

SCHOOL CLIMATE



Being a small school within a small community fosters the feeling that everyone is family. As such, we are able to embrace the philosophy of "it takes a village" to grow our children and encourage "Every Child Learning, Everyday". Throughout the school day, you may see our Student Council encouraging positivity with daily messages on our Awesome Sauce Board, our 6th grade Reading Buddies reading to our K-2 students, and all grade levels engaging with our local police and Marley, our school therapy dog.



Additionally, we offer many extra-curricular activities to our students throughout the school year such as intramural basketball, soccer, and volleyball, Drama Club (with River Union Stage), Music Club, Running Club, Sketchbook Club, and Tutor Time.



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Frenchtown Elementary School, an intimate educational environment, prepares its students to meet the challenges of rapid globalization. We recognize that in an increasingly diverse world, they will need a solid foundation in technological skills, the versatility to design their own multi-career futures, and a greater appreciation for and acceptance of cultural diversity.

In an atmosphere of academic rigor, Frenchtown Elementary students acquire the broad knowledge base and analytical skills they will need to function as independent thinkers. Through school-wide beliefs and actions, our students are taught to respect themselves, their peers, their community, other cultures, and the natural world in which they live.

In these ways, the Frenchtown Elementary School strives to help each student develop intellectually, physically, socially, and ethically. Our ultimate mission is to produce happy, healthy, creative young adults who grow into life-long learners with a desire to contribute to their society as productive citizens.

The Frenchtown School District will achieve the aforementioned attributes through the New Jersey Curriculum Standards and the ten New Jersey Professional Standards for Teachers.

OUR HISTORY

Frenchtown School was built in 1925 as a K-12 building. The second floor of our building was originally the high school and the elementary classrooms were downstairs. In the early 1960s, Delaware Valley Regional High School was built and Frenchtown was reorganized to be a K-8 school district.

Our school was renamed Edith Ort Thomas Elementary School in 1976 in honor of Edith Ort who was a math teacher and board member. Edith Ort served Frenchtown School for over 50 years.

In the main lobby of Frenchtown School are two trophy cases that display numerous artifacts from the historical times of our school. In addition, the main office has the original time and announcement apparatus along with a piece of the original gym floor.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Frenchtown Borough has a plethora of cultural entities that collaborate with our school to offer the students unique opportunities that enhance their learning experiences.

Our 7th and 8th-grade students are working on a project in conjunction with Modern Fossils, Jeff Mase Studios, and Sustainable Frenchtown. We are constructing a Wayfinding Arch using materials that were found during local environmental cleanups. When completed, the arch will be installed in front of the school.



Our 5th and 6th-grade students are currently enjoying their Shakespeare experience with River Union Stage.



Recently, Studio Route 29 held an event that many of our students enjoyed, titled Hedgehog in the Fog.