

Principal's Newsletter

January 2-3

Happy New Year!

Dear Cunniff Families,

I hope that the December break was restful and reenergizing. Warm wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead!

We welcome students back to school tomorrow - January 2. This short two-day week will help teachers and students reestablish important routines that make teaching and learning a success. Morning meeting will provide classroom communities opportunities for catching up, sharing, and returning to academic content.

Teachers in grades 1-5 will be administering the i-Ready Diagnostic during the next two and a half weeks. This winter administration will enable us to analyze student growth in the area of reading and mathematics. This information will inform instruction and instructional groupings.

ACCESS testing will also take place for students whose primary language is not English. This test is designed to measure social and academic proficiency in English across the four language domains.

Looking ahead, Cunniff students will be treated to a winter concert featuring students in grades 2-5 that participate in chorus, band, and strings on Monday, January 7th.

Wednesday, January 15 is an early-release day with a 12:15 dismissal. Lunch will be served and there is Extended Day. There is no school on Monday, January 20 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 31.

The Watertown Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is hosting a FREE training on long term legal and financial planning for families of children with special needs. Information and resources presented by attorney (and parent) Meredith M. Greene (Chair, Special Needs Practice Group with Fletcher Tilton, PC.) on Thursday, January 9th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Click the Smore flyer link for more details! <http://www.smores.com/bau6k>

The faculty and I look forward to greeting students tomorrow!

Warmest regards,
Mena Ciarlone, Principal

