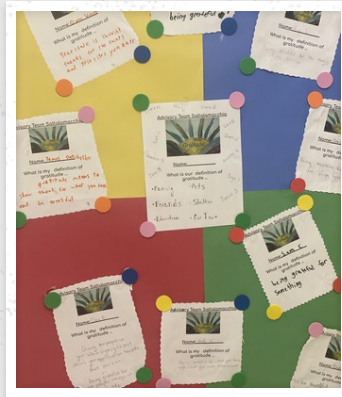


DECEMBER UPDATE

ANNIE SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL



ADVISORY FOCUS

During the month of November, our Advisory groups enjoyed some healthy competition by playing Kahoot and having a Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament. We talked about what healthy competition means and focused on building relationships and supporting one another, while having fun!

Students then discussed GRATITUDE in their small groups, shared what they were grateful for, and then brainstormed ways to show gratitude to others. Each group is working on a poster or display to demonstrate how they will be grateful and show gratitude going forward. This is timely with the Thanksgiving holiday at the end of November.

The topics of Advisory will continue to be based on the needs that arise across all three middle schools in town. It is important to provide an opportunity for students to talk with one another and with a familiar adult as they process information and make sense of their world.

TRIMESTER 1---->TRIMESTER 2

The last day of Trimester 1 is on Monday, December 5th and the first day of Trimester 2 will be on Tuesday, December 6th. Students will rotate to their second Unified Arts trimester class (Art, Computer Science, STEM) on Tuesday.

Once the trimester ends, teachers will be finalizing grades and adding comments for students. Trimester 1 report cards will be available in Aspen on Wednesday, December 15th by the end of the day.

Students and parents should make sure they have access to their Aspen accounts so that report cards can be accessed. Please reach out to Mr. Procacini (procacinim@franklinps.net) for support with your accounts.

As we transition to the next trimester, which means we have two thirds of the school year remaining, the teachers will appropriately increase expectations. Students should be continuing their learning outside of the school day by studying, reviewing concepts, completing homework and projects, etc. The FPS Homework Policy suggests students work independently, outside of school, on homework for 60 minutes per day. We encourage parents to communicate with teachers if their child is working for longer than this amount of time.

Here is a helpful [article](#) for parents/guardians that speaks on how to view the report cards and support students in their learning and growth.

SAVE THE DATE: STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

This year, our students will lead conferences on two half days in March (March 8th and March 9th). Students and parents will attend a portion of one of the days to review work and engage in a conversation about their learning.

Please save the date as we expect all students and families to participate! Students will be dismissed on these days at 10:45am and then the conferences will take place from 11:15am-2:10pm.

TOYS FOR TUFTS

Annie Sullivan Middle School will support the Toys for Tufts drive in honor of a former student, Mason Roddy, who is an eleven year cancer survivor. The toys and donations will be dropped off at Tufts Hospital and appreciated by many children receiving treatment and to the children of adult patients.

Toys and gift cards can be dropped off in the ASMS office starting on December 5th and will be collected until December 15th.

Some needed items include: gift cards, sensory toys, fidget toys, playing cards, Hot Wheels, Playdoh, nail polish, makeup sets, art supplies, chapter books, small Lego sets, activity books, cozy socks, blankets, and any Boston sports merchandise.



COMPOSTING AT ASMS

We started our composting program before Thanksgiving and we are excited to reduce our food waste at ASMS. Instead of throwing all leftover items into the trash can, students can pour liquid into one container and food waste/scrap into a container to be composted.

This will be a learning opportunity for all of us, but it is an important step in the right direction for the environment.



FRANKLIN FOOD PANTRY DONATION DRIVE

The ASMS PCC will be sponsoring a Food Drive to support the Franklin Food Pantry this month. We will be accepting donations in the ASMS entry way on December 5th through December 16th.

A few HIGH NEED items they are looking to collect include:

- family size snacks
- cereal boxes (10-20 oz)
- gluten free items (shelf stable)
- baby diapers (size 1 and 2)
- baby wipes
- toothpaste
- pet food
- disinfectant wipes

Please visit the [website](#) for more information or you can visit the [Amazon wish list](#) and purchase items there.

We know this is a challenging time of year for some families in our community and we greatly appreciate any donations.

FRANKLIN POLICE TOY DRIVE

The Franklin Police Department hosts a Toy Drive every year.

