



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee March 27, 2018 School Committee Meeting

MICCA Festival Awards

A BIG congratulations and BRAVO to our Franklin Public Schools Music Students and Faculty for an outstanding set of performances at the recent MICCA Festival over this past weekend. We are very proud of our students and our music education faculty and staff!

FPS Won 1 Bronze Medal for:

- Combined Middle School Chorus

FPS performance groups won 8 Silver Medals for:

- Annie Sullivan Middle School Band
- Horace Mann Middle School Band
- Remington Middle School Band
- Combined Middle School Orchestra
- Franklin High School Chorus
- Franklin High School Select Chorus
- Franklin High School Concert Band
- Franklin High School Wind Ensemble

FPS performance groups won 2 Gold Medals for:

- Franklin High School Symphony Orchestra
- Repertory Orchestra

As a result, the FHS Symphony Orchestra and the Repertory Orchestra have been invited to perform at the 2018 Gold Medal Showcase Concert at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA on Sunday April 8th. Time is TBD.

These outstanding performers deserve a round of applause!!

“Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice”
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Professional Days/Half-Day for Students on Friday April 6, 2018

Friday April 6, 2018 is a half-day for students with professional development in the afternoon for faculty across the district. This is a building-based professional learning experience. Educators will be engaged in the following opportunities:

- ECDC staff will continue their work to learn more about applying Teaching Strategies Gold, which is the assessment tool they use, to monitor student progress checkpoint of the year. Specialists and some staff will participate in webinars on inclusive practices.
- Davis Thayer and Parmenter staff will continue their learning with Lesley University on being trauma sensitive schools -- understanding the dynamics of acute and chronic trauma, its adverse effects on learning, and how trauma-sensitive schools can benefit all children.
- Jefferson Elementary School faculty and staff will attend a workshop by the Middlesex Partnership for Youth on the impact of anxiety on behavior and academics and strategies for working with anxious students.
- Keller Elementary School will have three sessions: how educators can support students who are transitioning genders, best practices for working with English learners, and core principles of positive school culture.
- Kennedy Elementary School will have K-2 educators focusing on instructional strategies and reading, and grades 3-5 educators will focus on instructional strategies for writing about reading.
- Oak Elementary School will continue in their committee work on various practices around the school.
- Annie Sullivan and Remington Middle School will continue their work on Keys to Literacy.
- Horace Mann Middle School educators will be breaking into groups to work on development of Fall 2018 orientation.
- High school educators will be advancing their work on grading practices and reporting systems.
- School nurses will attend CPR training.

