

Welcome Franklin School Kinder Families,

On behalf of the Franklin School PTA, I would like to welcome you to Franklin School! We hope you had a wonderful summer, and your family is excited to start kindergarten. We look forward to meeting all of you and we hope you enjoy becoming a part of the Franklin community. If you have questions as the school year gets underway, or any time over the course of the school year, please feel free to reach out to me, another PTA member, or the Franklin family. We have all been where you are now, and we know the transition to kindergarten and a new school can be both exciting and challenging!

The Franklin School PTA is an active group that supports our students, teachers, staff, and administration. We host numerous activities throughout the year, and we help fund curriculum materials, classroom supplies, playground equipment, and field trips. We provide volunteer support for our teachers and staff, and we are also engaged with maintaining the school grounds and providing a communication conduit for the Franklin School community.

The fall is usually a very busy time at Franklin School. We traditionally celebrate the return to campus with our 6th Grade Picnic, Back-to-School BBQ, and Welcome Back Tea. Franklin School will also host a curriculum night for both elementary and middle school this fall, you will see announcements for these activities through our Parent Square communication platform maintained by Principal Wright and our office manager Ms. Maxine Agather. The PTA will also coordinate an At-A-Glance calendar with Principal Wright and Ms. Agather, although Parent Square emails will provide the most-timely information for families to consider. We encourage you to review Parent Square messages throughout the school year.

The Franklin School <u>website</u> is a great source of information about Franklin School and the PTA. The <u>PTA</u> <u>page</u> includes background on Franklin School as well as information about PTA activities. We currently have information from the last two school years posted in our archive. Check out the PTA's past newsletters to learn more about the school history and annual activities. The Friends of Franklin <u>Facebook page</u> is another source for current information.

The PTA is only as strong as our membership! We have families from across all grades who contribute to the educational experience and emotional development of our students. Please consider getting involved with the PTA and volunteering in the school building. You will need to complete the <u>District's Volunteer Application</u> in order to volunteer in the schoolhouse (approval is good for 2 years). This will be a pivotal year for recruiting more parents as many of our long-time PTA leaders will be moving on with their students graduating next June.

We strive to execute the national PTA's mission of *making every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children*. Please consider joining the PTA (<u>Franklin PTA - Corvallis</u>), attend our monthly meetings (second Tuesday of the month) and become an integral part of what makes Franklin School special.

Respectfully yours,

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