



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA

*Happy New
School Year!*

**Benjamin Franklin
Elementary
Open House**



Today's Agenda

- Meet and Greet
- Preparing to Welcome Our Students
 - Layers of Safety
 - Social-Emotional Supports
- School Operations
 - Bell & Class Schedule Updates
 - New SEPTA Fare Cards
 - Attendance
 - Key Dates/Upcoming Events
- What You Can Do Now to Prepare
 - Immunizations
- Q&A



Meet and Greet

August 26, 1 to 2pm in the schoolyard
Meet staff. Get schedules,.



Preparing to Welcome Our Students

Our Commitment to You

Multiple Layers of Safety to Protect Everyone's Health & Wellbeing

- **MASKS/FACIAL COVERING** - required for vaccinated and unvaccinated students and staff until September 9th. Further directions will be provided by the school district as needed.
- **STUDENT COVID TESTING** - available onsite for students who show COVID-like symptoms during the day
- **STAFF COVID TESTING** - continued testing of every employee once a week; may adapt during the year
- **HAND SANITIZING** - touchless hand sanitizer stations and supplies throughout our school
- **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & SPORTS** - all activities return in person. Spectators limited to outdoor games only
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Three feet of distance will be encouraged where possible

Approved masks that can be worn in school.

Type and Intended Use of Masks			
Approved Masks	Disposable Surgical Mask	Cloth Mask (double mask or paired with surgical mask recommended)	KN95, N95, or other filtered mask (non-vented)
			

Proper way to wear a mask



Masks that are not to be worn in school.

Ski mask



Half ski mask, gaiter, balaclava



Supporting Our Students Social & Emotional Needs

- **Starting the first day of school, we will focus on creating a safe, supportive and welcoming school environment.**
 - **Staff** - We will continue to have 2 counselor's this school year, Ms. McKenna will be working with grades K to 4 and Ms. Koresko will be working with grades 5 to 8. We are looking for 2 staff members to fill 3 hour School Climate Staff positions.
 - **Classroom-based Community Meetings** - each day to help teachers build community with students and help students manage difficult emotions and situations, as well as build working relationships between students.

School Operations

Bell Schedule

- **School Start & End Times**
 - **Start time: 7:30 am**
 - **End time: 2:09 pm**
 - **Early dismissal days:**
7:30am-11:09am



New SEPTA Fare Cards Will Replace Weekly Transpasses



What is it?

It is a reusable chipped card used by students to board a SEPTA trolley, bus, or subway. Unlike the disposable weekly Transpass, students will be able to use the SEPTA Student Fare Card for the entire school year.

How much does it cost?

Regular Fare Cards are free to District students. Cards can be upgraded to be used on Regional Rail for an additional fee.

How will my child receive it?

Eligible students will receive their Fare Card on the first day of school (all SEPTA buses, trains trolleys and subways will be free to students on the first day of school).

Learn more at www.philasd.org/ringthebell.

Click on the Transportation tab.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

🐾 Be Responsible 🐾

🐾 Be Respectful 🐾

🐾 Be Ready 🐾



Attendance

Join us from 7:30am
to 2:09pm

Be on time. Be present
every day.



Health updates in the building

Social distancing

Students and staff will use the floor decals as reminders for social distancing. The decals are in the hallway, steps and cafeteria table seats.

Hand sanitizing

Sanitizer will be in classrooms. Students are encouraged to wash their hands

Students with symptoms

Will be escorted to the nurse and tested. Students found positive will be in our medical room until picked up by parent/emergency contact.

Information and Upcoming Events

~[September newsletter](#)

~School starts on August 29th, 7:30am-2:09pm

~Grades K to 5 will line up in the schoolyard , homeroom 103 will line up on Sentner St. side inside of the gate and homeroom 202, grades 7 and 8 will line up in the front schoolyard, inside of the gate closest to Rising Sun Avenue. Students will line up by homeroom number that will be posted on the gate. Teachers will escort students into the door. Students will be dismissed in the same spot.

~Identification will be needed to pick up at dismissal.

~COVID testing consent forms will be distributed during the first week of school. Parents are to sign the form and send it back to school. The forms can also be submitted electronically here:

<https://www.philasd.org/studenthealth/covidtesting/#consent>

~Our website: <https://franklin.philasd.org/> IG: ben_franklin_el_phila

What You Can Do Now to Prepare

Immunizations

It's The Rule, Don't Miss Out On School

- Keep your child safe by staying up to date on their immunizations.
- Pennsylvania law requires all students (K-12) be vaccinated while attending school. Students who **do not** have the required vaccines may be **excluded** from school until they have received the appropriate vaccines or an **exemption form** has been submitted to your school nurse.
- Families or students with questions are encouraged to speak with their school nurse. You can also visit www.philasd.org/ringthebell and click on the **Immunizations** tab.



Questions??? Email rsample@philasd.org



**We're excited and ready for a great year
of in-person learning, five days a week!**

