

Principal's Newsletter

Week of: November 25-27

Dear Cunniff Families,

We're heading into a short week of school. As you are aware, **Wednesday is a half day with a Noon dismissal. Lunch will not be served and there is no Extended Day. We return to school on Monday, December 2.**

Students in grades 1-5 will be taking the i-Ready Growth Monitoring assessment during the next three weeks. This test will allow us to get a report defining the degree to which students are on target to meet growth or stretch growth targets. Kindergarten students will be taking the diagnostic component. This adaptive diagnostic for reading and math will provide teachers with another data point that helps determine whether students are on track for growth in these content areas.

Local author Gloria Respress-Churchwell will be visiting Cunniff grade four students on Wednesday. Her most recent work is titled *Follow Chester*. During her 40-minute visit with each class, she will introduce students to Dr. Chester Pierce and his experiences. He was the first African American to play intercollegiate football south of the Mason-Dixon line. Ms. Churchwell will speak about how Chester's teammates became allies in standing with him.

Looking ahead, the Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the Cunniff library on Wednesday, December 4, Thursday, December 5, and Friday, December 6. If you would like to stop by during the time your child is scheduled to visit, here is the [Scholastic Book Fair](#) schedule.

Our Little Free Libraries are all open. The Thanksgiving recess is a great time to stop by and check out the book collection available for students to enjoy!

I wish all of our Cunniff families a happy Thanksgiving! I am grateful for our continued partnership.

Kind regards,
Mena Ciarlone, Principal

