



FRANKLIN SQUARE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Washington Street School Families,

As the new school year approaches, we thought it would be helpful if our families familiarize themselves with the *ABC's of Back to School*.

Absences

Please call the school nurse should your child be absent from school (505-6970). Upon his/her return to school following an absence, a note must be sent to the classroom teacher stating the reason for the absence.

A.C.E Program

The *After-Care & Enrichment Program* is a **fee-based** afterschool program open to all of our students. Information about the program and registration can be found on the District's website.

Any changes made in your child's A.C.E. daily schedule MUST be noted in writing or by calling our Main Office.

Arrival

Each morning the students will enter the school building at 8:35 a.m. Staff members and hall monitors will supervise the students as they arrive and will be at their posts at 8:35 a.m. Please do not have your child arrive at school before 8:35 a.m. each day. There will be no supervision for students before this time, regardless of weather conditions.

Kindergarten students will enter through our Main Entrance, all other students will enter through our Multi-Purpose Room doors.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held on **Thursday, September 26th**. Mark your calendars to reserve this very important opportunity to meet your child's teachers and find out about specific class routines, programs, etc.

Birthdays

Birthday celebrations are welcomed at Washington Street School with teacher approval. If sending Birthday treats in, treats must be minimal and easy to distribute! Please be sure to check with your child's teacher regarding any classroom allergies.



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Bus Transportation

If your child is entitled to bus transportation, he or she will receive a bus pass in the mail. **PLEASE** be sure to have your child's bus pass affixed to the **OUTSIDE** of their **BACKPACKS** and visible.

Should you receive a bus pass and wish not to have your child placed on the bus, please write a letter to your child's teacher stating such and send it to school on the first day. Any child listed as a bus student without such a note will be placed on the bus.

Cell Phone Use (Students)

Students are permitted to have cellphones in school. However, phones must remain concealed and off. If you need to contact your child, **PLEASE** call the Main Office. If your child needs to call home, they will be permitted to use the phone in the Main Office.

Communication

School Administration and teachers may be contacted via email (first initial, last name @franklinsquare.k12.ny.us) or by calling our Main Office at (516)481-4100.

Cultural Arts Program

All Cultural Arts Programs (i.e. The National Circus Project, The Live Game Show, etc.) are provided courtesy of our P.T.A. Thank you!!

Crossing Guards

The Nassau County Police Department will provide school crossing guards for the following intersections: Washington St. and Caroline Ave. - Washington St. and Goldenrod Ave. - Washington St. and Poppy Ave.

Drop Off and Pick Up

If you drive your children to or from school, please be aware that the area directly in front of the school is designated a ***NO STANDING*** area on both sides of Washington Street. This is a ***"Stop and Drop"*** zone. Please do not wait for your child to walk into the building or park your car in this area and wait to pick him/her up.

Extra Help

As the year progresses, many students will arrive early for *Extra Help* morning instruction. Students arriving for this reason can be dropped off and enter the building at the Main Entrance door at 8:15 a.m. **This is the only door used for early arrival.**

Food Allergies

Many students come into our school with food allergies. If your child has a food allergy, you must make our school nurse aware. *Although our nurse will share this information with your child's teacher, it is best practice to share the information with the classroom teacher as well. Typically, a care package is left in the classroom containing treats your child may have in place of other classroom treats.*



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Front Lawn Area

Many students gather on the Washington Street lawn before and after school. Unfortunately, students will not be permitted to participate in any activities (i.e. football, lacrosse, etc) in the moments before and after arrival/dismissal time.

Gym

Students have gym class scheduled twice a week. Students must wear appropriate attire (sneakers, pants without belts) on the days they are scheduled to have gym.

Homework

Should your child be absent, you may call the main office **before 10:30 a.m.** to request work or while calling your child in to the nurse. This will allow time for the teacher to prepare the assigned work to be sent home. The work for the student will be available outside the school's main office at the end of the school day at 3:00 p.m.

iPads

The Franklin Square School District has a 1:1 initiative, which means that students in grades 3-6 will be issued their own iPads. Please familiarize yourself, and your child, with our Student Policy on iPad usage.

Illnesses

If your child is absent from school due to a fever or vomiting, your child must be symptom free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

Join the PTA!

Please support your children and our students by joining our PTA!

Kindergarten Lunch

There will be additional coverage in the Wildcat Cafe for the first week of Kindergarten Lunch

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is located in the basement. Parents may check the lost and found after 3:00 pm

Messages Home

Please check with your child after each school day to see if letters or notes have been sent home. This will keep you up to date on school happenings and other information that is important for you to know. You are encouraged to check your child's bag/backpack each day.

Myschoolbucks.com

Myschoolbucks.com is a web-based service that allows parents to prepay for their child's lunch meals. Visit myschoolbucks.com for more information about this service.

Notes

When writing notes to your child's teacher regarding changes in dismissal (bus, ACE, etc.) please address letter to the teacher and include your child's full name in the note.



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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our first Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled ***Monday, November 4th***. You will receive more information about Parent/Teacher Conferences at Back to School Night.

P.I.N. Numbers

Each student will be issued a personal student P.I.N. number to be used when making purchases in the cafeteria. Students will be required to enter their personal P.I.N. numbers into a “keyboard” when making purchases. The adults in the cafeteria will have access to the P.I.N. numbers should your child forget his or her P.I.N.

PTA

You are encouraged to join. Our PTA is very active in supporting our school and makes a positive difference for our students. This year our co-presidents are Mrs. Perrotta and Mrs. Varruzzi.

Recess

Recess is typically held outdoors unless there is precipitation or the “feels-like” temperature is below 32 degrees. In the event of inclement weather, recess is held indoors, in our gymnasium, and a physical activity is organized whenever possible.

Student Code of Conduct

The Student Code of Conduct can be found on the District’s web page under “Resources.”

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter at @wsselementary We hope to use Twitter to share some of the everyday highlights happening in the halls of Washington Street School on a daily basis!

U-Turns

It is illegal to make a U-Turn in a school zone (any street along the perimeter of the school.)

Walkers

Students in grades 4-6 that walk home from school may be released by their teachers at the end of the day without a parent present.

Visitors

Visitors are welcomed at Washington Street School! However, your visit should be scheduled or announced. All visitors **MUST** enter through our Main Entrance and will be required to sign into our kiosk with a form of picture id.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on ***Wednesday, September 4th***. If you have any questions about our Back to School procedures, please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely,
Mr. John Stella
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