



**FRANKLIN SCHOOL TK/KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022**

**<https://bit.ly/Franklin2022>**

# YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

## #DYNAMICDUO



Mrs. Cynthia McGregor  
Principal



Mrs. Sheri Hynding  
Assistant Principal



# OUR FRANKLIN MISSION AND CORE VALUES

**“To inspire and equip every student to become a life-long learner and positive contributor to society through high expectations and rigorous academics, engaged and individualized instruction, shared Franklin values, and a strong and supportive community.**

**At Franklin School, we are committed to exemplary instruction designed to educate the whole child so that they may become productive and contributing members of the global economy.”**

## **Franklin Values**

Kindness	Honesty
Cooperation	Responsibility
Respect	Sportsmanship
Appreciation	Personal Best



# FRANKLIN SCHOOL HOURS

Kindergarten 8:30-1:30 M-F

Grades 1-2 8:30-2:45 M, T, Th, F  
8:30-1:30 W

Grades 3-5 8:30-3:00 M, T, Th, F  
8:30-1:30 W

## \*Minimum Day Hours

Kindergarten 8:30-11:30

Grades 1-5 8:30-1:30





# A BIT ABOUT OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS

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## Our Students

- ★ 600 students in grades K-5
- ★ On-Site Preschool
- ★ Student Committee (Gov't)
  - Grades 3-5
- ★ Demographics
  - 70% Caucasian
  - 12% Asian
  - 10% Hispanic
  - 4% African-American

## Our Teachers and Staff

- ★ 28 classroom teachers
- ★ @100 staff members
- ★ Full time Instructional Coach
- ★ Physical Education class for grades 1-5
- ★ Full-Time librarian
- ★ Full time Psychologist, Speech/Language Pathologist and Occupational Therapist
- ★ Nurse and full-time Health Specialists
- ★ Highly trained Instructional Assistants and Paraprofessionals



## CLASSES AND CURRICULUM

### Class Information

- > K-3 maximum size is 25
- > 4-5 average 30 students
  - efforts made to keep sizes low
- > Four to five classes per grade level
- > Two Social Skills classes
  - (K-2 and 3-5)

### Curriculum Overview

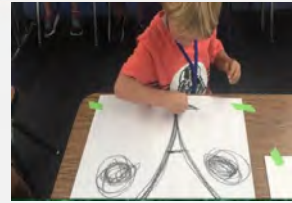
- > Use of thinking maps, Readers/Writers Workshop and state standards
- > CGI (Cognitively guided instruction) as a math approach
- > Project Based Learning
- > Use of technology to enhance instruction
- > Responsive Classroom SEL woven throughout the day



## THE ARTS AT FRANKLIN

- K Music and visual arts in the classrooms
- 1-2 Music and visual arts in the classrooms
- 3 Weekly instruction in music and theory, use of recorders, and music/visual arts in classrooms
- 4-5 Twice weekly instruction in music and theory, music/visual arts in classrooms and participation in dance
- ALL Annual PTA Reflections opportunity

**PS Arts for all (thanks to SMEF donations!)**



## TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE

- ❑ 1:1 Chromebooks in grades 2-5
- ❑ IPADS in grades K/1
- ❑ Two interactive display boards in each classroom
- ❑ Star Science delivers hands-on lessons to K-5 in dedicated Science Lab
- ❑ Annual Science Fair where students share their projects
- ❑ Robust Science Club
  - ❑ Free monthly science nights for all students including Birds of Prey, Mad Science, Engineering and more!





## MAINTAINING SAFETY FOR ALL

- Weekly outdoor COVID testing for all students/staff
- Field broken into class zones for distancing
- Secure mask wearing for all
- Distanced class seating at lunch
- Daily prescreening for all students/staff
- Raptor management system for volunteers/visitors
- HEPA air filtration throughout the school





Summer Adventure Coming in June!

## OUR AMAZING PTA!

### #WEAREATEAM

- Parent participation in science, gardening, and hands-on projects
- A wide variety of committees including Special Education, Green Team, Science Club, Arts and More!
- Fundraising for classroom supplies, field trips, beautification, staff appreciation (the 'stuff')
- Organizes Book Fairs and Movie Nights for students, staff and families





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## SCHOOL FUNDING INFORMATION

- California consistently ranks low in K-12 education funding, compared to other states.
- We fill this funding gap with donations to both the **Santa Monica Education Foundation** and **Franklin PTA**.
- We ask you to support BOTH organizations to keep Franklin outstanding!
- These staff and programs are vital for students, both in person and during distance learning.

