

August 7, 2018

Dear Franklin Elementary School Families,

It is a true honor and privilege to serve the Franklin Community as the new principal of Franklin Elementary School. I have had the opportunity to meet some of the staff and families in the weeks before we open for the 2018-2019 school-year. It has been a genuine pleasure getting to know everyone. In an attempt to be as open as possible in our communication about our beautiful school, I am resending information included in an earlier email. *Please notice the most current link to the Bus Pass application page.*

In addition, I am including the most recent information about the current and future Franklin Elementary sites. I have had the opportunity to meet with district personnel concerning the latest updates on our current and future facilities. These updates are included in this email and will be accessible on our website under Parent Information. We will continue to add the latest information to that link as soon as there is new news to report. In addition, we would like to hear from you. There is also a Feedback Link below where you can share any input, questions or suggestions you may have. Your partnership is invaluable. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for every student to be learning and achieving in every subject, in every classroom, every day.

In order for your family to plan ahead, it makes sense to send this letter out so you can “save the date” for Back-to-School Night, and give a gentle reminder to renew your bus application and credit some money to the “myschoolbucks” account if your children eat breakfast and/or lunch here at school. Our school year will begin on a Thursday again this year so we’re able to have the entire week off during the Thanksgiving Break. For your planning:

- **Back to School Night for Grades K-6 will be on Tuesday, August 14th.**

All parents are invited to attend this very important night.

AM Kindergarten 4:30 – 5:00pm in Rooms 1 and 9

PM Kindergarten 5:00 – 5:30pm in Rooms 1 and 9

General Session 6:00 – 6:30pm in Multipurpose Room with Ms. Davis

1st Session 6:35 – 7:00pm in Classrooms

2nd Session 7:05 – 7:30pm in Classrooms



This is a very important night of the year – We hope you will be attending. Please note that students should not be accompanying their parents into the classrooms for the teacher presentations as this is our parents’ opportunity to understand the curriculum and expectations for the year. The students will meet their teachers on the **first day of school, Thursday, August 16, 2018.**

- **Our bell schedules for 2018-19 are remaining the same.** The starting time listed is the time that students need to be inside classrooms ready for instruction. Prior to the listed time below, a five-minute warning bell rings to alert students to report directly to their classrooms. Please see the schedules below and make note of the times:

	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	Wednesday (EOW)	K-6 Report Card Minimum Day	1st-6th Grade Conferences Minimum Day
AM Kinder	7:50am-11:10am	7:50am-11:10am	7:50am-11:10am	7:50am-11:10am

PM Kinder	10:49am-2:20pm	10:50am-1:20pm	7:50am-11:10am	10:50am-2:20pm
1st-6th Grades	8:00am – 2:20pm	8:00am – 1:30pm	7:50am – 12:30 pm	8:00am – 12:30pm

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- **The first day of school is Thursday, August 16, 2018**, and will be a regularly scheduled day. Plan on getting to school early on the first day of school to beat the rush and traffic. The front gates will open at 7:35 am. Breakfast will be served in the multipurpose room beginning at 7:35 am. All kindergarten students will line up at their classrooms. Staff members with clipboards will be around campus to help you identify your child’s teacher and line location if needed.



- **Class assignments** will be posted in front of the school at 5:00pm on August 13, 2018. Teaching, intervention and support staff, along with administration, have spent a great deal of time and thought to balance all of our classes taking into consideration many factors, not only the needs of your children, but services, supports, staffing and prep schedules aligned with teaching staff. I do not anticipate any changes in class assignments.

- **School traffic and parking** – It is very important for us to work together during arrival and dismissal times. We are very congested during peak times, and student safety is critical. So, we need to be patient and kind to one another as we are dropping off and picking up our children. Once again, I am strongly encouraging families to take advantage of the school buses to reduce congestion in our parking lot. For safety reasons, “No Stopping” signs are posted along Hood-Franklin Road and families are discouraged from parking or walking along Hood-Franklin Road. In the mornings after the buses have departed, you may also drop your children off near the bus gates in addition to the crosswalk area near the office. In the afternoons, please pull all the way forward as directed by staff to the area near the staff parking lot entrance before stopping to load children. Also, please make sure not to enter the school off of Franklin Blvd driving in the “exit” lane. When the orange cones are blocking the exit lane, it reminds everyone that we have families walking down this lane during arrival and during dismissal. Please do not drive around the cones or move the cones.

- **Bus passes** – All students riding the bus will need a current bus pass. Bus passes must be purchased from the Transportation Department. Parents may pick up forms from the office, visit the EGUSD website at: <http://blogs.egusd.net/transportation/about/bus-pass-application/> and submit the application with credit card payment or go to the Transportation Department at 8421 Gerber Road. If you have any questions, please call Transportation at 686-7733 extension 78194.



- **Student lunches** – The school lunches will cost \$2.75 this year. Lunches/breakfast may be purchased in bulk ahead of time either through the school or on-line. Parents may pre-pay lunches by going to <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>. This helps us speed up the lunch line. It is encouraged for first grade students to bring lunches the first few weeks of school. First graders will need to learn their lunch code which is sometimes confusing and is easier to master once the lunch routines are learned. Applications for *Free and Reduced Lunches* will be sent home during the first week of school. We ask for every family to return this form to support our funding potential.

