



TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Township of Franklin Public Schools Community,

We have just completed **Week 7** of our “new” school year. Students, staff and parents have settled into routines and the instructional models are going very well. As promised, we are striving to provide you with up to date information to keep you informed.

FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER DISTRICT SCHEDULE-IMPORTANT

Please note the schedule changes for the first week in November.

- Monday, November 2nd Cohorts A & C (in-person)/Cohort B (virtual)
- Tuesday, November 3rd ALL STUDENTS REMOTE LEARNING-Election Day**
- Wednesday, November 4th Teacher-In-Service/No School for Students
- Thursday, November 5th NJEA Convention/No School for Students
- Friday, November 6thNJEA Convention/No School for Students

Important Information!

DISTRICT GOOGLE CALENDAR

For your reference, the district Google Calendar has the daily Hybrid Cohort schedule listed. The district Google Calendar can be found on our main webpage at <http://www.franklintwpschools.org/calendar>

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

In preparation for the winter months and the possibility of inclement weather, the calendar has been adjusted to notify parents/guardians that **in the case of inclement weather the district will switch to an all remote day rather than the cancellation of school.**

HYBRID KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS SHIFT TO FOUR DAYS PER WEEK

As a district, we are continually reflecting on our instructional practices with the mindset of safely returning the students to in-person instruction. With that being said, beginning **Monday, November 9th**, we will adjust the **Kindergarten Hybrid model to four half-days per week.** The increase in the in-person instructional time is achievable due to the low Kindergarten enrollment, coupled with the purchase of individual desk dividers. The district will continue to assess the ability to increase the in-person instructional time with all students. More information will be communicated when it becomes available.

PARENT CONFERENCES

As you are aware, this year's parent-teacher conferences will be held virtually. In efforts to promote flexibility with scheduling, we are giving the teachers a two-week window of time to schedule a parent conference. Conferences will occur during the first two weeks of November. The building principals will provide more detailed information regarding parent conferences.

GOOGLE MEETS-VIRTUAL WEDNESDAYS

A friendly reminder to all parents/guardians that Virtual Wednesdays are not designed as "catch up" or "make up" work days. Wednesdays are instructional days with the teaching staff providing virtual instruction that may include new content being taught. **Student attendance at scheduled Google Meet sessions is mandatory.** It is important for students to be engaged and login to all Google Meet sessions that are scheduled for Wednesdays.

REQUESTS TO TRANSITION FROM VIRTUAL ONLY TO HYBRID MODEL

If you are a parent/guardian of a child in the Virtual Only Instructional Model and wish to transition your child to the Hybrid Model, please review the information below. To date, we have had over **80 students** transition from Virtual only to the Hybrid model.

- To request a transition to the Hybrid model from the Virtual Only model, please fill out this [HYBRID LEARNING REQUEST FORM](#). The link to the Hybrid Learning Request form is also available on the district website. Please fill out an application for each child.
- Student placement will be addressed on a first come, first serve basis. The sooner you submit your application; the sooner placement will occur.
- The building principals are working on Hybrid placements daily. Please understand that due to the complexity of scheduling, transportation limitations, and the individual needs of the student, placement may take up to two weeks to complete.
- The transition from the Virtual Only model to the Hybrid model will more than likely result in a schedule and teacher change for your child.
- Parents/guardians are only permitted one change (Virtual to Hybrid or vice versa) per trimester.
- Feel free to contact your child's principal with any additional questions.

FLU SHOT SCHEDULE

The Gloucester County Department of Health (GCDOH) has asked that we promote locations where residents can get a flu shot. The GCDOH flu shot schedule and locations can be found on the district's main webpage. [GCDOH Flu Shot Schedule](#)

KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 Kindergarten and new student registration is being done online. To register a child for the 2020-2021 school year, please begin by filling out the online pre-registration form found on the district website under the student registration tab. The required forms and documents can be either dropped off or mailed/emailed to the district. **We have updated the student registration webpage with all of the new information.** If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten registration, please email Ms. Taylor Schiavone at tschiavone@franklintwpschools.org or call at (856) 629-9500 ext. 1200.

NEW JERSEY'S COVID-19 SCHOOL-AGE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The State of New Jersey is offering Covid-19 School-Age Tuition Assistance for qualifying families. To qualify you must be a New Jersey resident with a household income of under \$150,000 and your child is attending school with either a part-time or full time remote learning schedule. For more information or to apply for tuition assistance, please visit <https://www.childcarenj.gov/COVID19>.

Please be assured that our school district is here to support our students and the school community. Our faculty and staff are working hard to make the best of this difficult situation. Please let us know how we can be of any assistance. Stay safe.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Troy Walton". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mr. Troy Walton
Superintendent of Schools