



# FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## School Leadership

**Principal:** Dr. Merian Stewart

**Resource Teacher:** Alden Denila

## Facts About Our School

**Grades Served:** Pre-K -5

**Number of Students:** 314

**Year Built:** 1957

**School Hours:**

Mon: 8:45 am- 1:30 pm

Tues-Fri: 8:45 am- 3:10 pm

## Before and After School

### Options

**Before-school:** Franklin Fit Club exercise class, Fridays from 8:00 – 8:25 am.

**After-school:** LEARNs, offering enrichment and homework help from 3:10 – 6:00 pm.

## Parent Options

School Site Council, English Language Advisory Council and PTA.

## Club Options

Engineering Club, Rock Collecting Club, and Peer Mediation Club

## Sports Options

After-School LEARNs' basketball and soccer

## Community Leadership

**School Board Representative:**  
Kimberly Kenne

The mission of **Franklin Elementary** is to empower critical thinkers who are compassionate and creative leaders. We are an innovative, homegrown school that provides a safe and caring environment where all students can thrive.

## What Makes Our School Unique?

Ben Franklin Elementary School is unique because it is one of a few walking schools in the area. Franklin is rich in traditions and has a very active PTA and English Language Advisory Staff. This school year, the PTA developed a new slogan for our school: Family, Community Heritage, Altadena's home grown school for over 50 years. Franklin families take much pride in their school. We have many parents who volunteer in the classroom on a regular basis and work in our community garden. Parents feel welcomed and appreciated.

## What Does Our School Offer?

Franklin School offers a safe and nurturing environment. All teachers are experienced and have been teaching 10 years or more. We offer a rigorous curriculum. Franklin School offers small group instruction for students in 2nd and 3rd grade by a credentialed teacher, intervention support for students in kindergarten and 1st grade. We work arduously to meet the needs of all students. Franklin School has on-site mental health services provided by Hillside and a full time social worker to deal with students' emotional needs. All 3rd grade students take swimming lessons at the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center, and 5th grade students are taught to play the violin. Franklin School has implemented the "Peaceful Playground" program, designed to enhance learning to prevent bullying and promote positive social interaction on the playground.

## Community and Business Partners

Altadena Rotary Club and Pasadena Rotary Club

## Attendance Area and Open Enrollment

Franklin Elementary School is a school of residence with an attendance area of families who have the privilege of enrolling based on their home address. Visit [www.pusd.us](http://www.pusd.us) to see if your family resides in the attendance area. Families not residing in the school's area may apply through the District's annual Open Enrollment process. Please check [openenrollment.info](http://openenrollment.info) for more information, including how to apply online.



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## Top Reasons to Choose Franklin

- **Teachers committed to collaborating and creating an inclusive environment.** Teachers work together to plan project based activities, meeting in grade level teams twice a month. This allows more creativity and a variety of ideas.
- **Franklin offers a micro community of caring and knowledgeable staff teaching our students safe, respectful and responsible behavior.** Using the district adopted Response to Intervention Program, our program rewards students displaying the above behavior by giving them Ben Bucks. A raffle is held every Friday at our Flag Salute; a winner is drawn from each class room. Local merchants donate rewards.
- **Many opportunities to become involved** at Franklin School. We have a Parent Work Room for parents that want to help prepare materials for lessons. Many parents also volunteer in the classroom assisting with small groups and projects.
- **Strong, creative and committed PTA.** This school year, the PTA met prior to the start of school and collaborated on a new school slogan:
- **Very active English Language Advisory Council.** Parents understand the transition out of the EL Program and are very proud of their children as they gain Fluent English Speaker Status.
- **Rigorous curriculum** – all teachers trained on teaching the Common Core Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards. Training is on going.
- **Beautiful and charming neighborhood school with a community garden.** Franklin is working on the farm-to-school plan. Our students, families and teachers plant and nurture our vegetables, flowers and fruit. Each classroom has its own bed conducting experiments on the various items growing.
- **Science Lab** - Teachers use lab for experiments and demonstrations
- **Engineering Club** – students are learning to use 3-D Printers to create projects
- **All students have access to chrome books.** Chrome books are used in a myriad of ways. Several teachers use Google Class as a platform for assignments, Google Slides; others use specific programs to augment their curriculum, as well as for word processing, Accelerated Reader Quizzes, and to view videos that relate to research being conducted.