### Donations to the Ed Foundation fund all this at Franklin:

- Art classes for all students
- Classroom Instructional Assistants
- STAR Science
- Responsive Classroom
- Teacher training
- Recorders for 3rd graders
- Music lessons and instruments for qualifying students



# Summer Adventure

Discover. Explore. Create.



Get ready for Kindergarten!

June 20 - July 22, 2022

Online Registration begins February 28

Roosevelt Elementary School

\$650

For students entering K-5

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Scholarships available for qualifying students.

Childcare available before and after for  
additional fee.

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# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A KINDERGARTENER

- Classrooms use 'Centers' to support small group targeted instruction
- Two dedicated kindergarten yards with play structures
- Access to digital programs, computer lab and dual interactive display boards
- Targeted support from our Instructional Coach
- Daily instructional assistant support



**Kindergarten Building Blocks**

Key Area	Example	Tips for Parents/Caregivers
<b>Social Emotional Development</b>	"I take turns, share and help others."	Make time for playing with friends- When children play together, they learn to take turns, share and respect others' feelings.
<b>Self-Care, Motor Skills, Physical well-being</b>	"I can kick balls, hop on one foot and climb a ladder at the park."	Go outside with your child, walk a straight line and climb on a jungle gym at the park. Limit media and screen time.
<b>Language Development</b>	"I use words to talk about thoughts, wants and needs."	Ask your child questions that make them describe things, events or feelings.
<b>Early Learning</b>	"I hear and understand the meaning of words, stories and songs."	Read every day with your child. Ask your child questions about the story.

**MEET OUR TEAM!**





## Top 10 Tips

- 10) Wear velcro shoes
- 9) Bring a good sized backpack
- 8) Practice bathroom routines
- 7) Practice scissors and pencil use
- 6) Pick Up time is 1:30
- 5) Label all materials
- 4) Waste free snacks and lunches
- 3) No toys, stuffies..
- 2) Get enough sleep
- 1) Get ready for the BEST year ever!

# Before and After School Childcare

TK-3 CDS: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4109>

email questions to [SAP@smmusd.org](mailto:SAP@smmusd.org)

Offerings based on Franklin's 2022-2023 schedule

## Fee Based

- CDS Before School Care (TK-3) 7:00am-8:30am
- CDS After School Child Care (TK-3) (until 6pm)
- Proposed cost - \$575 per month for TK and Kinder
- Download **PEAF** (Pre-enrollment Application Form)

## Fee Based

- CREST After School Childcare grades 4,5 (until 6pm)
- CREST Sports
- CREST Enrichment Program Classes (K-5)



**If you're interested, apply EARLY - spaces fill up!**



# A LOOK AT TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

## How are the classes staffed?

- A child can be enrolled in TK if their fifth birthday is from Sept. 2nd-Feb. 2nd
- TK classrooms are taught by a certificated classroom teacher.
- TK teachers participate in SMMUSD professional learning opportunities alongside Kindergarten teachers.
- Instructional assistant time is allocated based on student enrollment.

## How do I enroll my child?

- Pick up an enrollment packet at your home school once you have submitted necessary items (See Next Slide)
- Families will be contacted by the school site once the TK classrooms/sites are confirmed for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Students in the TK program are pre-enrolled in their home school for the following year (Kindergarten). Families contact the home school to update information, provide proof of residence and provide medical and dental examinations.

## What is needed to enroll at Franklin?

- > 2 current Utility bills- gas, electric, water within last 2 months
- > Copy of your lease or property tax statement
- > Identification

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<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/305>





## HOW DO I ENROLL MY TK/K STUDENT?

- Pick up a packet at the Franklin office beginning 2/23 from 10AM-1PM
- Packets available Tues-Fridays until 5/20

### RETURNING PACKETS

- Return packets beginning 3/15 from 10AM-1PM
- All packets due no later than 5/27

**\*Packets may not be handed out/collected on Mondays**

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VIDEO HERE!

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