



## FRANKLIN PTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week of August 15th, 2016

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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Welcome Back Franklin Families!

We hope everyone had a great summer and is gearing up for the start of school this week. It's been a busy summer for the Franklin PTA Board as we get up to speed and work to get things ready for this year. We are excited to build off the momentum and hard work of last year's board and share with you the **NEW** things we've been working on:

- **Meet the board!** Our PTA board this year is filled with new and familiar faces. Check out everyone's [fun bio](#), and vote for your favorite family pic! Kidding, but we do hope you enjoy getting to know us 😊
- **We've gotten a facelift.** Check out our updated PTA website with fun features like [Where Your \\$\\$ Goes](#) and [New Family](#) information.
- **Come join the fun!** 2016-2017 registration is now OPEN so [Join PTA](#). Benefits include email subscription, access to the online directory, voting rights, as well as our **NEW** private Franklin PTA facebook group.
- **Want to meet more folks?** Volunteer and join a PTA committee. You can do something big or small, from work or home. Here is the [list of open opportunities](#).
- **Like to plan in advance?** Check out our **NEW** [Calendar of Events](#) page for all upcoming dates and event information.
- **So what do you think of this newsletter?** Every Sunday evening, we will send out a **NEW** weekly online newsletter to all PTA members on our distribution list as our main form of communication this year. **You want in? Then, join the PTA today!**
- **Speaking of, have you been to a PTA meeting lately?** No?! Well, you should come to our first meeting on **Thursday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm**. It's a great way to find out more about your school, principal, staff, and details on offerings at Franklin for your children.
  - **NEW** this year to our [PTA Meetings](#):
    - *Meetings end by 8:30pm SHARP (fingers crossed!)*
    - *After each meeting, join us at a local establishment to socialize*
    - *Sitters provided! We're giving it a shot, so there's no excuses ;-)*

We look forward to a great year! Please reach out with any questions or ideas.

Best,

Maureen Hartwig & Nicole Nieves, *Franklin PTA Co-Presidents*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hot Lunch Update:** We are in the process of finalizing our hot lunch plans for the new year. We were faced with some additional challenges with hot lunch providers after the latest school board decisions. **Nonetheless, we are committed to ensuring the convenience of Hot Lunch REMAINS an option for our Franklin families this year, beginning in September.** Hooray! Within the week, we'll have some updates on the **NEW** program to come.

**Planned Schedule:** MON = PIZZA DAY | WED/FRI = HOT LUNCH OPTIONS | [STAY TUNED!](#)

### 2016 – 2017 BEGINS!

#### THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE AUGUST 15-19

**Monday, August 15:** NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday, August 16:** NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday, August 17:** First Day of School 1st-5th Grade **\*EARLY RELEASE\* 2:40PM**

**Thursday, August 18:** Full school day 8:45 - 3:30PM

**Friday, August 19:** First Day of School for KINDERGARTEN!

**Saturday, August 20:** BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY @ Centennial Pool

#### [PTA CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)

#### 2016-17 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

##### Co-Presidents:

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Megan Fleischel & Regina Roderick  
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##### Co-Recording Secretaries:

Cathie Hirsh & Mike Cremins

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