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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2016

## Upcoming Events

- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Last day of School! 11:15am dismissal!
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Luau Day!
- August 31<sup>st</sup> – First Day of School for 2016/2017 School Year!

Full calendar at [www.friendsofcutler.com](http://www.friendsofcutler.com)



## THIS MONTH AT CUTLER.....

- \* Our last Spirit Day of the year will be on Friday, June 24th. Please show your school spirit by wearing your best luau attire to school that day.
- \* We are currently organizing our FOC committees for next year. If you are interested in participating in one or more of these groups please sign up on the sign up genius link here - [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4FA9A922A4FB6-20162017](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4FA9A922A4FB6-20162017) In particular we are looking for a Book Fair co-chair. There are many opportunities to help out. Many hands make light work!
- \* Thank you to all of the parents that have supported the Friends of Cutler throughout the school year. We couldn't have provided all of the wonderful things that we did for the students, staff, and community without all of your effort.
- \* FREE Money! Don't forget to keep clipping box tops all summer!
- \* Have a safe and restful summer. See you in September!!!



**Enjoy Orange Leaf and Support the Friends of Cutler!**  
On the last day of school, Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, celebrate summer with a trip to Orange Leaf! Friday, June 24th ALL DAY!

Order Your School Supplies Now! See page 4 for details!



## Meet the Cutler Staff – Principal



Ms. Clifford

### Ms. Clifford

**Favorite Food for Breakfast:** Tea and chocolate croissants

**Favorite Book:** *We Are in a Book!* by Mo Willems

**Favorite Movie:** *The Sound of Music*

**Favorite Activity:** Playing outside in our yard with my kids

**Favorite Thing about Cutler:** The students!

**Two things we don't know about you:** I grew up next door to my grandparents. I have competed in three half-Ironman triathlons.

## Cultural Enrichment Update: Essex Shipbuilding Museum



All students will visit the Essex Shipbuilding Museum during the week of June 13<sup>th</sup> with their buddy classes. Students will rotate through a few stations, learning about the shipbuilding processes such as frame design, steam bending, trunnel making and the use of simple machines. This all school field trip culminates our two year focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) in the Cultural Enrichment program and is **fully funded by the Friends of Cutler at a total cost of \$4310.**



## FoC Events: The Cutler Games!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make The 2016 Cutler Games a success! The kids all had so much fun at the different stations and that wouldn't have been possible without your support. A special thank you goes out to Wildfire Catering, Primetime Party Zone, Kona Slush, NE Pretzel and Popcorn, and Change is Simple for participating in our event. Times like these remind us of what a special community we have here at the Cutler School!



## Funding Update: Outdoor Classroom Is Coming!

We are very happy to update everyone that the School Committee approved the Friends of Cutler gifting \$20,000 for the purchase of a gazebo to be used as an Outdoor Classroom along with ground leveling, benches, and a handicapped accessible ramp. This structure will be built of anti-splinter, child friendly products and will be located in the back play space, adjacent to the new Learning Commons. Also, it will be large enough to hold an entire classroom! This is the next step in the overall goal of creating an Outdoor Learning Space for all students at Cutler School. All of your donations, volunteering, and participating in the Friends' fundraisers over the last several years has made the funding of this incredible project possible. It is so very exciting to be able to provide such incredible opportunities for our children. Thank you!!

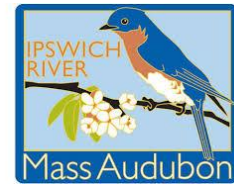


FRIENDS OF CUTLER

The purpose of the Friends of Cutler is to support and enhance the educational experience of the students of Cutler Elementary School in Hamilton, Massachusetts. All activities of the organization are intended to encourage and facilitate school spirit and meaningful communication between home and school, as well as provide additional financial support as needed.

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## Funding Update (cont.)



### Mini Grants Update

A key goal of the Friends of Cutler is to provide financial support for teaching goals that exceed regularly allocated school resources. A Friends of Cutler Mini-Grant of up to \$200 may be used for the purpose of funding a project, activity, and/or materials and supplies for classroom and extracurricular activities. Grants are competitively awarded with preference given to applications with goals that push the boundaries of standard school instruction or activity, while enhancing and enriching the classroom and/or curriculum.

In 2015 and 2016, the Friends are excited to announce that we have honored ALL requests, including the purchase of a solar system rug for Mrs. Graham's fifth grade classroom, art maker space materials for Mrs. Greene's first grade, and hatching chick incubators for the entire kindergarten. Additionally, our mini-grants funded a juggling program and materials for second grade and covered a Massachusetts Audubon Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary program for third grade.

In general, you may hear that our mission is to support cultural enrichment, curriculum enhancement, and school improvement, but did you know that besides the Nature's Classroom/Outdoor Learning Space Initiative, including the gift of the Gazebo, the Friends have supplemented, subsidized, and/or fully-funded all whole-school and by-grade CE programs and materials, as well as field trips? Yes! Our time, talent, and fundraising continue to boost the school, the students, and the teachers year after year in SO many ways, and these are just the highlights. Please continue to spread the word on where our dollars go!

## Funding for the Specials

The Friends enormously appreciate our Specials Teachers for all that they do, and how they touch every child in our school. We have always supported the Library by purchasing books each year. However, last year we started a program of funding "experience based" learning opportunities the teachers were interested in incorporating into their classrooms. We are excited to share with you some of the items that were chosen by our wonderful teachers this year!

### Music Room

The Friends are happy to announce that we were able to purchase brand new Soprano Ukuleles for the Cutler students to use in the music room this year. We can't wait to hear the children practicing on these wonderful instruments!



### Physical Education

Additionally, we purchased innovative games & instruction manuals to be used in Cutler's P.E. classes! The products are by a company called GenMove that makes innovative, quality, and versatile equipment for non-traditional Physical Education games that teach to the national standards for PE, APE & Health. Jess McCue attended a seminar this fall that spoke to the opportunities these games can provide for the students. We are so happy to be able to purchase the GenMove Multigoal Junior and we cannot wait to see how much the children love playing with it in their classes!



## Order Your School Supplies Now! Schoolkidz Available



The Friends of Cutler have partnered with SchoolKidz in an effort to take the shopping for school supplies off your plate! These kits are ordered online and will be hand delivered to your child's classroom for the first day of school. Get your supplies ordered with 5 easy steps! Order forms with more information will also be sent home in backpacks.

ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH JUNE 24TH, 2016

- 1) Go to [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com)
- 2) Enter in Account No. 86130
- 3) Choose the kit you need based on your child's grade they are entering next year
- 4) Enter your child's first and last name
- 5) Add kit to cart; confirm order and check out.

Please direct any questions regarding this program to Leslie Jorgensen at [leslie@supportingstrategies.com](mailto:leslie@supportingstrategies.com).

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**Have a safe  
and  
happy summer!**

