

Dear Cunniff Families,

The weather during the past few days has been more characteristic of early spring than mid-winter. Regardless, I hope that you are enjoying this beautiful afternoon.

I begin with a reminder that Wednesday (January 15th) is an early-release with a 12:15 dismissal. Lunch will be served and there is Extended Day. Additionally, there is no school on Monday, January 20th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Students have settled back into daily routines and as we approach the 90th day of school, teachers are preparing to issue standards-based report cards which will be sent home with students on Friday, January 30. This is an exciting time of the school year when students embrace and apply new skills and it shows! Students are building their stamina for private or independent reading, building decoding, fluency, and comprehension, all which will set the scene for acquiring tastes as readers. Our grade level teams are working hard to deliver rich learning opportunities that are part of our Lucy Calkins Reading Units of Study and Eureka Math. They meet regularly with coaches to unpack lessons and units in the content areas of reading and mathematics.

On Tuesday (January 14th) evening there is a district-wide Pre-Kindergarten Information Night at the Hosmer auditorium. Please reference the email sent out last week. On Thursday (January 16th, Mrs. Golden and I will host a Kindergarten Information Night for all in-coming families. It will take place at the Cunniff Library from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Looking ahead, there are two Cunniff events that have been added to the school calendar. **The Scholastic Book Fair** has been rescheduled and will take place on March 4-6. Details to follow. **The Cunniff International Fair** will take place on Thursday, May 28. Additionally and as a reminder, I have attached the **MCAS schedule** for students in grades 3-5.

Here are several district-wide events:

Thursday, January 16: Undocumented and Unafraid: Lessons from a Dreamer

Join us at Watertown Middle School from 6:00-8:00 PM for an evening with Gaby Pacheco and the Watertown Middle School Chorus. Gaby Pacheco marched 1500 miles from Florida to D.C. as an undocumented student activist in the 2010 Trail of Dreams. Her courage and perseverance led to the passage of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). She was also the first undocumented Latina to testify for Congress. Her story reminds us that Dr. King's legacy of nonviolence is still being used effectively today. Register for dinner, childcare and interpretation at bit.ly/undanduna or follow link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3EE5iFvVDAGg0ZQOur6w_Nv7D5k8m0Mich8-qVsXNWjdltg/viewform

Monday, January 20 - 20th Annual Unity Breakfast

Join us at the Hellenic center at 8:30 am for our 20th anniversary. Featuring Honorary Host Superintendent Dede Galdtson and Keynote Speaker Jonathan "Globe" Lewis. Follow the link for more information. <https://www.worldinwatertown.org/unity-breakfast>

Saturday, February 1 and Saturday, February 8: Certified Community Course in Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation

Register by January 24 and join us at the Watertown Police Department Community Room from 9 am - 6 pm. Follow the link for more information and registration.

https://www.watertown.k12.ma.us/news/what_s_new/kingian_community_course_registration

Warmest regards,
Mena Ciarlone, Principal