

Blast off into the past and future.....

I, Bradley Kneller, have been attending Franklin Township School, since I was in Kindergarten. Today, I am in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. There have been some great changes over the past few years, which have improved the school. Franklin Township School is special to me for many reasons. I like the fact that only approximately 300 children attend the school from Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Almost everyone knows each other, which makes us like a family.

The school is also special since it offers full day Kindergarten. When I attended Kindergarten, I was only in class for a half a day and then attended the extended day program, which was offered in the afternoon. Franklin Township School offers school for preschoolers. The preschoolers are even allowed to ride the bus with us. The middle school students are allowed to assist the preschoolers and kindergarteners with reading stories to them. I never had a little brother or sister, so I cannot wait for the opportunity to read to them.

Within the past two years, the school has offered their students many additional programs, such as electives and the opportunity to participate in sports. I like the fact that we have electives now, which is available for Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. My favorite elective is going in early on Mondays to get extra help with math. I started playing the trumpet this year and I know I'll continue playing next year. My sister played volleyball this year for the school and I really enjoyed cheering on the team. Allowing these additional programs only strengthens our academic skills and encourages team spirit.

Since, Kindergarten we have had computer class, which is a lot of fun. I am sure by the time it is 2037 all assignments will be completed on the computer. Actually, by 2037, we will probably not go to school, but attend class online. So, regardless of the weather, such as snow and ice, we would still have school. Maybe by 2037, the school will be all year. Instead of having a summer break, we would have more frequent and shorter breaks.

As I think back over the years at Franklin, it brings a smile to my face remembering all of my teachers. My teachers are compassionate and caring. It should be interesting to see what changes occur at Franklin Township School by 2037. One thing though that will remain the same though are the wonderful teachers. Maybe someday, my children will attend Franklin Township School. Only time will tell.

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