- **Breakfast program** - We will continue serving breakfast this year, beginning the first day of school. Breakfast service will begin at 7:35 am in the multi-purpose room and will cost \$1.75.

- **Franklin Elementary School Updates**

Below are some updates that I would like to share with all of you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

- **Field and Grounds**

As a new person to the site, I find that I quite enjoy its picturesque setting. Because our current facility is adjacent to open land on three sides, we share the area with some beautiful wildlife. We have been working to ensure that this wildlife does not pose any safety hazards to our students and staff. We are watchful and diligent about the impact of our critter “friends” on our site. We also contract with a pest control specialist who works with our District Grounds department to monitor and rid our site of pests as well as fill and repair holes on the playground field as soon as they are discovered. Our crews and vendor worked very hard to address the field issues this summer and this will continue through the school year. Everyone on campus can also do their part to discourage pests from entering our buildings by properly storing food items and reporting concerns to our Franklin Team.

- **Interior Climate**

Providing a comfortable learning environment is important for student learning. Extreme weather can impact our heating and cooling systems, however, every heating and air conditioning unit has been deep cleaned this summer. This included cleaning the intake and return air vents as well as the coils. In addition, all air filters were replaced and will be monitored throughout the school year to ensure proper air flow and temperature control. Also, two storage containers had circulating vents installed to keep the storage temperature stable.

- **Regular Maintenance and Upkeep**

The upkeep at every school includes regular monitoring for maintenance and repair needs. Our maintenance, grounds and custodial crews at Franklin Elementary are proud of their work in helping to create a safe and inviting environment for student learning. Our hard-working maintenance teams dedicated a significant amount of time and focus at our school this summer making numerous repairs including repairs to uneven pavement and ensuring that all doors and locks are in proper working order. The parking lot, drop-off area and playground areas have also been restriped and painted. The kindergarten storage unit had a new floor system installed and the interior was painted. A new door with a window was installed in the office to provide a line of sight outside.

To ensure that our learning spaces are safe, flexible and stimulating, various portable classrooms have received floor repairs and all portable floor systems were verified to be safe. All applicable windows were repaired with new balance springs and repaired louvers for easy opening and closing and many paint improvements and ceiling tiles were replaced campus wide to create a more pleasant environment. In addition, the entire campus was and will continue to be inspected and treated for various types of pests.

- **Traffic Congestion**

Every school deals with parking and traffic congestion twice a day – at arrival and dismissal and Franklin Elementary is no exception, but we also know that our school faces some unique situations. Having spoken to every staff member about this congestion, they all expressed concern for student safety and are dedicated to doing what they can to help make sure students and families arrive and depart safely and timely. We care deeply for the safety of each student and their family.

Please partner with us for everyone's safety. We ask that you PLEASE follow the traffic procedures set in place for your safety. Park only in designated spots including the gravel lot on Franklin and the parking lot directly in front of the school. For those driving onto campus, please enter the lot on Franklin and exit on Hood-Franklin. Students and families must use the designated crosswalk when crossing through traffic. There is NO STOPPING on Hood-Franklin at any time.

The District and Franklin staff take this matter very seriously and are avidly listening to solutions from staff, parents and the community on how to mitigate arrival and dismissal traffic issues.

- **Proposed Solutions for Traffic Congestion**

District staff reached out to County Supervisor Nottoli to ask if the County's traffic department staff can work with us to address school traffic concerns. We are encouraged and optimistic that the County Staff will be supporting traffic calming measures including possible speed indicators, and/or flashing beacons, and other measures. In addition, the County is investigating the possible installation of a crosswalk and possible crossing guard on Franklin Boulevard.

- **Funding for a New School Site**

In terms of the State Budget, the unfortunate reality is that in spite of essentially unanimous support by the legislature to sell at least \$1.5 billion in facility bonds in 2018-19, the Governor's budget did not follow the legislature's desires. Instead, the Governor proposed to only sell \$640 million. It appeared that the \$1.5 billion proposal from the legislature was going to be a reality but again, ultimately, the Governor dismissed it. Although \$640 million appears to be a significant amount, it is not what we need nor can it remotely touch the statewide \$3 billion project backlog and the District's needs including Franklin Elementary School. District administrators will be working with the Board of Education in August and in the fall as we prepare for upcoming capital improvements to determine if financing is available, absent State funding, to begin construction of the new school among various other projects throughout the District.

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Feedback Form - share any input, questions or suggestions you may have.

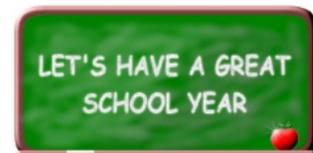
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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email at ddavisqu@egusd.net. The school office will reopen on August 9, 2018, at 7:30 am.

Looking forward to the upcoming school year!

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This activity welcomes those with disabilities to participate fully. If you need a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in this or any program, service or activity offered you, please contact Franklin Elementary School (916.684.6518), at least 48 hours before the scheduled event so that we may make every reasonable effort to accommodate you. (Government Code Section 54953.2; Americans with Disabilities Act 1990, Section 202 (42 U.S.C. Section 12132).