The mission of Franklin Academy is to create life-long learners by developing critical thinking skills and promoting high levels of academic achievement in students, while meeting the benchmarks of a standards-based curriculum utilizing varied research-based instructional strategies, technologies, and media, with an emphasis on character development.

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Celebrating Our 100th Day of School

On February 12th, our first grade students celebrated their 100th day of school with tons of fun activities!

Students dressed up as if they were one hundred years old and spent the day completing various academic tasks centered around the theme of “100”.

Our little “old” first graders counted by tens, wrote one hundred words that they have learned so far, created one hundredth day snacks, made necklaces, and even did writing activities!

Important Dates:
- 2/2: Take Your Child to Work Day
- 2/5-2/9: FTE Week Attendance Matters!
- 2/19: No School Offices Closed
- 2/20: Science Fair
- 2/21: Black History Event
- 2/22: Early Release Day
- 2/27: Career Day
Our Seventh Annual Franklin Academy Career Day took place on February 27 for elementary and MYP students. The students had a blast learning about the different, exciting and innovative careers that they have the potential to have as their own, when they grow up! We would like to thank all of our presenters that volunteered their time and talent to make this event incredibly memorable for our students. We are excited to continue this tradition next year!

The Future is Ours!

Ready...Set...GO!!! Our ‘Mighty Bulldog Cheerleaders’ come from grades 3 to 5 and are a wonderful group of talented girls full of Bulldog pride and spirit! The girls enrolled meet on Mondays from 3:00-4:00pm and work on perfecting their cheer choreography, team formations, and voice projection for their cheers. Their club sponsor, Ms. Amaya, says the girls are always so full of energy! They have the greatest time in club every week practicing and getting their cheers right.

This month, our cheerleaders took our MYP Bulldog football teams by surprise and cheered them on the way out to their game. It was just the girls’ regular club practice, but it felt extra special because they were sending off our Bulldogs with some extra love and support for their games!
**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

The Box Tops program allows families to earn cash for schools by clipping the Official Box Tops for Education "Box Tops" from the packages of hundreds of purchased participating products. This program has been very successful at Franklin Academy and since 2013 our school has been able to raise over $20,000.

This year our school has raised:

- October - $899.60
- November - $670.10
- December - $609.00
- Jan./Feb. - $749.90

In February, we held a special drawing for three Valentine’s Day baskets, and our winners are:

- K–2nd Grade - **Serah A.** - Ms. Medina’s Kindergarten class
- 3rd–5th Grade - **Braden A.** - Ms. Fadraga’s 4th grade class
- MYP - **Alisha L.** - Mr. Hernandez’ 7th grade homeroom

We will hold our last collection during the months of April and May. Our goal is to raise $5000.00 this year. Please encourage your family members and co-workers to give their Box Tops to your child, so we can get to our goal.

Together we can do it!

**KINDERGARTEN’S MAN IN MY LIFE NIGHT**

Man In My Life is a special and memorable event where kindergarteners get the opportunity to invite one special man in their lives.

In this event, our little kindergarteners got to enjoy an eventful evening! They participated in four different center rotations and took professional photographs.

This year, the students created an edible lawn mower, colored a very special tie, created a key chain and went fishing!

The students truly enjoyed inviting and spending time with that one special man whom they adore, care, and love in their life.
Franklin Academy was fortunate to have Wacky Wild Science visit our school on February 2nd, 2018. First grade students were able to explore matter and the scientific method during a dry ice experiment, while learning about the various states of matter and the properties of dry ice (pure carbon dioxide) as it is heated. Students learned the important concepts of mass, matter, density and volume, while not being too weighed down by the material! Students and teachers were on the edge of their seats as presenters popped dry ice bubbles. Then, they all got a charge as the STEM presenter simulated lightning & discussed electricity.

Students also went on a Creepy Crawly Adventure and learned about several different types of insects, arachnids, and reptiles. Students learned the physical characteristics, defense mechanisms, and basics needs of each creepy crawlly. They were even able to interact with a blue death feigning beetle, a turtle, a bearded dragon, and a snake. This was definitely an experience 1st graders will never forget!

Every year our students participate in the Pennies for Patients drive, benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). This society is the world’s largest organization dedicated to finding cures for blood cancers. The Pennies for Patients drive, spearheaded by our very own chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is a way for our students and families to support this mission. This year we kicked off our drive with an assembly for students in grades 4-8th. Students learned about how blood functions and the importance of research. Our students realized how this affects children in our very own community.

Our students received a challenge of bringing various denominations each day during a week. Our Franklin scholars learned firsthand just how powerful they can be in helping others. During the drive, students collected donations from friends and family in honor of local student survivors and current patients. Each homeroom teacher kept a tally of moneys collected.

As part of the drive, the top class in elementary and MYP will receive a catered lunch from Olive Garden. This year’s top giving homeroom classes were Mrs. Mahoney’s 4th Grade class with $407 and Ms. Collin’s 8th Grade class with $402.36. This year we raised a total of $8,152.67. Thank you to our wonderful Bulldog community for supporting this drive.
MARLINS PARK SOUND CHECK

On Thursday February 1st, the Voices of Franklin had the incredible opportunity to rehearse the National Anthem at the Marlin’s Park!

This group consisted of Franklin Voice Jr., MYP Choral Crew, and our Drama students. When we arrived at the stadium, students were escorted through the player entrance, and directly onto the field where they experienced their voices resound through the stadium.

The sound check was scheduled to give the students an idea of what it will feel like to sing into stadium microphones. Although it lasted a total of 10 minutes, the excitement was stirring. Our actual performance will be on Friday April 13th at 7:10pm. After the fantastic sound check, the students were allowed to go into the dugout for a group picture. This experience was exciting, unique, and memorable! All of the students are excited to perform on April 13th, to not only represent Franklin Academy but, our country with honor!

HOUR OF CODE

During Computer Science Week, Franklin Academy students were a part of a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science.

Starting with 1-hour coding activities, The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science. This has broadened our students participation in computer science.

K-5 students took part while in Media classes, while MYP students in Computer Applications classes.

Proudly, Franklin Academy was one of 154,145 events registered for Hour of Code 2017. Our K-5 students continue today with learning how to code in media classes.

Each student has an individual login.

Ask your student about www.code.org today!
Homeroom Wars

Spirit Week was held during our FTE week. Homeroom Wars served as a culmination of this exciting week. For Homeroom Wars, each homeroom chose a theme as how they would dress up; we had classes dressed as rock stars, celebrities and even zombies! The Leadership Team visited each homeroom and judged the homerooms based on creativity, originality and student participation. This year the students from all homerooms displayed their themes through dress up, acting, entertainment and even food! The creativity was awe-inspiring. This year’s winners were: K-1 Ms. Silva; 2-3 Ms. Echevarria; 4-5 Ms. Saumell; MYP Year 1 Ms. Lowy & Mr. Castro; MYP Year 2 Ms. Heather Lopez and MYP Year 3 Ms. Courtney Collins.

The winning classrooms will be awarded a dress down day and a Popsicle party during recess or lunch on March 21, 2018.

Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to our Bulldogs who participated and made this such an exciting event!!

4th Grade Goes to the Everglades

67, 68, 69…. 70! 4th grade students counted over 70 alligators in February on our field trip to the Everglades! Our classes traveled by tram for over an hour through Shark Valley in Everglades National Park learning about this important and unique ecosystem. Next, students journeyed to the Miccosukee Native American village to learn about their culture, traditions, and watch an alligator show. Finally, the day was capped off with a fun airboat ride. It’s amazing what you can do and explore right in your backyard!