FRANKLIN TOWNE CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy January to our entire Towne family! We hope that winter break was as restful, relaxing and rejuvenating for you as it was for us and that the return to school for two weeks now has been successful for all of you. We embark upon the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year with much hope for the potential we believe possible for our children and equitable motivation to support their achievement!

As a reminder and follow-up to the e-mail announcement sent December 20th, the calendar in January was changed and tomorrow, January 17th is a normal Friday school day. Students will follow their regular schedule with the dismissal times of 1:30pm for grades 1-8 and 1:45pm for kindergarten

Celebrating a Founding Father - In honor of the school's inspiration, we have been celebrating Ben Franklin's life and accomplishments throughout this week. Students have been learning about him and his many contributions, inventions, etc. To cap off the week and his birthday tomorrow, we will be having a Red/White/Blue dress down day. Please refer to the handbook for dress down rules and expectations.

Candy Grams - Continue to Spread the Love around Towne by purchasing a Candy Gram. Student Council will be selling Candy Grams from January 27th to February 7th. They are 2 for \$1 and the Candy Grams are written and illustrated by actual Franklin Towne students. Send a friendly note and a sweet treat to all of your friends in school! Candy Grams will be delivered on February 13th.

PSSAs - Students in grades 3 - 8 have done an amazing job so far this year in their efforts to learn as well as prepare for the spring PSSAs! Working with their teachers, students are mastering skills at an alarmingly rapid rate. Coming up in February, students in these grades will demonstrate that progress as we will be administering another practice test to determine their progress towards readiness on the test as well as the areas in which we can best support their needs and growth. We are confident they will continue to make Towne proud! We wanted to take the opportunity to remind families that attendance in school is vital both now as we prepare as well as when PSSAs will be held from April 20th - May 8th.

Upcoming Calendar Dates to Remember:

Fri	Jan 17 th	Red/White/Blue Dress Down Day End of the 2 nd Marking Period
Mon	Jan 20 th	School Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Wed	Jan 22 nd	Knight of the Month Dress Down Day
Week of	Feb 3 rd	PSSA Practice Testing, Gr 3-8 – ELA
Week of	Feb 10 th	PSSA Practice Testing, Gr 3-8 – Math
Fri	Feb 14 th	Staff Professional Development (no students)
Mon	Feb 17 th	Presidents' Day – School Closed

All the best,

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