

Dear Franklin Township School students of 2037,

I am currently a 4th grade student at Franklin Township School. This letter is to be placed in a time capsule and will be opened in 22 years. It will be part of your school's 200th anniversary which will be very exciting for you!

I hope you like Franklin Township School as much as I do. It is a special school and seems very different than many of the other schools in Hunterdon County,. For me, Franklin Township School is like a home away from home. It feels like a family at school since everyone really knows everyone. The students and their families are part of a close-knit community where everyone is always willing to lend a helping hand. I also like that the class sizes are on the smaller side so the teachers have more time to spend with each student. The teachers also get to know the students better. I also like that the original school is still standing in front. It preserves the history of Franklin Township.

Other areas of Franklin Township School that I really like are some of the programs that are offered. We have electives that we can choose to participate in three mornings during the week. There are fun things offered to us like sewing, ceramics, comic book art, mask making, etc. and there are even electives to help students with their class work. There is also a STEM program that began last year at the school. We are able to be in productions like the Jungle Book, Annie and our upcoming play Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Being part of the play is a fun and exciting experience. It is also a lot of hard work but well worth it in the end.

I know that Franklin Township School will change over the next 22 years. Currently, there is a solar panel project being worked on. So I know that will definitely be different in the future. I also think over time, the interior of the school will have a different design, more modern. It will not be as dull and be more fun for the students. I also predict that there will be no more text books or work books. I am sure everything will be on iPads and laptops.

Over time, I know things will always change but my wish for the students of 2037 is that they think Franklin Township School is as special of a place to them as it is to me in 2015. I also hope that I am the grand prizewinner of the Rural Awareness project and can return with the key to open the time capsule and be a part of the 200th anniversary of the little red schoolhouse. Please enjoy your school years at Franklin Township School because they will pass by very, very quickly.

Yours truly

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