



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee June 11, 2019 School Committee Meeting

FHS Graduation -- Congratulations Class of 2019

On Friday, June 7, Franklin High School hosted another extraordinary celebration, awarding diplomas to our 424 graduates. Accolades go out to our graduates, including our class president and vice-president, as well as honors speakers who shared poignant words with their classmates. Additionally the music department was outstanding with their musical contributions. I am including a link to the Youtube video, which can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAh4zJ6LLxM>

Kennedy Elementary School Honored at "Schools of Recognition Ceremony"

Also on June 7, the J.F. Kennedy Elementary School was honored at a special ceremony at the State House for being a "School of Recognition" for High Achievement, High Growth, and Exceeding Targets on MCAS last year. The group was welcomed by Representative Alice Peisch, who chairs the Joint Committee on Education. Commissioner Riley gave some remarks and awarded the certificates. Three Kennedy teachers -- Liz Henneberry, Jill Schreiber, and Laurel Trottier -- as well as their principal, Dr. Ashley represented the school, receiving their certificate. Congratulations to the Kennedy school community!

ASMS Award Recipient

Congratulations to ASMS student, Nicole Donahue, for receiving the John F. Kennedy Make a Difference Award. She was nominated by her principal, Beth Wittcoff, for her exemplary volunteer work. She is most well known at ASMS for her recent efforts to be more green, and eliminate the plastic straws in the cafeteria at ASMS. Nicole was recognized at a special awards ceremony on May 28 at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. Congratulations Nicole!

Kid's Heart Challenge Program

The Franklin elementary schools and community raised more than \$46,000 for the American Heart Association this year through the service learning program, Kid's Heart Challenge, where students jump rope, learn about their heart, and raise money to support the American Heart Association. We learned Franklin is one of the most generous communities and active participants in the Kid's Heart Challenge in Massachusetts! Way to go Franklin!

End of Year Celebrations

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice"
Equal Opportunity Employer

Schools are busy this week with end of year celebrations, final field trips, move up ceremonies, and many fun field days and other events. The weather has been a bit challenging; we appreciate everyone's flexibility with the changes that have taken place. As a side note, I've heard the principals expressing empathy for the difficult weather calls I have to make during the winter months. I want to be sure to extend our thanks to our Parent Communication Councils, in particular, for the amazing job they do to support our students by providing funding and support for such celebrations and enrichment. We truly appreciate the supportive partnership we have with our families and the folks who volunteer.

FHS Athletics

Congratulations to our spring teams who had amazing seasons. Girls' LAX, as of the writing of this report, was playing Concord-Carlisle in a playoff game and we're cheering them on.

Boston Globe has ranked Franklin #1 in its division with the highest percentage of wins at 74.97%

<https://www3.bostonglobe.com/sports/schools/standings/globescholastic?event=event25&arc404=true>

Congratulations to a wonderful program!