

Dear Cunniff Families,

The turnout at our Back to School Night was very good. We are grateful to families for taking the time to attend this very important introduction to your child's school year. We received lots of positive feedback!

**There is an early-release scheduled on Wednesday (September 25th). A reminder that students will eat an early lunch and dismissal will take place at 12:15.** There is Extended Day. Teachers will be attending professional development during the afternoon.

The student tardy rate at Cunniff last week was noteworthy. On average, four students were marked tardy each day. Thank you for helping to get students to school on time. We hope to see this trend continue.

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Liat Rosen, M.S., CCC- SLP, as our itinerant speech-language pathologist serving the Cunniff, Lowell, and Early Steps students. Ms. Rosen earned her Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Rhode Island. She comes to Watertown with a breadth of experience across many age levels in the states of Maryland, Virginia, and Massachusetts. She is fluent in three languages (Spanish, English, and Hebrew) and has a passion for ensuring that language acquisition differences are not mistaken for communication disorders.

Lidia Diieso, the Cunniff School's Library, Technology, and Innovation Teacher, is looking for volunteers. Library volunteers may be asked to perform routine circulation desk tasks, assist students with locating materials using the online catalog, or shelving books. If you are available and willing to volunteer, [please fill out this form digitally](#).

Looking ahead, the Cunniff Fun Run is scheduled for Friday, October 11th with a rain date of October 18th. It will take place from 12:10 - 2:20. We are in the process of scheduling times for each class to participate in this fundraiser. I will provide this information in my next letter.

I am also in the process of scheduling two drills with the Watertown police and fire departments. These drills are the enhanced lockdown and the evacuation. We are looking at a date towards the end of October. Information regarding these drills will be provided soon.

Mark your calendars. There is no school on Monday, October 14th - Columbus Day. Wednesday, October 16th is an early-release day with a 12:15 dismissal and Extended Day.

Enjoy the afternoon!

Kind regards,  
Mena Ciarlone, Principal

