



# FRANKLIN

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### PARENT NEWSLETTER



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#### Upcoming Events

Padres  
Comprometidos/  
Engaged parents  
weekly training  
Contact Home School  
Assistant if interested!

**I Ready testing the  
week of 8th-12th**

Saturday School Every  
Time: 8am to noon!! Please  
register your student to  
make up work and get any  
missed or incomplete  
assignment.  
CALL THE SCHOOL FOR  
MORE INFORMATION

#### WELCOME BACK!!!

Welcome back and  
HAPPY NEW  
YEAR'S!!! We are  
now complete our  
second quarter  
and moving into  
the Third quarter. A  
gentle reminder if  
you have not  
register your  
student for school  
of choice or school  
Lottery for next  
year please  
contact your  
school counselor  
or Myself Ms.  
Gray/HSA.

#### SBPT/PTO

**SBPT-Meetings:**  
**Every Third**  
**Wednesday @ 2:45**  
9/20, 10/18, 11/15,  
12/20, 1/17, 2/21, 3/20,  
4/17, 5/15, 6/19

**PTO-Meetings:**  
**Every Fourth**  
**Wednesday @ 4:30**  
9/27, 10/25, 11/22, 12/22,  
1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24,  
5/22, 6/12

#### UPComing Events

**Coming Soon:**  
**Sneaker Ball**  
**Date: TBA**

**More BELOW**



RCSD Board of Education Business Meeting  
January 2023

Equity.

Inclusion.

Expectations.

Accountability.

Center the Student.

The Rochester City School District has eliminated Parents and Students from the decision making process, while making the assigned Parent advocates within the district, gatekeepers to access, instead of leaders to openness.

The PLAC Leadership Team held its monthly meeting on January 11th where a number of things were discussed and plans were made for the beginning of 2023.

1. A promise was made by OPE that the Placement department is aware of the challenges Parents are facing with the February 17th deadline but to this point no one has reached out or responded to a single reach out to work with PLAC or any of the Parent Groups.

2. The next PLAC General Membership Meeting is February 15th at 6PM via zoom and will focus on School Climate & Safety. If you're a Parent of an RCSD student than you can, and should be a member of PLAC and are invited to attend the meeting.

a. James Sheppard, Director of School Safety and Security has accepted our invitation to bring members of his team for an update on safety across the district and engage in small group discussions on how things are going with Parents as well as what SSOs are, now that there is at least one at every school building across the district.

b. The second half of the meeting will go into Parent choice breakout rooms to work on Leadership Team projects such as food cupboards at each school building, Parents on every School Based Planning Team, creating a Parent Buddy system, etc.

3. PLAC's Parent University Budget Series, Part 2 of 4: Winter Wonderland at Freddie Thomas on January 18th hosted approximately 50 families and 20 community partners where families engaged in a scavenger hunt or building a snowman the way you build a budget. The base of a snowman must be strong, just like a budget. A budget must be built on strong Priorities and Parents provided us many, which we will share with the board shortly and will be shared district-wide so that all Parents will have the opportunity

to contribute. The middle section is the funds and costs we all share in the areas of teaching and learning, food service, transportation and general supports. The head is where everything gets specialized and makes each program unique like receivership designations, special education classrooms, CTE or where Title money is spent. Families finishing the course were actually heard being disappointed that it was over, which brought so much joy to our hearts that they learned something and had fun together as a family. The third event is scheduled for March 15th and the finale will be April 19th.

For the first time since PLAC's bylaws were approved, no one from the Leadership Team of PLAC has been included in the invitations to the Legislative Breakfast. We're assuming this is an oversight and look forward to the meeting in February.

Through collaborative conversations with the Superintendent, we have come to understand that the transfer process itself has not been changed but that the interpretation of the process has from one end of COVID to the other. Parents who are struggling to get their children what they need in transfers are encouraged to reach out to PLAC, OPE or any district-wide Parent Group. Parents and Students should be welcomed and encouraged as active partners at every decision making table this district can find, as partners, in all ways. Students are the stakeholders while Parents are the decision makers. We are all the change makers of our collective to support and create a community that uplifts our students.

Thank you for the time and space to share. Please forward all questions, comments or concerns to [plac@rcsdk12.org](mailto:plac@rcsdk12.org).

The Executive Team of PLAC

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