

Dear Cunniff Families,

Dr. Galdston shared the great news about the Cunniff Building Project last Wednesday. We're all thrilled with this news! I've attached a picture of the new building, in the event you have not had a chance to keep up with the project as it began to take shape through the various phases. I will now be attending weekly meetings regarding the 18-month move to Cunniff West (formerly St. Jude's School in Waltham) I will keep families informed as details emerge. Cunniff Exterior

Today we take some time to reflect on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his dream for equality and nonviolence. On Friday, our fifth-grade students joined WMS seventh and eighth-grade students in an assembly that defined the principles Dr. King believed in. The information students shared was truly inspiring.

The Title I Program at Cunniff is now staffed with a reading tutor (Juanita Waldrip) and a math tutor (Charlie Siegler) who each work 18 hours per week. Juanita and Charlie work with small groups of students -three days per week - and provide foundational skill reinforcement. This enables students to master previously taught skills and paves the way for new skill acquisition in each of the domains.

Mrs. Brittany Hager - grade one teacher - will be taking a maternity leave in a few weeks. The posting for a long-term substitute has been submitted and interviews begin at the end of this week.

Looking ahead, we reach the half-way point of the school year on Monday, January 27th! This will mark the 90th day of school. There is also a School Committee meeting that will take place at Cunniff and in the library on Monday, January 27th at 7:00 PM. We will feature some student work as part of a teaching and learning showcase.

Report cards will be issued to parents/guardians on Friday, January 31st. This will provide a mid-year update for your student with regard to mastering standards in each of the content areas. Please look for this reporting tool in your child's backpack.

I hope families enjoyed a restful long-weekend. I look forward to welcoming students back tomorrow.

Warmest regards,

Mena Ciarlone, Principal

