

Dear Cunniff Families and Staff,

It is hard to believe that we have arrived upon the last two full weeks of school. As you are aware, the last day of school for students in grades 1-5 is Monday, June 17. This will be a half day with lunches served and a 12:15 dismissal. The last day of school for PreK and Kindergarten students is Friday, June 14. This will be a full day of school. The fifth-grade graduation ceremony is also taking place on June 14th. We will convene in the cafeteria at 1:00 pm for this celebration of success.

A reminder that there is no school tomorrow - Monday, June 3 and Tuesday, June 4 for PreKindergarten and Kindergarten students. Screening for incoming students will be taking place on both days.

We are looking forward to our Spring Concert featuring chorus and band students. It will take place on Tuesday, June 4th at 8:30. If your child is in the band or chorus, you are invited to attend this event. Cunniff students will be attending the Concert tomorrow morning, first thing.

Grade two students will be participating in a SafeRoutes Pedestrian Safety training on Wednesday, June 5 (Mrs. Lacy's class) and Monday, June 10 (Ms. Cifrino's class).

Field Day will be taking place on Friday, June 7th. Mr. Tempesta has been working hard with students in preparation for the relays that will be taking place during this all-day event. We will be running forty-minute lunch periods on Field Day. Students will be eating lunch in the Courtyard where they will also be able to enjoy a shaved ice treat from the Kona ice Truck. This treat is funded by the PTO. Here is the lunch schedule we will follow on Field Day: PreK, K and grade 2 - 10:30 - 11:10; Grades 2 and 4 - 11:15 - 11:55; Grades 3 and 5 - 12:00 - 12:40. A reminder to send your student(s) to school with sunscreen and water. We hope that you get a chance to stop by!

Move Up Day will take place on Tuesday, June 11 at 2:00 pm. During this time, students will meet their next-grade teacher and classmates. They will spend about 20 minutes previewing some of the highlights that the next school year will bring. This experience is meant to alleviate some of the stress that often accompanies new situations.

If you have a student that is attending Watertown Middle School next year and will need transportation, you will want to read the attached Yellow Bus information sheet for parents. It will also be sent home as a paper copy and translated for families requiring this option. Yellow Bus Students will be introduced to the Watertown Free Public Library Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, June 12. Our Cunniff Summer Reading initiative will also be introduced to students next week. Students will be participating in a school-wide book swap. A letter to parents detailing our summer reading initiative will be issued later this week.

On Monday evening, I will present the School Improvement Plan for the 2019-2020 academic year to the School Committee. Please take a few minutes to look over this document. It highlights our core values of excellence, equity, and community. It defines the targeted work that will continue to take place as we provide our students with what they need in order to achieve social and academic success. Special thanks to Superintendent Dr. Galdston for guiding our district vision and to the Cunniff School Site Council members who attended monthly meetings throughout the school year: Parents - Pete Caron - Chair, Thomas Beggan, Brandt Brisson, Jessica Middlebrook, Kellie Spillane; Teachers - Olivia Cifrino, Janelle Lacy, Christine Rono, and Helda Shirinian. School Improvement Plan 2019-2021

I am looking forward to a sunny Sunday afternoon!

Warm regards,

Mena Ciarlone, Principal