



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee November 13, 2018 School Committee Meeting

Screening of "The Well Balanced Student" -- Hosted by Franklin and Medway Public Schools

The Wellness Department of Franklin Public Schools and THRIVE of the Medway Public Schools (Medway Public Schools substance abuse prevention taskforce) are hosting a family night out tomorrow evening.

"The Well Balanced Student" is a film about raising healthy children in today's fast-paced and often stressful world. This family night will take place on **Wednesday, November 14 at Medway High School** and will include a free dinner, an interactive movie, and activity-based childcare. For more details click [here](#).

This November presentation is geared toward families of children in K-8 and school-aged children (5+) are welcome. A movie screening for high school families will be **January 8, 2019 at Franklin High School**.

FEF -- Harlem Wizards

Team FPS will be taking on the Harlem Wizards, this Friday, November 16 at Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School, beginning at X:XX PM. It promises to be another exciting game for fans of all ages as faculty, staff, and student basketball players help to raise money by taking on the very entertaining and talented Harlem Wizards in support of the Franklin Education Foundation's grant program. We gratefully acknowledge the tremendous support FEF has given over the years -- supporting nearling \$30,000 each year for innovative educator-initiated projects.

Suburban Superintendent's Conference Recap

I am returning from the Suburban Superintendent's Conference, held at the end of last week. The theme of the conference was "*Leadership and The Arts: The Power of Arts in the Lives of Leaders to Nourish Creative Thinking and Transform How We Approach the Work of Leaders*". In four sessions, we heard from speakers who discussed the following topics:

- Teacher and Musician Jen Chapin, daughter of Harry Chapin, engaged us in a musical performance to demonstrate the power of music in how we think, feel, and engage with each other.

- Dr. Jay Noreika, interviewed Ms. Chapin. He also delivered a keynote address from his position as an ocular surgeon and writer to examine the role of art for leaders.
- Lodge McCammon, author and educational consultant, engage the group in an exploration of how he uses music and dance to enhance lessons within the classroom.
- We learned from Caroline Woolard, a sculptor based out of New York. She engaged us in hands-on, practical ways in which we can use art in our work as leaders with our leadership teams.
- Lastly, we had a workshop with Erin Charles, a musical conductor and professor from Vanderbilt University. She demonstrated compelling data from her research related to addressing the underrepresentation of students of color in music programs.

It was a very valuable event in that I was also able to network with colleagues and learn from them about the initiatives in their district as well as some online tools they are using to engage with their communities.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Schools are closed Wednesday, November 21; Thursday, November 22; and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The District's office will be open on Wednesday, November 21.