

## Congratulations to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class of 2022

Who would have thought that when you entered Franklin Elementary School as kindergarten students (or throughout these years entering grades 1-5) that your last few years here would be unlike any class before. The COVID pandemic changed not only where you were being taught, but also how you were being taught. Many of you were on ZOOM calls for a little over a year. Did we even know what a Zoom call was before then?

When you look back at this time, you will remember this pandemic and remember how you were able to accomplish so many things in spite of the many obstacles that laid before you. We were very fortunate to be able to be in school for your entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade year, and although we were wearing masks and sitting behind shields on the desks, we were happy to be back in the building.

I will remind you, that you make the staff and myself very proud of all that you do and who you are. We celebrate your completion of elementary school, and know that you will be prepared for middle school. After all, you are the future leaders and I hope you can say your foundation for greatness started here at Franklin Elementary School in Bergenfield, NJ, for your greatness can take you to every "corner of the Earth".

I would like to thank all of the teachers you have had here and your parents for allowing us the opportunity to get to know each of you and to assist you in your journey. It is not over yet as you are about start a new and exciting path to continue on to greatness.

## Congratulations future High School class of 2029

You are ready for anything and everything that comes your way-meet it head on and let your brilliance shine for all to see.

Mr. Everett Thompson