

# PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

MARCH 19

Dear Cunniff Families,

I began my day today by hosting a Zoom video and web conference with staff. On the agenda, tomorrow we begin to take care of Cunniff students and what educational opportunities will look like for each of them. During this meeting and in a time when it is difficult to define enthusiasm, I was able to feel the energy and the willingness that is an integral part of our district and our school. Regardless of the specialization, each staff member was soon off and running on a plan to provide your children with opportunities that would support their educational and social-emotional well-being.

Grade level teams have been collaborating and you will be hearing from them beginning tomorrow. They know your children! They understand the importance of supporting you with a daily planning framework and with routines for reinforcing core skills in reading and math. Additionally, Kori Zorina, Cunniff Speech and Language Pathologist has written a social story on school closure. I have attached a copy for you to share as a family.

In her letter sent to families yesterday, Dr. Galdston introduced the [Extended Learning Opportunities](#) webpage. It will be updated regularly and used as a framework or guide for families and faculty. The goal will be that of providing opportunities for students that engage, reinforce, and inspire.

This is new territory. Many of you are juggling working from home, being out of work, and also managing children who are now also your students. We understand that and are here to help you navigate all of this. During this time, it is okay and important to rely on the home and school link. If you are in need of a device on loan or Internet access, please email me. Additionally, we are providing paper copies of i-Ready Math and Reading materials for students in grades K-5, if you do not have access to a printer at home. We are maintaining lists so that we can respond efficiently and in a timely manner in order to meet your child's needs. If you need food support for your children, please contact [lunch\\_line@watertown.k12.ma.us](mailto:lunch_line@watertown.k12.ma.us) or call (617) 926 7766. Additional food resources can be found at <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/250/Watertown-Food-Pantry>. If your child is in need of social/emotional support, please contact Mrs. Golden or Mrs. Antonellis. They will be checking email regularly.

Please continue to practice social distancing so that we can “flatten the curve” and look forward to the day when school is defined by seeing and hearing children interacting with their classmates, their teachers, and all that is an integral part of each school day!

Should you need to contact me, please do not hesitate. I wish you and your family good health in the days and weeks to come.

Warmest regards,  
Mena Ciarlone, Principal



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