

Franklin Discovery Academy Friendship Group Welcome Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been invited to participate in a friendship group, called Fox Friends, at Franklin! Friendship Groups allow children to work on social skills in a small and safe setting where they can be supported and reinforced. These skills might include introducing oneself, taking turns, listening, focusing, feelings identification and expression, solving problems, cooperation, assertiveness, kindness, organization, making and keeping friends, dealing with life changes, etc. These are skills that all children can benefit from learning and practicing. We sometimes use games, art, music, and books along with discussion to practice these skills in Fox Friends.

Fox Friends will meet once a week for about 30 minutes during the school day. The group will meet during lunch.

As part of the Franklin friendship program, I may need to discuss relevant information about your child with your child's teacher, our school principal, and other school personnel. Just like all Franklin staff, I am a mandated reporter. It is only if there is a risk of harm to self or others or if there is suspected child abuse or neglect occurring that I am mandated to report these matters and take steps to protect the individual. In all other circumstances, discussions in counseling sessions are kept strictly confidential and information will not be released without your written consent.

I invite you to contact me at any time with your questions and comments about how I can best serve your child this year. I am on-site at Franklin from 9:30am-3:30pm on Mondays-Thursdays and from 9:30-3:00 on Fridays, and do check voicemail and email regularly.

***Please sign the attached permission slip and return it as soon as possible to your child's teacher so that your child may participate in Fox Friends.

I really look forward to working with your child this year!

Sincerely,

Katie Barker
School Counselor
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Franklin Discovery Academy
Fox Friends Permission Form

Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) & Best Phone Number to Contact:

____ Yes, I give consent for my child to participate in Fox Friends at Franklin. I have read and understand the Franklin Friendship Group Welcome Letter.

____ No, I do not give consent.

We may occasionally have food or food containers as part of our lessons. If your child has any food allergies please indicate them below. I will contact you for further information.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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