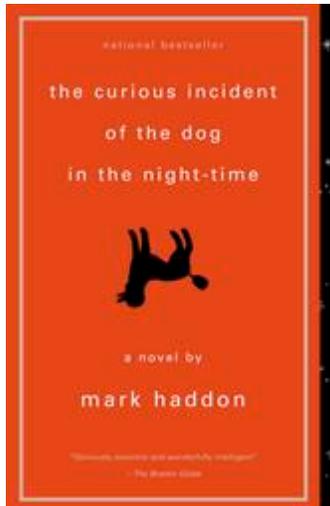


Please join us in Franklin High's first annual

# FRANKLIN READS



**Curious Incident Book Groups:** Wednesday April 5th in Room 117 and 26 Karen Polis and Vanessa Hughes will be hosting Book Group discussions on *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* during tutorial (1:15-1:45). Parents, students, and staff are welcome to attend. Read the book over break and be ready to chat it up!

Curious and Cookies-April 12th at lunch in room 158 Pam Garrett will host a time to read out (or even act out?) favorite scenes and passages from *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Bring your favorite scene or passage. Have cookies while you're sharing. Disclaimer: Some cookies may be store bought. Parents, staff, students invited

Curious Cover – Art Contest coming soon;

Starting Second Semester we invited all parents and students and staff and community members to join us in Franklin High's first annual FRANKLIN READS. This community wide reading project began in February with a novel that appeals to all ages-- The Curious Incident of a Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon. *The New York Times* describes it as, "Moving. . . . Think of The Sound and the Fury crossed with The Catcher in the Rye and one of Oliver Sacks' real-life stories." The book begins:

It was 7 minutes after midnight. The dog was lying on the grass in the middle of the lawn in front of Mrs. Shears' house. Its eyes were closed. It looked as if it was running on its side, the way dogs run when they think they are chasing a cat in a dream. But the dog was not running or asleep. The dog was dead. There was a garden fork sticking out of the dog. The points of the fork must have gone all the way through the dog and into the ground because the fork had not fallen over. I decided that the dog was probably killed with the fork because I could not see any other wounds in the dog and I do not think you would stick a garden fork into a dog after it had died for some other reason, like cancer for example, or a road accident. But I could not be certain about this.

In the novel, despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

Please join us for this 1<sup>st</sup> ever community event. Pick up a copy at a branch of the Multnomah County library (they have 44 copies in the system), your local bookstore, or Franklin Library.