



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee

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Mathematics Grants

One8 Foundation

We are thrilled to report that three of our elementary schools, Parmenter, Keller, and Oak, received grant funding (roughly \$30,000) through the One8 Foundation to implement ST Math. Not only do each of these grants pay for the ST Math program, but it also includes building-based professional development to support teachers throughout the year. ST Math is a standards-aligned digital tool that teaches foundational concepts visually. By eliminating the barrier of language, all students can tackle unfamiliar math problems, recognize patterns, and develop conceptual understanding. Students receive instant, visual feedback as they progress through their own personalized journey. ST Math can be used in a variety of ways in the classroom and pairs well with our primary curriculum resource, Illustrative Mathematics.

Accelerating Mathematics Instruction

Additionally, Franklin was also awarded an Acceleration Mathematics Instruction grant through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in the amount of \$70,000. This money will be used in two ways. In order to provide equitable learning opportunities for all K-5 students, a portion of this grant will fully fund ST Math implementation at the Jefferson and Kennedy schools. The remaining balance will pay for a portion of next year's Illustrative Mathematics renewal.

Senate Budget Update

Senate Ways and Means Committee released their budget May 10, 2022.

- Fully implements second year of 6-year phase in of Student Opportunity Act
- Chapter 70 for minimum aid districts, like Franklin, is based on \$60 additional aid per pupil (unlike \$30 in SOA)
- Statute caps inflation in the formula at 4.5%. MASS and other organizations are advocating for an increase.
- Special education circuit breaker rises above Governor's budget, but falls below House proposal.
- Charter tuition reimbursement to the Town also increases. The Charter assessment to the Town also increases.

- Does not include funding universal school breakfast program, like the House budget
- Senate debates the proposal and will finalize this month. The House and Senate budgets are reconciled later in the process for a final state budget.

Amaya Dance and Drum

Mrs. MacMurray received a grant from the Franklin Cultural District and Amaya Dance and Drum will be presenting African dance and percussion to all elementary schools in early June. Elementary PCCS and Music Boosters also contributed towards this event. There will also be a community based presentation by Ammaya on June 11 at 1 PM.

LLL Summer Offerings

It has come to my attention that the week of April 19-23rd is After School Professionals Appreciation week. I have been so remiss to not point this out in recent years, as we acknowledge and appreciate our faculty and staff!

Our Lifelong Learning Institute Faculty and Staff provide a wealth of enrichment opportunities and much needed before- and after-school care for our students. Aligned with our school and district efforts, they provide a seamless continuation of educational care before and after the school day as well as during vacation periods. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated staff and we appreciate, especially, the strong relationships they make with students and families.

Please join me in appreciating the staff of the Lifelong Learning Institute!

We've recently communicated some amazing summer opportunities through Lifelong Learning.

Complete set of offerings:

<https://cms5.revize.com/revize/franklinlifelong/SummerGradeGrid2022.pdf>

Preparing for College: Writing your College Essay and Common App Bootcamp

Digital Photography, Grades 6-9, July 25th-August 5th

Come explore the basics of shooting in manual mode this summer! We will be learning how to take and compose photos, as well as use shutter-speed and aperture. We also will be exploring how to use Adobe Photoshop, not only to edit your photos but also to create pieces of digital artwork.

Video Production, Grades 6-9, July 25th-August 5th

During this two-week course, students will learn basic production and editing skills while planning a video shoot, operating consumer-level cameras, and editing video using Final Cut Pro. A wide variety of projects will challenge students' creativity and thinking skills as they build their video production knowledge.

Catch Me if You Can - An Overview of Forensic Science, Grades 6-9

Due to popular demand we just opened a 2nd week, July 11th-15th!

The stakes are high when it comes to murder and your job is to examine the crime scene. You will locate evidence, utilize high-tech forensics equipment, and prepare documents for the court to make sure a killer doesn't walk free. Be careful, all is not always what it seems!

Financial Literacy for Teens, Grades 8-10 July 11th -15th

The "real world" is approaching quickly and with it, financial responsibilities such as budgeting, building credit, paying bills, acquiring student loans, and even starting a retirement fund. Unfortunately, these topics are rarely explored in school and many young adults are forced to learn these topics on their own, sometimes the hard way. This course will investigate challenging decisions about saving and spending as well as simulate the outcomes of those decisions. Student interest will help guide topics and simulation choices.

Calling all K-6 graders who would like to participate in some **FUN** summer programs! Our [STAR](#) program has something for everyone. Whether you like crafts, board games, Minecraft, gardening, cooking, science, refinishing furniture, etc. our [STAR](#) program has something for everyone. Here is a small sampling of our offerings this summer:

Coping with Crafts ~ Grades K - 2 and Grades 3-6

There are many children who become anxious whether it be starting school, social situations, etc. In this class, we will practice coping strategies methods through group play and creating fun craft projects such as calm down jars.

Author's Workshop ~ Grades 1 - 3 and Grades 4-6

We will focus on having fun, reading great books, and seeing ourselves as authors! Students will write, illustrate, and celebrate their books with the group!

Zoology ~ Grades K - 2

Do you like animals? Join us as we learn about the five major classes of vertebrates (animals with backbones): mammals, fish, amphibians, birds, and reptiles. We will explore what makes each group unique while enjoying related crafts and activities. Come experience the world of zoology!

Funky Furniture ~ Grades 3 - 6

Create a unique piece of furniture in the design of your choice! Bring in an old or new unfinished piece of furniture to paint with acrylics. Examples of furniture include small tables, stools, chairs, and chests.

Tournament of Champions! ~ Grades 3 - 5

Increase your mental strategy by learning and playing games like Backgammon, Qwirkle, Nines, Farkle, Rook, and more! We will spend the week refining our ability to beat opponents and playing in several Tournament of Champions games.

Students entering grades 3-9 in Fall 2022 are invited to our popular two-week [Summer Music Program](#), July 25 - August 5, 2022. Choose from 7 different classes in Band, Glee, or Strings. Click the link for complete details!

We are also offering [Private Music Lessons](#) for 6 weeks in July and August 2022 at Franklin High School to students of all ages by talented, professional instructors. Click for information.

Please note that the early discount ends on May 31st!

Administrative Positions – Search Update

Filled

Athletic Director → Karrah Ellis

Food Services Director → Colin Boisvert

AP at Parmenter → Amy Harvey

Principal at Jefferson → Stefani Wasik

Interim positions at Kennedy → Permanent (Sarravy Connolly and Kenneth Haynes)

Interim Lifelong Learning Director → Permanent (Pattie Gay)

Art Director → Adam Gooder

Superintendent → Lucas Giguere

Asst. Director Special Education → Andrew Duquette

Pending and in process (5)

1. 2 Assistant Principal positions at Keller Elementary School
2. Assistant Principal at Jefferson
3. Assistant Superintendent vacancy
4. Director of Curriculum for ELA and Social Studies (possible)