

Welcome to Franklin!

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Chers familles et amis,
Liebe Familie und Freunde,
Care famiglia e amici,
Queridas familias y amigos,
Dear families and friends,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Although this year is not starting off the way most school years do, we have been given a unique opportunity to prove how resilient and creative we are. The entire Franklin community is navigating a new course through uncharted waters together, and we are all here to support one another on this journey!

Our teachers and staff are being trained in distance learning essential practices, families are gearing up for to provide learning support from home, the **PTA** is preparing unique virtual social emotional development opportunities, the **BFEF** is busy filling the gap with language support assistants, and our students are anxiously waiting to say, "Hola, Bonjour, Ciao, or Hallo" to their teachers and classmates through Zoom.

Franklin students deserve the very best educationally and emotionally, and through our partnership, we will bring the school community together even closer than before. Parents will rely on teachers to provide an engaging, rigorous **academic experience** for their students and Franklin school will rely on our parent community to provide feedback on their child's experience and to support their children and one another with language, technology, and social/emotional needs. There will be bumps in the road, but there is nothing we cannot overcome or solve together!

Most of you know that I'm passionate about reading with children. I highlight a book every week with my staff, I read in classes whenever possible, and I offer story time during distance learning, so I can't help but highlight a book that not only inspires us in the face of our distance learning challenges, but shines a light on the importance of equity. ***The Day You Begin***, by Jacqueline Woodson, is the story of finding the courage to connect even when you feel scared and alone. (For more race-conscious, anti-racist, and inclusive books and resources in all five languages taught at Franklin, [click here.](#))

I'm excited to continue offering story time weekly, sharing stories and building relationships with your children and Assistant Principal Mrs. Ouweleen will also continue holding **Restorative Practices Community Building** sessions in collaboration with our classroom teachers on a regular basis.

Join me for a once in a lifetime opportunity, as we educate our children through true collaboration! My virtual door is always open!

See you soon, even if it is virtually!

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