

IN TOUCH WITH OUR SCHOOL, OUR COMMUNITY

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1, 2021	PreK/Kin. Registration
April 2, -April 5, 2021	Easter Holidays
April 19-23, 2021	Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week
April 22, 2021	Earth Day

April is Lawn and Garden Month!

UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Homeless Services

Is your current address a temporary living arrangement due to loss of housing or economic hardship? If so, your child may qualify for homeless services. Homeless services may include afterschool tutoring, free lunch, assistance with school supplies or other services. For assistance, you can contact Dr. Selma Wells at 601-384-2340.

This is just a reminder: If you have not done so already, please complete the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Survey at your earliest convenience. This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard. Your opinion matters. You can access this survey on the Franklin County School District Webpage. Thank you in advance for taking your time to complete this survey.

MAKING THE CONNECTION

Bridging the Gap: Serving the Whole Child Involves Every Educator By John Rosales

Meeting the needs of the whole child in our public schools requires an integrated approach to include social, emotional, and academic learning. Experts stress the need for federal funding to support the implementation of research-based whole child approaches that foster 21st Century skills.
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**"The Only Real Legacy
That One Can Leave
Behind Is A Book!"**

by 'I Want To Write A Book'

**SUGGESTED BOOK (S) FOR
THE AVID READER:**

**Donavan's Word Jar By Monalisa
DeGross**

Synopsis: Donovan doesn't collect coins or baseball cards, he collect words. See what happens when his jar gets full.

Ghost By Jason Reynolds

Synopsis: Castle Crenshaw, known as Ghost, has been running ever since his father threatened him and his mother. It's not until he starts running for the middle school track team that he begins to see what running can do for him.



Bridging the Gap, Continued...

How do you bridge the gap? One suggestion is for states and districts to provide professional development for school staff to help create child-centered environments that foster students' well-being and encourage creativity, according to some experts. You have to know and understand where the child is in their development. "A strong community that supports robust relationships is a key factor in the whole child education," stated Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, LPI President.

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**BE THE
CHANGE
YOU WANT
TO SEE IN
OTHERS.**

