

Dear Cunniff Families,

We have a busy week ahead. The Scholastic Book Fair begins on Wednesday and ends on Friday. It will take place in the Cunniff library. Please see the attached schedule regarding times classrooms will be visiting. Special thanks to Jen Nicholson for organizing this event.

Teachers have begun preparing for March conferences. As you are aware, parent & teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, March 26th and Tuesday, March 31st from 1:00 - 2:30. Both days are early-release days with a 12:15 dismissal for students. Students will have an early lunch and there is Extended Day. Evening conferences will take place on Wednesday, March 25th and Monday, March 30th from 6:00 -8:00 PM. You will be able to sign up online for a conference and the link will be sent out to parents/guardians on Friday, March 6th. Conferences are not optional.

I continue attending weekly meetings regarding the move to Cunniff West. At the end of last week, it was decided that the Learning Support Program will move to the Lowell School for the duration of the estimated 18-month construction project. We will miss having the students and faculty that are part of this program at Cunniff. We have already begun planning activities and events that will bring us together while the construction is underway.

We continue to monitor student absences with the flu. Dan Snow and Casey Hoffman are taking extra care with regard to keeping touchpoints and highly frequented areas of Cunniff sanitized. Additionally, Nurse Nolan is monitoring student, faculty, and staff absences. On Friday we only had 11 students absent school-wide which is a great sign that between school and home, we are working hard to keep students home when they are contagious and sick. Additionally, please help to remind students to keep hands away from the face and to thoroughly use soap (lather up for 20 seconds) to clean hands. Sneezing or coughing should be done by placing the mouth in the elbow area. Thank you for your help with all of the above. Yesterday was the end of the meteorological winter. I am hopeful that the warmer weather will help cold and flu season come to an end!

There is a scheduled PTO meeting on Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 PM and the PTO is hosting a Family Fun Night on Friday evening from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

A reminder that the Town-wide 10th Annual Spelling Bee will take place on Sunday, March 29th at the Hosmer Elementary School. All students in grades 1-5 can participate. Please follow the link [Spelling Bee](#) for additional information.

Enjoy the afternoon.

Kind regards,
Mena Ciarlone, Cunniff Principal