

Franklin Borough School

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Dear Franklin Borough School Families,

I hope this email finds you and your family well. As we enter our 9th week of remote learning, it is important that we keep students motivated to finish the school year strong. There are only five weeks of school remaining until Summer Break!

Pizza Delivery - To help keep students motivated, the Franklin Education Association has partnered with TJ's Pizza and Mamma Cees to award one free pizza each Friday to 14 students and their family. Starting today and running through the end of the school year, students who complete all of their school work and attend all online class meetings for the week will have their name entered into a drawing to win a free pizza. Fourteen winners will be randomly chosen every Friday! Winners will be announced on school social media outlets, and one free pizza will be delivered to each winner's home. Good luck, and keep working hard!

STEAM Challenge - The weekly STEAM Challenge provides fun activities you may do with your children. I encourage all of our Franklin Borough School families to participate. This is a great way to work together and have fun. I look forward to seeing all your creative designs! For more information about the STEAM Challenge, please visit the morning assembly announcements slideshow, or contact Mrs. Roberts at lroberts@fboe.org.

Virtual Field Day (VFD) - Virtual Field Day (VFD) is Friday, May 22, 2020. Here are some things to know about VFD:

- Homeroom teachers are dividing students into Team White and Team Blue.
- Field day teams and activities are posted in your child's Google Classroom so your children may begin practicing VFD events.
- VFD will kick off with an opening ceremony at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020. Please tune into our website to participate.

Please take pictures of your VFD fun, and share them with us so we can post them on the school website! Upload videos and pictures to share with the school using this link - [2020 Field Day Pictures](#).

End-of-Year Plans - Franklin Borough School faculty and staff are busy planning for the end of this school year. Information will be provided soon regarding procedures for the following: picking up students' personal items that were left in lockers or classrooms; returning Chromebooks, library books, textbooks, and other school items; and distributing yearbooks. Additionally, we are busy planning ways to recognize the class of 2020.

8th Grade Spotlight - To recognize the class of 2020, a student spotlight will be posted daily on the [What's New](#) tab on the school website. Please make time to read about each of our unique graduates.

Remote Learning Continues - Please continue to encourage students to check the [Remote Learning Plan](#), [Google Classroom](#), and their school email daily. Be sure to encourage your child to complete schoolwork so that he/she receives credit for the completed work. You may reach out to your child's teacher or an administrator if you need assistance with remote learning.

Extended School Year (ESY) Program - Franklin Borough School is currently planning for remote ESY programs. More information about the ESY program will be provided soon.

Building Access - The school building remains accessible only by appointment. If you need a Chromebook or any other item from the school building, please email a school administrator to schedule a time to pick up the needed item.

- **Mr. Giacchi** - jrgiacchi@fboe.org
- **Dr. Vallacchi** - lvallacchi@fboe.org
- **Mrs. Ryder** - cryder@fboe.org
- **Voicemail** - 973-827-9775 ext. 7212 *Voicemail is checked in the morning and afternoon.*

Please do not show up to the building unannounced as the building is staffed on a limited basis.

School Meals - Breakfast and lunch are available for all school families. Families may pick up meals on Mondays and Wednesdays between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the auditorium entrance of the school. If you would like to begin picking up school meals for your child, please contact Mr. Giacchi at jrgiacchi@fboe.org or Dr. Vallacchi at lvallacchi@fboe.org.

As circumstances change for many families during the extended school closure, please know that you may contact Mrs. Carr via email at jcarr@fboe.org if you have questions about the National School Lunch Program. Applications are available on the school website at [free/reduced meals application](#).

Memorial Day Meal Pick-up - Meal pick-up on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 will also include meals for Monday, May 25, 2020 and Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Please contact Mr. Giacchi at jrgiacchi@fboe.org or Dr. Vallacchi at lvallacchi@fboe.org if you have questions about meal pick up.

School Communications - Email and electronic notifications are our primary source of communication with school families. As the school year comes to a close, the amount of information the school disseminates will increase. Please take the time to carefully read through all school communications so that you don't miss important information.

Dates to Remember:

- Friday May 22, 2020 - Virtual Field Day; 12:30 p.m. dismissal
- Monday May 25, 2020 - School is closed for Memorial Day
- Thursday June 18, 2020 - Virtual Graduation Ceremony

As the weather becomes nicer, it is very important that we continue to work together to keep our students motivated through the end of the school year. If you or your child need additional support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me. The faculty and staff of Franklin Borough School are here to support you and your family.

Thank you for your support as we continue with remote learning for all students. You may reach me via email at jrgiacchi@fboe.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Stay healthy,

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