

THE BOLT

Happy
Holidays!

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season! Remember how lucky you are. Think about making a donation to a charity in honor of someone you care about this year. It is better to give than receive.

HAPPY READING: SHOP THE HOLIDAY BOOK FAIR! PTA FUNDRAISER

Packed with new and popular titles, nifty gifts and accessories, this year's Holiday Book Fair has something for everyone on your list! We're OPEN ALL WEEK, so there's no excuse not to stop and shop!

Support Franklin while helping others! Once again, Franklin families have an opportunity to spread holiday cheer, by purchasing books for kids battling serious illnesses through Children's Hospital Los Angeles "Literally Healing" program. Buy a book to donate from the Hospital's 'Wish List' (on display at Book Fair) and make an immediate impact on a child who is spending the holidays in the hospital. Help Build Classroom Libraries! Check out your teacher's wish list bucket and purchase a book for his or her classroom. The Holiday Book Fair will be open in the Cafetorium:

Monday December 11th: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday December 12th: 8:30 am to 10:00 am/12 - 5:30pm

Wednesday December 13th: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Thursday December 14th: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday December 15th: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Volunteers Needed! Set-up is on Monday, December 11th at 8:30 am - please stop by after drop-off to help arrange tables, unpack boxes and decorate displays. Then, join the fun by volunteering at the Book Fair on December 11th-15th. You'll spend time with a fab group of parents, meet teachers and students while supporting Franklin. Novices and experts alike encouraged and welcome! Hot coffee is always on tap.

Please visit franklinbookfair.com to sign up. Remember to visit Book Fair after drop-off, before pick up – or (we're open!) midday: grab a drink and a snack, and shop leisurely while the kids are in class! Questions?

Please contact Kelli Haas or Jessica Levin kellihaas@mac.com or jessicalevin@mac.com

Email Leanna Einbinder at leanna.einbinder@fox.com about the Literally Healing program. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday Book Fair!!



Ballroom Dance
Starts in January
for 5th graders!
Time to put some
dancing shoes on!



Our Student Committee Hard at Work!

Our student committee members put together a poster making campaign to help advertise our Turkey Trot, turkey donation. They worked together to create original artwork to draw attention to a very worthy cause, collecting turkeys for those who may not have Thanksgiving dinner without one. Thank you to student committee and Leanna Einbinder for working on making a difference!



Our **STEM** Lab in Motion!

It's 4th and 5th grades' turn to work with STAR Science in our STEM lab. They will engage in Next Generation Science Standards lessons that are hands-on and inquiry-based. Our students are so lucky to have 11 lessons in our STEM lab culminating with a lesson in 3D printing! Thank you to the **Franklin PTA** for furnishing the supplies for our lessons and **Santa Monica-Malibu Unified Education Foundation** for supplying us with the STAR Science instructors!



Our ELAC meeting on 12/1 went over supports provided to our English Language Learners. We also had a visit from Ambar Serrato discussing how the CREST Chidcare Enrichment/Sports programs work. Thank you to Leslie Topanta, Sue Both, and Ambar Serrato for helping make information available!



Behavior

As we approach the holidays, many children and adults become excited, anxious, and emotional. We often run into behavioral issues around this time of year based on these emotions. It is a good time to chat with your children about how to calmly work through emotions, and behave in a way that is respectful and productive. Thank you for your support!



Soccer is back, or at least it is one time per week. Starting Wednesday, we are going to have volunteers set up and watch soccer during lunch recess. This will be the only time it will be allowed (of course PE classes may play soccer). We will not allow any slide tackling or physical behavior during games. First warning for violations will be one week off of soccer.

If you would like to volunteer to supervise soccer during lunch recess, please contact Ms. Sinfield at dsinfield@smmusd.org.

When our kindergarteners perform, the whole world listens! Our kindergarten classes performed in a Thanksgiving program, and all eyes were on them. Watch out Hamilton! Next up: The Holiday Program! Remember to bring your cameras and some tissue.



Important Dates:

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| December 7- Kindergarten Party | December 14 Budget Meeting 8:40am room 3 |
| December 11 Site Governance 3:15pm room 3 | December 19 Kindergarten performance |
| December 11-15 Holiday Book Fair | December 22 Minimum Day k (11:30), 1-5 (1:30) |
| December 11 DARE graduation 5 th grade | |

December 25- January 5 Winter Break!!!!

TARDIES!

Does your child run into school last minute? Does he or she hear the bell while walking into school? Are the gates about to be locked? Does he or she have to run to class? Then your child is probably tardy. If your child isn't in his or her line or seat at 8:30am, then he or she is considered tardy.

Why should I worry about tardies?

- 3 tardies equal a truancy
- Students need a few minutes to prepare before class starts to be ready to learn.
- Before school is a time for students to say hello to their friends.
- Rushing into class can cause anxiety.

What can I do to support my child in getting to school on time?

- Leave the house for school so your child arrives 10 minutes before the first bell.
- Have your child lay out his or her clothing the night before to help with speed in the morning.
- Pack lunches and backpacks the evening before.
- Get to bed early so waking up is easier.
- Keep a checklist for your child to accomplish before school so that your morning is less stressful.
- Carpool or walk with friends who are on time.
- Stress timeliness with your child at other times to get in the habit.
- Keep shoes by the door so your child doesn't have to look for them.

If you need more tips, please contact the administration. We are here to help!

Thank you and see you on time.

Our New Shade Structure is in!



Thank you for your patience.

Thank you for your patience during the fires this past week. While it was an inconvenience for us, many people lost their homes and possessions. We will continue to monitor the air quality and act accordingly as far as outdoor activity in the coming weeks. Hopefully, we will regain normalcy soon.

Your children may experience some feelings after last week. Some resources to help you help your children are listed below.

- **Helping Children Cope: Tips for Parents and Caregivers**
<https://www.schoolcounselor.org/asca/media/asca/Crisis/HelpforCaregivers.pdf>
- **Age-Related Reactions to a Traumatic Event**
http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/age_related_reactions.pdf
- **Wildfires: Tips for Parents on Media Coverage**
http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/Wildfires_media.pdf
- **Parent Guidelines for Helping Children Impacted by Wildfires**
http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/parents_wildfires.pdf

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We hope your holidays are filled with joy and laughter! From Franklin School, we wish you happy holidays!