANKLIN FORWARD for FAMILIES

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Straight From the Dragon's Lair

Principal's Corner

Greetings Franklin families new and returning, and welcome to a brand new school year!

FMS teachers return on Monday and begin a week of professional development and preparation. This was a busy summer. We hired more teachers than we have in any summer since my arrival, and I couldn't be more excited to work with them! They bring with them a positivity and passion that's contagious!

We also held our first ever summer program for our English learners. If you'd like to check out BCPS TV's coverage of it, use the link in the email this newsletter came in.

Early entry day for our 6th graders in this Thursday, and the dragon team is fired up to meet them!

The rest of our students will join us on Monday the 28th.

Each week expect a new newsletter with updates and highlights, special features, student spotlights, PTA events and messages and assorted goodies, tips, and tidbits. This was we're all moving Franklin Forward together!!!!

FOCUS PORTAL AND THE APP

Attached to this email are documents supporting families in accessing important information through FOCUS such as schedules, transportation information, and grades, as well as instructions on how to set up the FOCUS app on your device. The documents are available in English and Spanish. Please contact the school if you experience difficulty accessing the FOCUS website or through the app!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday August 24 – Early Entry Day for 6th graders! Incoming sixth graders can meet their teachers, visit their classrooms, and see the school and staff from 7:35 am – 11:35 am.

Monday August 28 – First day of school for students! The doors will open at 7:35 am for our 6-8 graders.

Wednesday August 30 – Back to School Meet and Greet at FMS from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

NEO

Monday August 14th was a special day at Franklin Middle, as we welcomed our new teachers into the family through our New Educator Orientation. Our newest staff members engaged in community building activities, learned some of the ins-and-outs of Franklin, and even toured the community on a school bus! We can't wait for our students and families to meet our new teachers on August 28th!





DRAGONS ON FIRE!



Reflecting on this summer at FMS, our Dragon Prep Academy for incoming ESL students was an incredibly successful program filled with fun, engaging, and community building activities. Our Dragon Prep Academy students created projects, made door signs for every teacher, and hand-painted ceiling tiles with department logos that they created! We even had the opportunity for some of our teachers and students in the Dragon Prep Academy to be interviewed for a special segment on BCPS TV! What an amazing summer!

ATHLETICS AT FMS

Please visit the FMS Athletics Schoology to find the latest schedules and updates regarding athletics!

HOW TO JOIN on schoology:

Log into Schoology

Click GROUPS

Click MY GROUPS

Click JOIN GROUP

Access code: CNDNG-TTW3D

Click JOIN

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"THE MAGIC IN NEW BEGINNINGS IS TRULY THE MOST POWERFUL OF THEM ALL."

— JOSIYAH MARTIN



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PTA CORNER

- ✓ Come meet representatives from the PTA at Back to School Night on August 30th at Franklin from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
- ✓ Please join the PTA for our first PTA meeting of the year on **Thursday September 21st at 6:30!** Have your voice heard in support of FMS!



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

I am. We are. Franklin Forward.



FMS



Back to School
Meet & Greet

Wednesday August 30th,
6:00 - 8:00 pm

- Meet your child's teachers and school counselors.
- Meet your school administration and staff.
- Obtain key information about FMS.
- Engage with community stakeholders including The Baltimore County Public Library and The PTA.

