



Franklin Public Schools

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Random Acts of Kindness

Happy Valentine's Day - This week is also *Random Acts of Kindness* week, which also happens to fall on the week of Valentine's day. All of our Elementary schools participated in our Hearts of Kindness project. Students from Helen Keller, Oak Street, Jefferson, Parmenter, and John F. Kennedy elementary all made hearts to display on the common to celebrate. Thanks to our Franklin High School Peer Leaders and Community Service Club for volunteering to hang up the hearts for our community to enjoy.

Many of these hearts are filled with notes from our students on acts of kindness they have made or kind words to share. We encourage you to visit the common and look through them yourself!

This is part of the hearts of kindness project that originated in Uxbridge nearly 12 years ago. We are proud to partner on this project with the Northbridge community as we seek opportunities to connect with our greater community.

Spring Conferences

Spring conferences are approaching for families with students in grades K-8. These conferences are being conducted at the request of either the classroom teacher and/or the parents/guardians to discuss any specific questions or concerns that either party may have about a student. There are two early release days, March 8 and March 9, 2023, identified on the district calendar for spring conferences. Principals will be sending a communication to their families in the coming days.

Art Clay

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards were announced late last week. The FHS Clay Program, under the teaching of Ms. Brenna Johnson, received some recognition which is very exciting.

Scholastic is hosting its traditional art events for the first time since pre-covid, so students that received either a gold or silver key will have the opportunity to go to Tufts University for an awards ceremony, and their work will be exhibited on campus at Breed Hall in March. This is an incredible opportunity for students: Ella Kabat-Gold Key, Kyla Miller-Silver Key, and two additional honorable mentions, Margo Savage-Silver Key and Julia Spanek-Honorable Mention.

Special thanks to our FHS Art Department staff, who, through their teaching, allow for these amazing moments to happen for our students.

Life Long Learning 2023 Summer Offerings

Join us for fun and enriching summer experience!

Our high-quality Summer Program is primarily staffed by Franklin Public Schools teachers and educational support professionals who are excited to share their passion and talent with students. Our Summer Program is open to students from Franklin as well as those from surrounding communities. As a self-sustaining department within the Franklin Public Schools, the success of our program relies on your participation and tuition.

- Summer Star Program
- Ready, Set, K!
- Summer Art, Music and Stem
- Solutions Summer Adventure
- High School Experience
- Preparing for College

Visit <https://www.franklinlifelonglearning.com/> for more information.

Franklin Panther Pride Night

Franklin Panther Pride Night was held on February 2, 2023, for students and families of the Class of 2027. They were invited to Franklin High School to learn about the exciting academic offerings, athletics, clubs, and activities available to students. As our FHS Principal, Mr. Hanna remarked, we hope that over the course of the evening, students and families who attended were left with a sense of excitement and enthusiasm for the opportunities available to students at FHS.