



# CARDINAL

FRIENDS OF CUTLER

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## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 23rd – Cutler Spirit Day
- Dec 24th – Winter Recess Begins!
- Jan. 4th – School Resumes!
- Jan. 20th – Friends of Cutler Meeting with Superintendent Michael Harvey, 7pm

[Full calendar on Friends of Cutler Web site – www.friendsofcutler.com](http://www.friendsofcutler.com)



## THIS MONTH AT CUTLER.....

\*A huge thank you to all who helped make the Ski, Skate, Board & Ride Consignment Event such a success. We want to especially thank Carol Harlow-Carlson and Sarah Dinsmore who have spearheaded this event since its inception. The entire committee pulled together and organized and executed another fantastic weekend. In the end, we grossed almost \$50,000, which should translate into a net amount of between \$13,000 and \$14,000. Our hope is to continue to grow this unique fundraising event year after year.

\*We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Did you purchase a pie from our Pie Sale Drive? If so, you helped Cutler raise over \$500 for Acord Food Pantry. Thank you again, Leslie Jorgensen, for organizing our November Community Giveback.

\*We have received such positive feedback on our new and expanded apparel line which offers both Cutler and Hamilton-Wenham items to our school and community. We look forward to filling the holiday orders. Thank you, Martha Farrell, Julie Lopes, and our growing team, for your hard work.

\*The Barnes and Noble Book Fair awakened the spirit of the season again this month. The musical arrangements, themed treats and activities, and community presence culminated into a spectacular holiday celebration. Thank you, Heather Broadbent and Anne Brady, for taking the reins this year on this special Cutler tradition.

\*Shopping for your friends, family, and/or teachers on Amazon this holiday season? Don't forget to use and share our Amazon link. Cutler will receive up to 8% of the proceeds of your purchases. Teacher Wish Lists and this link can both be found on our web site: [www.friendsofcutler.com](http://www.friendsofcutler.com).

## Meet the Cutler Staff – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team



Mrs. Ahearn

**Favorite Food for Breakfast:** blueberry pancakes with whipped cream

**Favorite Book:** All the Light We Cannot See

**Favorite Movie:** The Sound of Music

**Favorite Activities:** biking, kayaking and hiking with my family

**Favorite Thing about Cutler:** It feels like a big family with lots of caring adults and happy children.

**Two things we don't know about you:** I grew up in northern Virginia and went on field trips to the Smithsonian Museums when I was in young and I have a golden retriever dog named Tivoli that I love taking on long walks.



Mrs. Hanson

**Favorite Food for Breakfast:** Blueberry Pancakes

**Favorite Book:** Jumanji by Chris Vans Allsburg

**Favorite Movie:** Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory

**Favorite Activity:** Taking long walks on the beach.

**Favorite Thing about Cutler:** My favorite thing about Cutler is how everyone is supportive of each other and works as a team.

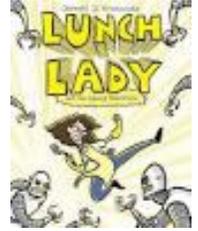
**Two things we don't know about you:** I worked at an Air Force Base and was in charge of organizing and preparing honorary medals and have a collection of autographs from the Bruins.

## Cultural Enrichment Update:

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### **Reminder: Author Jarrett J. Krosoczka is coming!**

Author Jarrett J. Krosoczka will be visiting our school on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**. Jarrett is a two time winner of the Children's Choice Book Award for the Third to Fourth Grade Book of the Year and is the author and/or illustrator of more than twenty five books for young readers. His work includes several picture books, The Lunch Lady graphic novels and Platypus Police Squad middle-grade novel series. Jarrett has given two TED Talks which have accrued more than two million views online. He is also the host of The Book Report with JJK on SiriusXM's Kids Place Live, a weekly segment celebrating books, authors, and reading. His work has been featured on the front page of the Boston Globe and on NPR's All Things Considered. Jarrett's books have also been recommended by national publications such as Newsweek, The New York Times and USA Today. His Punk Farm picture books and Lunch Lady series are both in development as feature films. We are extremely excited to have him visit The Cutler School.



### **Change is Simple is coming to Cutler in February!**

Change is Simple was established on the values that its Founders live by: use resources in a way that does not undermine future generations from using those same resources; live simply; be active in your community; let your passion drive you; learn from and empower others.

The focus of each lesson is built on the following principles:

- inspire passion for our natural world through use of memorable interactive learning tools
- integrate math, ELA, STEM curriculum objectives into lessons,
- teach students their daily connections to the environment and how the environment impacts their health,
- and give students a way of making changes that impact the environment and empower them to teach others.

During each lesson students are engaged with hands-on activities and games that make them realize the impact they can have on the environment every day. Their excitement goes beyond the classroom; they are empowered to share the lessons with peers and family members through ongoing activities.

We are looking forward to working with this wonderful group again this year!

