

Principal's Newsletter

Week of: February 24-28

Dear Cunniff Families,

I hope that the February break has been an enjoyable one. Students and adults all benefit from a much-needed break in routine, especially during the cold winter months!

The faculty and I are looking forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday. Teachers will utilize Responsive Classroom practices, such as morning meeting, to reaffirm a sense of community in their classrooms. The daily schedule will help students reestablish routines that enable them to meet with academic success.

I visited Cunniff West on Wednesday and today. I spent a good portion of the time assigning tentative rooms in a manner that would best reflect the configuration that we currently have at Cunniff. Special thanks to Jane O'Connor (former principal of Cunniff and St. Jude's) and Dan Snow (Cunniff head custodian). Both helped me think through some of the room placement options.

We're planning to create a virtual tour of Cunniff West for Cunniff students. Several faculty members have embraced this challenge and they are planning out the details of this project. They would like to engage a small group of Cunniff students to participate in creating the virtual tour. It would include a virtual walk from Cunniff to Cunniff West as well as a look at the grounds and the interior of Cunniff West. Details will follow.

The month of February draws to a close at the end of next week and I am certain that we are all looking forward to the month of March and any early signs of spring. Here are some March highlights that are on the calendar:

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place on Wednesday, March 4, Thursday, March 5, and Friday, March 6. I have attached the schedule in the event you want to stop by during the time your child is scheduled to visit the SBF.

An **MCAS infrastructure trial** for students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take place on Monday, March 23. This is an opportunity for us to practice the procedures and protocols we will have in place for the actual testing. Students will have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with and practice the online test format.

Parent and teacher conferences will also take place in March. Thursday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 31 are early-release days for students with afternoon conferences taking place from 1:00 -2:30. Evening conferences will take place on Wednesday, March 25 and Monday, March 30. Details will follow regarding sign-up procedures.

The 10th Annual Town-wide Spelling Bee will take place on Sunday, March 29th at the Hosmer School. This is a great opportunity for students to practice collaboration skills and to put their spelling expertise to the test. Please see the attached flyer.

Enjoy the weekend. It is supposed to be sunny and warmer:)

Kind regards,
Mena Ciarlone, Cunniff Principal



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