



Foundation
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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 some of the *ABC's of Back to School*.

Arrival and Dismissal Times

This year, arrival and dismissal times will no longer be staggered. Times are as follows:

Arrival

8:55 (Doors Open 8:40 am)

**If your child is taking the bus, please be sure to check the bus pass for bus stop location and time.*

Dismissal

3:00

Arrival and Dismissal Doors

This year in order to alleviate congestion at our doors, we are using multiple doors to enter the building. An adult will be stationed at each door. Students or parents are expected to be able to display the "Color of the Day" (the completed Health Survey - keep reading to see Covid Health Survey Link below) to enter the building. *If you have multiple children, you may have all of your children enter through the door of your youngest child.*

Arrival/Dismissal Doors are as follows:

5 & 6 Grade -	Door (A) - (Main Entrance)
Kindergarten -	Door (B) - (Poppy Avenue side)
First Grade/Pre-Kindergarten -	Door (C) - (Poppy Avenue side)
Second Grade -	Door (D) - (Poppy Avenue side)
3 & 4 Grade -	Door (I) - (Multi-Purpose Room Door)
Bus Students	Recess Doors

Parents may walk their child to the door, however, please realize that parking is extremely limited around the school. Parents will need to leave as soon as their child enters the building.

Please see the previous letter in regards to our first two days of school arrival procedures.



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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. **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL WITH A FEVER.**

A.C.E Program & Morning Care

A.C.E. Program and Morning Care will be available this year. Please see the District's website for more information.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday, September 22. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Band and Chorus

Will be back this year to eligible students! Some restrictions may apply.

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.*

Covid Health Survey

The Covid Health Survey must be completed **EVERYDAY** prior to entering school by an adult at home. The Covid Health Survey Link is: <https://entry.neric.org/fsufsd> Students should keep the web browser window open on their iPads, or personal device, to display to the adult at the door when attempting to enter the building.

Cell Phone Use/Smart Watches (Students)

Students are permitted to have cellphones in school. However, phones/smart devices must remain concealed and off. If you need to contact your child, **PLEASE** call the Main Office. If your child needs to call home, with the consent of the teacher, 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

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.



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Cultural Arts

Along with the support of the PTA, we will be bringing back many of our PTA funded Cultural Arts Programs!

Daily Dad Joke

“What do you call a boomerang that won’t come back?” “A stick!” I just wanted to make sure everyone is still reading here!!

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.

Food Allergies

This year, due to the fact that students will be eating lunch in their respective classrooms, it is imperative for our school to follow a strict NO TREE NUT foods policy.

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.*

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 will have Physical Education twice per week. Please have your child dress appropriately (sneakers, athletic attire) on the days they have gym.

Homework Requests

Should your child be absent, you may call the main office **before 10:30 a.m.** to request work. 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 ALL students in grades K-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.**



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Immunizations (Non Covid Related)

ALL students must be up to date with immunizations. There is a 14 day grace period. NYS Health Laws dictate that a child that does not have appropriate vaccinations will need to be sent home.

Join the PTA!

Please support your children and our students by joining our PTA! Currently, our PTA Co-Presidents are Mrs. Bedell and Mrs. Mahoney. Thank you!!

Lost and Found

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

Lunch

This year, lunch will take place in your child's classroom or in the cafeteria on a rotational basis. Hot lunch selections will be available and can be ordered using the choosi app www.getchoosi.com.

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.

Notes

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

Nurses

This year, Mrs. Reifler and Mrs. Russo will be in our nurse's office. The number for the Health Office is 481-4100 ext, 3355

Outdoor Learning Experiences

Our "Bertini Gardens" serves as a beautiful area for outdoor learning/dining experiences. Thank you to the Class of 2021 for the brand new outdoor umbrellas!.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our first Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd. More information will be forthcoming.

Parking

Parking around the school is extremely limited. Please plan accordingly when dropping off your children and picking them up.

Pre-Kindergarten

The first day of Pre-K will be Monday September 13th.



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Recess

A classroom monitor will take their assigned classes outside, when weather permits. The playground will be rotated. In an attempt to get our students outside as often as possible, students will go outdoors anytime there is not any precipitation and the “feels like temperature” is above 30 degrees.

Social Distancing

Students will be seated 3 feet from one another, in rows, facing the same direction. The Franklin Square Reentry Committee will keep you posted in regards to any changes.

Student Code of Conduct

The Student Code of Conduct can be found on the District’s web page under “Resources” and will be discussed by your child’s teacher.

Transportation Department

The Transportation Department can be reached at 505-6990.

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.)

Visitors

This year, visitors to the building will be limited, and must be scheduled in advance. All visitors must complete the health survey in our Main Lobby and must have their temperature taken prior to entering the building.

Water Bottles

Students are permitted to bring their own water bottles to school on a daily basis.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on ***Thursday, September 9th (September 13th for our Pre-K students.)*** If you have any questions about our Back to School procedures, please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely,

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