



# Franklin Elementary School

4011 Hood-Franklin Road Elk Grove, CA 95757

Spring Newsletter, 2018

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## DEAR PARENTS and GUARDIANS,

Safety is my number one priority! As we enter the final trimester of the school year, I'd like to update you on ongoing steps we are taking to ensure your child(ren) attend school in a safe environment.

We ask anyone entering our campus after 8:00 a.m. and before 2:20 p.m. (1:30 p.m. Early Out Wednesdays) to sign in with our office and wear a visitor's pass. We also ask that all visitors have a legitimate reason for visiting (volunteer; PTA Member; student support) and are listed as a parent/guardian on student's emergency contacts. In addition, we ask parents to provide notice before visiting and we call each teacher before visitors are allowed to go into a classroom.

We currently lock all gates at 8:00 a.m. and re-open at 2:20 p.m. (1:30 p.m. Wednesdays). Gates are also locked for our afterschool programs.

We schedule monthly/periodic drills for students and staff to practice responding to emergency situations. These are listed on our school Comprehensive Safe School Plan, which is available for public review.

We provide staff trainings to review our District Safety Guidelines Flip Chart. This document outlines each possible emergency situation and the steps to ensure all staff and students respond appropriately. Examples of these emergencies include School Lock-Down; Fire; Evacuation; Earthquake; etc.



We continue to review school environmental practices and student expectations for following school rules and procedures (See PBIS info. on page 2). This ensures that students will be ready to respond appropriately/safely in the event of an emergency.

We maintain a high level of communication with all stakeholders: District Safety and Security Services; Staff; Parents; and Students. This includes information in our newsletters, website and through our phone message system. Please make sure you review these regularly.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Website has additional information about safety at - <http://www.egusd.net/about/district/safety/>

As always, we welcome your ideas and recommendations as we maintain a strong emphasis on safety. Do not hesitate to ask questions, come in to visit our school, or share information on best practices around school safety.

*Mr. Quismondo, Principal*



## BOXTOPS for EDUCATION

Our last submission is was March 1st. Notices went home in our Communication Folders. Thank you to those who turned them in. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Please still continue to collect BoxTops during the spring and summer. We will have two annual submission dates in November and March.

Every clipping counts and monies goes towards grade level activities and/or assemblies. If you have any questions please email Josephine Manaois our BoxTops Coordinator at [jmanaois@hotmail.com](mailto:jmanaois@hotmail.com)

## SPIRIT DAYS

AT FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY Show your Pioneer Spirit every Friday by wearing Franklin Spirit Wear! Our Student Store is typically open the first Wednesday of the month. There are also Spirit Wear order forms in the office and in the PTA tab on our website.



Our Student Leadership will be checking in every Friday with each classroom to count spirited students (and teachers) and will be keeping track throughout the month. On the last Friday of the month, points will be counted and a primary and intermediate grade classroom will win an extra recess and outdoor treat!

## Franklin Annual Boots and Bling Spring Fundraiser and Dinner Auction Thank you!

Thank you to all our community sponsors for your generous donations to this year's event. We had a great turn-out and your support helped us raise funds for our VAPA Art Program!



## Important Safety Item!

Please be aware that per Education Code, any student who brings any type of knife to school (including small pocket knives) and/or has this in their possession is subject to a 5 day suspension and recommendation for expulsion from school. Please double check your backpacks and clothing if you are returning from camping trips or outdoor events where your child may be using these as tools, etc.

## Synergy ParentVue Activation Forms

*Parents: The Elk Grove Unified School District is continuing the training and implementation of our new software system called Synergy. This program provides you with online information about your child's school experience. Our teachers and school staff are still in the process of being trained to use this software, including grading, student records, enrollment, etc... We do ask your continued patience as we learn Synergy and ensure our ability to provide you with online information about your child. You may access information about Synergy at our EGUSD Websites:*

<http://www.egusd.net/students-families/synergy/>

*If you are new to Franklin Elementary School or have not done so already, please come in to the office to request a copy of our your ParentVue form, which gives you access to your child's information.*

## VP's Corner!

Homework doesn't have to involve a battle. Families shouldn't have to dread daily homework. Here are 6 tips to help alleviate homework frustration, and make homework time a more positive experience for both children and parents.

### Timing Is Everything

Imagine spending a full day at work, only to come home and be forced to immediately begin working again. Our kids work hard at school, and need to be given time to decompress when they get home. Allow your child some time to play and relax after school.

### Create an Environment for Learning

Minimize distractions during homework time by turning off the TV and limiting phone calls. Choose a communal space where the family can work together -- and where adults can be available for assistance. Set an example by allowing your children to see YOU reading or working during this time. Pick up a book or catch up on work as your children study. Your example can set your kids on the path towards life-long learning.

### Provide Breaks

Focused seatwork is a challenge for many children. Providing short breaks can help alleviate frustration, adjust attitudes, and allow your kids to revisit more challenging problems or papers with fresh eyes. Set goals that are reasonable.

### Don't Hover

Be available to help without hovering. Allow your children space, and let them dictate when/if they need/want assistance. Be present without being over-involved. While often well intentioned, hovering can be interpreted as a lack of faith in the children and in their abilities. Your children need to know you believe in them.

### Stay Positive

Point out what your kids are doing well! Be quick to mention their improvements and slow to remark on their mistakes. A word of encouragement is far more motivating than a negative comment. Remember that homework for elementary school students is typically about responsibility and practice. Homework is a way for students to work on developing skills.

### Reach Out

When your child is really struggling with a new concept, reach out to the teacher. Attach a note to your child's homework letting the teacher know your child had a lot of difficulty completing a certain section, or that he/she isn't comprehending how to do XYZ.

Mr. Aikman



## Traffic and Parking Updates ...

We ask all parents to review and follow our traffic safety procedures. When we do so, we ensure all kids are safe and we have a good flow with our traffic. Please help with the following:

- Franklin Blvd: Please do not parallel park on Franklin Blvd. Pull in and park against the cemetery fence. We also have approval to park in the cemetery parking lot.
- Please do not drop off your children on Franklin Blvd. All students must be walked in by a parent or guardian.
- **Watch for families that are walking** to and from the parking area near the cemetery; they walk on the "exiting" side of the road when it is closed to thru traffic between 7:15 and 8:00 am, and 1:45 and 2:50 pm. **Do not EVER move the cones and drive down the wrong side of the road to enter the school bypassing the pick-up lane!**
- If you park in front of the cemetery, please be respectful and walk in our blocked off "exit" lane only. Do not walk through the cemetery.
- **Please do NOT ever park and/or walk anywhere along Hood-Franklin Road** to drop-off or pick-up children. It is extremely dangerous as there is no shoulder and at times very large vehicles using the road.
- **Thumbs up** to those of you who wait patiently by the pump house until the buses have departed, those of you who allow others to merge into your lane, and those of you who park in designated stalls! **You are respectful, responsible and safe drivers!**
- **Rainy Day Pick-up:** Please place your name placard in your front window so we can see your student's name. This allows us to radio to our pick-up line and have your child ready to load into your vehicle. This helps maintain a good flow of traffic. You may pick up a placard in the office or make one for your car (it needs to be large enough for us to see information).

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