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# Eagles View

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## Principal's Perspective:

In March, we are going to be highlighting LITERACY. We begin the month by celebrating Dr. Suess' birthday with a "Hats off to Reading" day. Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, students are invited to wear their hats to school. Many classrooms have reading challenges this month. Make sure to check your teacher newsletter to see the excitement around reading!

I have been very proud of our STAR students at Franklin. This month, students have made great choices. There was only one referral slip given in our entire school. Way to go! This month we will be focusing on how to show STAR behavior in the lunchroom. During lunch last week students listened to a story and are now helping create goals and a lunch plan so everyone can enjoy lunch and respect the environment. Ask your student about *Mrs. Frilanko* and the problems at *Ben Frankfurter Elementary School*.

Please mark your calendars: Trudy Ludwig is holding a family information night on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8p at Peter Kirk Elementary. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn more about supporting your child's friendship and how to prevent bullying. March 19<sup>th</sup> will be a "Coffee with Kim" from 9:00-10a. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to this informal event. It is a chance to get to know other parents, the PTA, and to ask the principal some questions. I hope to see you all at International Night on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30p.

Keep up the great work Eagles. Work hard, be nice and have fun!

**School Mission:**  
*All students will be equipped with the skills to become life-long learners.*



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## PTA Perspective:

From A-B-C's to The Bridge to Terabithia, your child is growing each year in literacy. "Literacy" is much more than just reading. It involves donating books to the library, writing a poem for Reflections, giving teachers time for planning, funding author-visits, buying books for the classroom, sending teachers to "Literacy" conferences and seminars. All of these result in more opportunities for our kids to be champion learners!

March is Literacy month at Ben Franklin. No matter what your child's age, take a moment to sit with him or her and read a book out loud. Studies show that reading together effectively builds literacy skills. If you have "used" books, donate them to your child's classroom library. And don't forget, you can always visit your local library to get some fresh reads.

**School Vision:**  
*Franklin educators, families and community collaborate to provide a nurturing environment that inspires students to reach rigorous yet attainable social and academic goals.*

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|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
|                              |            | FRA - Math Challenge due today    | <b>All Day</b> |  |              | LWSD - PTSA Council Meeting        | <b>9:30a</b> | FRA - Wear your spirit gear    | <b>All Day</b> |
|                              |            | LWSD - PTSA Special Needs Meeting | <b>7:00p</b>   |  |              | FRA - Science Fair                 | <b>6:30p</b> | FRA - Popcorn Day              | <b>11:00a</b>  |
| <b>5</b>                     | <b>MON</b> | <b>6</b>                          | <b>TUE</b>     | <b>7</b>                               | <b>WED</b>   | <b>8</b>                           | <b>THU</b>   | <b>9</b>                       | <b>FRI</b>     |
| FRA - Honk Jr. Auditions - 6 |            |                                   |                | FRA - 1st Grade & 1/2 Quest Field Trip | <b>9:30a</b> | FRA - NY Pizza Night               | <b>5:00p</b> | FRA - Wear your spirit gear    | <b>All Day</b> |
|                              |            |                                   |                | FRA - Honk Jr. Auditions K-2           | <b>3:30p</b> | FRA - PTA Board Meeting            | <b>6:30p</b> | FRA - Popcorn Day              | <b>11:00a</b>  |
| <b>12</b>                    | <b>MON</b> | <b>13</b>                         | <b>TUE</b>     | <b>14</b>                              | <b>WED</b>   | <b>15</b>                          | <b>THU</b>   | <b>16</b>                      | <b>FRI</b>     |
|                              |            |                                   |                |  |              | FRA - Math Kangaroo Competition    | <b>6:30p</b> | <b>No School: LEAP Day</b>     |                |
|                              |            |                                   |                |  |              | FRA - Trudy Ludwig (at Peter Kirk) |              |                                |                |
| <b>19</b>                    | <b>MON</b> | <b>20</b>                         | <b>TUE</b>     | <b>21</b>                              | <b>WED</b>   | <b>22</b>                          | <b>THU</b>   | <b>23</b>                      | <b>FRI</b>     |
|                              |            |                                   |                | FRA - Student Leadership               | <b>1:15p</b> | FRA - International Night          | <b>6:30p</b> | FRA - Wear your spirit gear    | <b>All Day</b> |
|                              |            |                                   |                |  |              |                                    |              | FRA - Popcorn Day              | <b>11:00a</b>  |
| <b>26</b>                    | <b>MON</b> | <b>27</b>                         | <b>TUE</b>     | <b>28</b>                              | <b>WED</b>   | <b>29</b>                          | <b>THU</b>   | <b>30</b>                      | <b>FRI</b>     |
|                              |            | LWSD - PTSA Special Needs Meeting | <b>7:00p</b>   |  |              | FRA - 1st Grade Concert            | <b>7:00p</b> | FRA - Math Challenge due today | <b>All Day</b> |
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|                              |            |                                   |                |  |              |                                    |              | FRA - Popcorn Day              | <b>11:00a</b>  |

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