There are a few different ways to participate:

- drop off toys to the police station lobby (anytime before the holidays)
- take pictures with Santa at the FPD on Sunday, December 11th (10am-4pm)
- join the Franklin Police Facebook page to view the link to Amazon and send toys directly



We know some of our families have the ability and means to participate in donations, and we also have some families that are in need themselves during the holiday season. If you are in need of holiday assistance, please reach out to me and I will share the information with the Franklin Police Department. They take a lot of time and put care into shopping for each child and have provided presents for over 100 kids in Franklin each year.

Please reach out with any questions!



WINTER ART SHOWCASE

We will be celebrating the artwork of students in grades K through 12 at our Winter Art Showcase on **Tuesday, December 6th from 4:30 to 6:30pm** in the **Franklin High School Library/Media Center**.

It is astounding the quality of the visual artwork our students have created already this school year.

Teachers have worked hard to present a diverse selection of work based on the effort and creativity demonstrated.

Expect to see a variety of media by emerging and masterful student artists at all grade levels!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FEE PAYMENT

Throughout the month of October, students have had the ability to join different clubs to see if they are interested in joining. Now that we are up and running, we will be requiring a payment of \$75 for students to join the clubs. This is a one-time fee to join as many clubs as possible.

Mondays: Dungeons and Dragons, 6th grade Intramurals , STEM club

Tuesdays: Board Game/Trading Card Club, Jazz Band, Book Club, Disc Golf, Peer Leaders (coming soon)

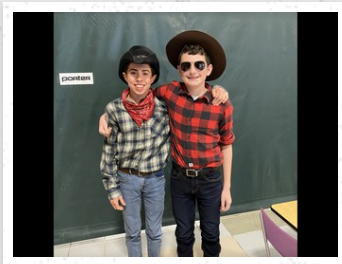
Thursdays: SAGA Club, Best Buddies (every other), 7th/8th grade Intramurals

The fee can be paid with this [website](#) (search: Franklin Public School-->Extracurricular-->ASMS Extracurricular).

SPIRIT DAYS

Each month, we will have a new spirit day with a different theme. All students are encouraged to participate as the Flex with the most participation will earn a prize later on in the school year. This is a great way to show school spirit and have fun with your peers.

The spirit day theme will be announced on morning announcements the week before/week of the spirit day.



ASMS PCC FACEBOOK GROUPS

Thank you to our ASMS PCC for all of your help with the Cookout. The students had a great time and we are so thankful for our generous parents!

Our next meeting will be on Friday, December 16 at 11:00am. Here is the [link](#) to join the Google Meet.

We invite you to join the following Facebook groups to stay engaged, updated, and connected. Each grade-specific group will have their own moderators separate from the PCC. The groups are a great place to ask questions and to find/share information.

[Annie Sullivan Middle School PCC Group](#), [Grade 6](#), [Grade 7](#), [Grade 8](#)

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED!

Interested in a career in education but not able to commit to a full-time role? Committed to the success of Franklin Public Schools? Consider applying to become a substitute teacher! The work of our substitute teachers is an essential function to the smooth operation of our programs and we value that contribution. Without the support and dedication of our substitute teachers and staff, our educational program would be greatly hampered. We place the care of our students in their hands daily. Substitute teaching can be an ideal way to supplement your income while setting your own schedule. Improve your classroom skills as you try out the different schools, grade levels and instructional practices. Ideally a teaching license and experience working with children is always preferred, however we will consider those applicants with a post high school education, a willingness to learn, compassion, energy and of course, a love for working with children. Please review the information linked [HERE](#) for an overview of our school system and the substitute teacher's role. Interested substitutes may apply by submitting a cover letter along with a resume to recruit@franklinps.net or stop by the HR Office to complete an application between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Mondays through Fridays!

IMPORTANT DATES:

December:

- Monday, December 5: First Trimester Ends
- Monday, December 5-Thursday, December 15: Toys for Tufts Donation Drive
- Monday, December 5-Friday, December 16: Franklin Food Pantry Drive
- Tuesday, December 6: Second Trimester Begins
- Wednesday, December 7: 1/2 day (dismissal at 10:45am)
- Tuesday, December 13: ASMS Music Concert (6pm)
- Wednesday, December 14: Trimester 1 Report Cards Published in Aspen
- Friday, December 16: Spirit Day (theme TBD)
- Monday, December 26-Monday, January 2: No School (Winter Break)

January:

- Tuesday, January 3: Welcome Back Students (day 5)
- Friday, January 13: 1/2 day (dismissal at 10:45am)
- Monday, January 16: No School (MLK Jr. Day)
- Wednesday, January 18: Spirit Day (theme TBD)



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