



# Franklin Elementary

## Parent & Family Newsletter

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### From the Principal...

#### **Bullying Prevention is a Priority**

Bullying is a serious issue that impacts all school districts. As part of Council Bluffs Community School District's ongoing commitment to creating safe and supportive learning environments for all students, Franklin Elementary is taking several steps to strengthen its work to prevent and reduce bullying behavior.

#### **Olweus Bullying Prevention Program**

Franklin Elementary has implemented the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP). Olweus bullying prevention strategies have also been incorporated into all other Council Bluffs Community School District elementary schools. This district-wide approach to bullying prevention is designed to enhance the long-term success of the program by substantially increasing the level of consistency and coordination.

#### **What is Bullying?**

An important part of this work is clearly defining bullying. Bullying means behavior by an individual student or group of students that is:

- 1) intimidating, threatening, abusive or harmful;
  - 2) involves an actual or perceived imbalance of power in which the student being bullied has difficulty defending him or herself;
  - 3) the conduct is repeated or forms a pattern.
- Bullying is also behavior that materially and substantially interferes with a student's educational opportunities, or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities or receive school benefits, services, or privileges.

#### **Franklin Anti-Bullying Rules**

The overarching goal of this initiative is to restructure the school environment in such a way as to markedly reduce both opportunities and rewards for bullying behavior.

1. We will not bully others.
2. We will try to help students who are bullied.
3. We will try to include students who are left out.
4. If we know that someone is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

#### **How to Report Bullying**

If you believe that your child, or a student you know is being bullied, we want to know! Franklin Elementary has developed a procedure for students and parents to identify and report bullying behavior. An online form can be filled out and will be emailed automatically to the principal. Paper copies of the form are also available at the office. Bullying reporting forms can be turned into any staff member at Franklin. If you feel additional action needs to take place, Council Bluffs Schools also has a district-wide procedure for identifying and reporting bullying behavior. If you believe that your child, or a student you know is being bullied, please contact the school and ask for the district bullying Screener. A district investigator will come out and assess the situation and report to the parents and the school. Here's to a bully free year!



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## Ben Kind Award

In addition to our work with bullying prevention, teachers also have a focus on teaching kindness. Each month, staff members nominate one class to receive the Ben Kind award. The class that wins the award gets a certificate and class celebration. Each class receiving a nomination will also be recognized by Mr. Brown with a certificate.

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## Mark Your Calendars...

### Dates to Remember:

#### October

October 2nd	Booster Club - 6:00
October 13th	School pictures
October 20th	No School

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## School Hours...

School begins at 8:55 am each school day. School is dismissed at 3:45 pm Tuesday - Friday and early on Mondays at 2:05 pm.

## Contact Us...

**We are here for you!**

School Office: 712-328-6452

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## Franklin Handbook

Please access the Franklin's Student & Family Handbook on our [school's webpage](#).

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