

Good morning Franklin Families,

We began our week celebrating our students' successes with an ice cream social for our middle school Principal's Honor Roll students (all A's on the report card). We will start next week doing the same for our high school students. In order to make sure that all of our students are meeting with success, we have created a plan based on the students' individual benchmark scores to ensure a successful FSA. You will be receiving a letter next week through your student's math teacher with more details.

As you know, the character for the month of November is Citizenship. Therefore, we have a very special guest speaker planned for our Parent Academy next Wednesday. Meline Kevorkian, Ed.D., Executive Director of Academic Review at NSU is an expert on bullying, and is the author of several books for parents and educators, including *101 Facts About Bullying: What Everyone Should Know*. According to the U.S. Justice Department, one in four children is bullied every day. As a result, children may suffer from anxiety, depression, or low self-esteem that could result in suicidal thoughts or behaviors. Dr. Kevorkian has dedicated nearly two decades of her teaching career to addressing bullying and researching solutions. Kevorkian's *101 Facts About Bullying* breaks down what research says about bullying and its effects, offering ideas for what can and should be done to minimize or reduce bullying behavior. In *101 Facts About Bullying*, she addresses "cyber bullying," media and video violence, the legal ramifications of bullying, and debunks myth while uncloaking the facts about bullying and its prevention. Our Class Moderators will also be there to share with you the lesson the students received on Citizenship and National American Indian Heritage and we will introduce Mrs. Julie Doar Sinkfield, our new Booster Network President. Mark your calendars, Wednesday November 15th, 6:30 pm!

Don't forget the importance of our monthly fundraisers and how they tie to our IB curriculum. As I mentioned last week, for the month of November we are doing the Yankee Candle sale and the Dress in Orange for the Gobble Giving organization. The flyers were sent last week and can be found on our website. I have also included as a sneak peek a flyer for our December fundraiser, the Holiday Boutique! Show your students how to be good citizens by participating in these events. Do some of your holiday shopping, fill a basket, dress down for gobble giving and show your child what it means to be globally aware!

For those of you who have 10th and 11th grade students who were unable to attend the meeting last week on our plans for a trip to Costa Rica, we would like to share that representatives from Beyond the Map gave an amazing presentation. They returned yesterday and met with our students during the high school lunches. If your student is interested in attending the fabulous trip, please contact the class moderators Mrs. Gonzalez ([gonzalez.arnette@franklin-academy.org](mailto:gonzalez.arnette@franklin-academy.org)) or Ms. Azaiza ([azaiza.hanadi@franklin-academy.org](mailto:azaiza.hanadi@franklin-academy.org)).

Last but not least, the lottery for the 2018-19 school year will open December 4<sup>th</sup>. Spread the word to any new students interested in attending our school!

Sincerely,

Dr. Arlene H. Valdes

Principal

Franklin Academy