

Welcome back Franklin families! I hope that you were able to spend time relaxing and enjoying some much needed down time over the summer. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you already but, to those of you I have yet to meet, my name is Brittaney Meyer and I am the new principal at Franklin School. Although I am new to the campus I am not new Loomis. My husband and I moved to Loomis several years ago, in large part, because of the stellar educational experience Loomis Union School District provides to its students. We have three children, two of whom attend Placer Elementary. As a parent I have loved this district since my twins began their first day of kindergarten. As an educator, I look forward to many years of working with the students, staff and families of Franklin School.

Teachers and staff at Franklin have been working hard to prepare for the amazing school year ahead. Our custodial staff have been cleaning classrooms and facilities so that all of our spaces at Franklin are ready to welcome the smiling faces that will fill our campus this fall! Teachers and staff members will be returning in July and August for professional development, collaboration and school year preparation prior to our first day of school.

In addition to preparing our school, we have also spent a great deal of time talking about curriculum, instruction and how to best serve students. As a result, you will see some instructional changes in the 2015-2016 school year—most notably the addition of world-language instruction in the middle school grades and a new math curriculum for grades K-5. Teachers have been working with and discussing the new materials since last school year and we all look forward to providing engaging, enriching learning experiences for all of the children we serve in the year to come.

After a thorough search, our district has chosen the *Everyday Mathematics* program for grades K-5. *Everyday Mathematic* is an activity-based math program that focuses on interactive experiences versus traditional, textbook learning. Therefore, the items you see coming home with your child this year may look different than years past. Don't worry—there are a number of parent supports that will accompany your child as well. These supports will assist you in helping your child but they will also provide opportunities for you to engage with your child's math curriculum as a family through home connections and activities. Students in grades 6-8 will continue to work with the *College Preparatory Mathematics* (CPM) program implemented in the 2014-2015 school year. Like the *Everyday Mathematics program*, CPM allows children to learn math through hands-on, real world examples. Additionally, CPM prepares our middle school students for their high school education by providing a strong base in mathematics aligned with the curriculum used at Del Oro.

In addition to continuing work with core content, we will also be adding Spanish instruction for students in 7th and 8th grades. Spanish instruction in the middle school grades will allow us to provide your child with, not only a strong language foundation, but also a look at diverse world cultures and an additional avenue for life-long learning.

Although some things are changing there are many great things that are staying the same. We will continue our RISE (Respect, Integrity, Safety, Effort) program. Through RISE we will teach your child what is expected of them at Franklin and we will use positive rewards to allow students to grow both academically and emotionally. Franklin will continue to partner with Sacramento State to implement our California Reading and Literacy Project (CRLP) curriculum. As in years past, technology integration will continue, and grow, across all grade levels. Lastly, but certainly not least, we will be, as always, ready to open our doors and hearts to your children. We look forward to working with you this year to make your child's educational experience the very best!

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