

Dear Parents,

Welcome to those of you who are new to Franklin and welcome back to all of our other parents! We're looking forward to working with you and encourage you to be involved as much as possible this year. We hope that you will read this handbook carefully and also review it with your child.

Parents will find that this staff is friendly, supportive and enthusiastic about working with you. It's very important that we continue to establish and maintain effective communication, and work together to provide structure and support for all of our students. We greatly appreciate the participation and support of our parents and community. That participation is critical because our students will be most successful when there is a partnership between home and school. The VT Business Roundtable, named Franklin Central School a Medallion School in 1999, 2003, 2004, 2005 and the top school "Gold Medallion" in 2002 (the Roundtable stopped giving these awards in 2005). In 2007, we were awarded the Dept. of Education Camel's Hump Silver Award for "significant achievement in creating and fostering a healthy school environment"! In 2009, Franklin was awarded first place for its application to the Fit and Healthy Kids School Wellness Awards. Also, Franklin was honored by being chosen as one of three schools by the VT Department of Education to be part of a case study on poverty and effective schools ("Roots of Success") based on our high achievement of both low income students and their peers. They hoped that "Franklin's experience would be useful to other schools working to close achievement gaps and ensure positive outcomes for all students". In 2011, Franklin was named one of fourteen "effective" schools in the state, by the VT Dept. of Education, for high achievement for all students based on a three year study. Franklin was only one of three schools in Franklin and Grand Isle counties to meet adequate yearly progress toward having all students performing at grade level by 2014. Also in 2014, Franklin received a Farm to School Planning Grant, and in 2015 an Implementation Grant. In 2016, Franklin was ranked 9th out of 171 elementary schools (VT Digger). Our students receive numerous recognitions in high school and college. Our data over the years continues to show that our students are being very successful academically, socially, and behaviorally. Students leave here with a very solid foundation. The awards and recognitions are really tributes to the relationship we have between parents, school, and community.

Please remember to look for our school newsletters every couple of weeks on Fridays. The dates the newsletters go home are highlighted on our calendar. The newsletter will help to keep you informed about happenings in the classrooms, school events including PTO information, concerts, etc., and area events. Many times teachers include what students are studying and how you can support and reinforce that learning with students at home. The newsletter is also available on our website (www.fnwsu.org/fcs). Your support and involvement makes a difference!

We're very excited about working with you and helping your child have a happy and successful school year!

Sincerely,


Joyce Hakey, Principal

Dear Students,


Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope that you've had a great summer and that you're as excited as I am about the new school year! Everyone has worked hard over the summer and have planned another super year for you!

Your teachers will review this handbook with you and answer any questions that you might have. The handbook will tell you more about the school, what you will be doing this year, what we expect from you, and how you can have a successful year. Respect is something that you will be hearing a lot about - respecting yourself, others, and the learning environment. A respectful environment is everyone's right and everyone's responsibility.

The teachers, staff, and I care about you and we will do everything we can to help you be successful in your school work and as a person. An important rule at Franklin school is to "always do your best". We expect you to work hard, ask for help when needed, and be committed to giving your best effort. I'm sure that you are going to do your part in making Franklin a great place to be by being respectful, cooperative, and achieving high standards. We want you to continue the "Gold Medallion" quality of work and behavior!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again! Best wishes for the new school year!

Sincerely,


Ms. Hakey, Principal

