

June 10, 2024

Dear Franklin Families,

Thank you to PE Teacher **Nick Wong** and all of our parent volunteers for an amazing Color Day last week! The few sprinkles during our opening activities gave way to a beautiful morning, and everyone had a wonderful time. I hope to see you back on our field at 5:30 this evening for our Family Picnic. Please join us for an evening of joy and celebration as we gather for our final community event. I also invite you to join us along our Friendship Walk route (see below) on Wednesday morning. It has been an honor to be your principal this year, and I wish you all a smooth transition into summer vacation as we go through these final weeks.

Next year, all of our parent communications will come through Parent Square. Please be sure you have set up your account! (See district email updates with instructions.)

Happy Father's Day this weekend!

With best wishes,

Mark Chitty

Friendship Walk: On Wednesday, June 12th, we will have our spring Franklin Friendship Walk, in which buddy classes will walk together, side by side, through our school's neighborhood. Our walk will start at 11:15 a.m. and proceed along the following route: *Start in the driveway between the school and field; West on Derby; Right on Parmenter; Right on Falmouth; Right on Arlington/Arbor; Right on Cherry; Right on Russell; Through the back gate into the field and back to the school.* We invite families to be spectators along the route!

Fourth Grade Concert: Tuesday, June 18th, at 7:00 p.m.

Last Day of School: Franklin's last day of school will be Thursday, June 27th, with a 12:10 p.m. dismissal. (We are ending one day later than other Newton schools due to our school closure day in January). June 26th will have a regular Wednesday schedule (12:20 p.m. dismissal).

Bus Registration for the 2024-25 School Year is OPEN!

Bus registration for the 2024-25 school year is now open. All students who wish to ride the bus MUST register for a bus pass. Register and pay via [MySchoolBucks](#). Follow [these instructions](#) once logged into MySchoolBucks. Installment payment plans are available. More information on bus registration can be found on our [NPS Bus Registration webpage](#).

A reminder about changes implemented last year:

1. The bus fee is \$400 with a family cap of two passes (\$800.)
2. All elementary students who reside LESS than 2 miles from their elementary school and wish to ride the bus must pay a bus fee.
3. Students in Grades K-6 who reside **MORE than 2 miles** from their school and wish to ride the bus DO NOT pay a bus fee.

All students in grades 7-12 pay the bus fee if they wish to ride the bus. Please visit our [NPS Bus Fee webpage for details](#).

Please use [this link to determine your distance from your school](#).

Absences: If your child will be absent from school for any reason, please call the Student Absence Line at 617-559-9509 before 7:50. Also, please be sure that teachers have accurate information about dismissal routines for your child.

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