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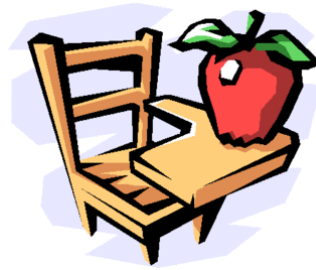
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Homework

by Dr. Joyce Edwards, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning



One of the hallmarks of the school experience for students has always been homework. Many of us remember our own school days with either a fondness or extreme distaste for these assignments. Our schools have changed in the 21st Century to prepare students for jobs that do not yet exist and for a world that we as adults can only imagine. As a result, we have had to adapt our approaches to curriculum and instruction to be more relevant and rigorous. (Click on the article title to read the entire article)



UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Dr. Sara Ahern, Superintendent

It's hard to believe that over two months have passed since school started! The first quarter has ended for the high school students. The leaves have dropped from most of our trees. Athletic teams are in post-season play, and I can hear our musical groups preparing for winter concerts as I walk through the corridors of our schools. (Click on the article title to read the entire article)



SNOW!

By Dr. Sara Ahern, Superintendent

(Click on the article title to read more about what to expect in inclement weather)

Professional Development

By Dr. Joyce Edwards, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Have you ever wondered what teachers do over the summer in addition to going to the beach and getting some much needed rest and relaxation? Many teachers use the summer as an opportunity to gain additional professional knowledge and to develop skills for the classroom. Many of our Franklin educators attend classes, contribute to the work of the district, work on school initiatives, and extend their own learning in order to stay current in the field of education and within the subjects that they teach. In fact, dozens of our teachers worked almost 2,000 hours on 70 different projects, spanning all levels of the school district, and all subjects and grades! (Click on the article title to read the entire article)



Spotlight on...

Social Emotional Learning

By Peter Light, Assistant Superintendent

School Climate and Culture as the Foundation for Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

The Franklin Public Schools have made a significant commitment to Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) for the 2017-18 School Year and beyond. (Click on the article title to read the entire article)

Farm to Table

By Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator
Food for Thought



Did you know that the Franklin School Lunch program current contracts with Silverwood Organic Farm in Sherborn for organic products, such as cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, spaghetti squash, bellacotta squash, green and purple bell peppers, and lettuce? These products have been served on our salad bars and prepared salads throughout the district. Ask your child about having a salad for lunch!

We have plans to expand this programming next year with other local farms. Field trip opportunities exist as well for teachers and students to connect the cafeteria to the classroom!



Professional Teaching Status Educators

Pictures by Lisa Trainor, Human Resources Director

Click on the title to see pictures of some of our talented new teachers who have been granted Professional Teaching Status at a Recent celebration



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