



“AN INVESTMENT
IN KNOWLEDGE
PAYS THE BEST
INTEREST.”

B. Franklin

HAPPY BEN FRANKLIN'S BIRTHDAY FROM THE LEWIS CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH!

Benjamin Franklin was born on January 17, 1706, and yet today his ideas still have an impact on our lives. In addition to inventing the Franklin Stove and helping the world understand the nature of electricity, he ran the most successful newspaper in the colonies, published Poor Richard's Almanack, organized America's first subscription library and the nation's first philosophical society, and formed Pennsylvania Hospital in 1751. He was also one of the five men who helped draft the Declaration of Independence. He is perhaps the most quotable American, with a combination of wit and wisdom that has remained unmatched across the centuries. He also clearly understood the benefits of investing in education. "The doors of wisdom are never shut," he said, because "without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning." The Lewis Center for Educational Research couldn't agree more. Happy Birthday, Ben!