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FRIENDS OF CUTLER

CHRONICLE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2018

Upcoming Events

- June 26th – Last day of School
- June 26th – School Supply order deadline

[Full calendar at
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END OF YEAR THANKS

The end of the school year can be a time for goodbyes. Saying goodbye to a favorite teacher, friends that we won't see on a daily basis over the summer, or tearful goodbyes to friends that might be moving away, is never easy. While goodbyes are often sad, they also lead to change, which is healthy and brings new ideas and enthusiasm. Several of us who have served on the Executive Council will say goodbye to our

positions as we make way for others to take the reins of volunteer leadership at Cutler. **Kristen Degnan**, who has served her two-year term as Co-President will be stepping down as will **Kelly Cunningham**, whose diligent accounting kept everything in financial order for the past two years as Co-Treasurer. However, as dedicated Cutler volunteers, you are sure to still see these friendly faces around school! And in August, when the new school year ushers in a time for new beginnings, we hope that you will join us in welcoming the 2018-2019 Executive Council which will be led by Co-Presidents **Val McCormack** and **Leslie Potter**. See page 3 for more information on 2018-2019 Volunteer Opportunities.

MEET THE CUTLER STAFF – 2ND GRADE TEAM



Mrs. Adamik

Favorite Food for Breakfast: Waffles with fresh strawberries and whip cream

Favorite Book: [Charlotte's Web](#)

Favorite Movie: [Mary Poppins](#)

Favorite Activity: Walking on the beach

Favorite Thing about Cutler: That everyone is willing to try new things and everyone takes care of each other.

Two things you don't know about me:

I built and slept in an igloo for two nights.

I am learning how to fat bike in the snow.



Ms. Bowker

Favorite Food for Breakfast: Chocolate chip pancakes with peanut butter!

Favorite Book: [The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane](#)

Favorite Movie: It's a tie- [Casablanca](#) & [Breakfast at Tiffany's](#)

Favorite Activity: Spending time with my niece (my munchkin)

Favorite Thing about Cutler: The kind and respectful school community we have here. It's one in a million!

Two things you don't know about me: I am a professional figure skater & I used to live in San Diego, California.

ORDER YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES NOW!



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 26TH, 2018

- Go to www.shopttkits.com
- Enter in Account No. 86130
- Choose the kit you need based on your child's **grade they are entering next year**
- Enter your child's first and last name
- Add kit to cart; confirm order and check out; (the default shipping address is the school; keep that selection as the kits will be delivered directly to your child's classroom)

Please direct any questions regarding this program to Leslie Jorgensen at leslie@supportingstrategies.com.

PROJECT ADVENTURE JUNE 11TH



Cultural Enrichment was excited to bring Project Adventure back to Cutler School on Monday, June 11. Project Adventure has been working with young people in the field of Adventure Education since 1971.

Our students worked in their classroom groups with a lead facilitator from Project Adventure. The groups worked on initiatives or problem solving activities. Our groups only had a short time for this program, but these activities lend themselves to camaraderie among participants, self-discovery of leadership styles, and communication in a group. Through creative and cooperative problem solving activities, students had the opportunity to have an experience, reflect on their performance, refine their process, and work towards excellence. This is the idea behind the Experiential Learning Cycle, and it's a lot of fun!

Possible questions for your child:

- What helps you be successful in a group?
- What might you think if you aren't successful on the first or second try?

TEACHER EXPERIENCE – MOVIE AFTERNOON



Cutler students gathered together on a Friday afternoon to enjoy spending extra time with teachers, eating popsicles, and watching "Toy Story". This was the first-time that the teachers hosted this event and much fun was had by all who attended. Thank you to the staff who donated their time on a Friday afternoon in June – our children certainly love the opportunity to socialize with each other and their teachers after school hours!



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CUTLER CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



The Adult Social Committee completely revamped the spring social this year and it was a tremendous success and SUPER fun! Many signed up for the adult Great Gatherings that will also build wonderful shared experiences and memories. Emphasis was placed on FUN-raising rather than FUND-raising, and as the bags arched through the air towards the platforms at the Beverly Farms Hastings House, it was clear that Cutler parents know how to have a good time! Parents enjoyed a double elimination cornhole tournament which fostered a competitive spirit and lots of laughs! We are looking forward to growing this event next spring and hope to see even more of you there! Thank you again to our generous sponsors, especially Salem Five, Privateer Rum and Ipswich Ale Brewery.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT



Once again, Cutler's annual Family Fun Night was an enjoyable evening spent together. The weather certainly challenged the committee as they scrambled to move the event inside as the rain came pouring down. But cloudy skies gave way and the sun poked out as we got underway, and thankfully we were able to move back outside! Kids enjoyed a carefree evening which was highlighted by the all-famous Cutler Cake Walk. Games were played, Frisbees decorated and pictures were snapped at the photo booth while parents had a chance to mingle with each other. Much fun was had by all and our playground was filled with excitement. The kids enjoyed eating hot dogs from the Good Dogs Cart and kept cool by slurping up Kona Ice. Many thanks to the hard work of the parents who pulled this event together!

LEADERSHIP DAY – JUNE 20TH

Wednesday, June 20, is our first Leadership Day! Students in fifth grade will be leading a variety of choice groups for two 45 minute sessions. The fifth graders have created their proposals, arranged for their materials, and are planning on leading small groups of students from all grade levels. The fun activities range from learning the basics of ukulele, to making slime, or playing ultimate frisbee!

2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR OPPORTUNITIES



As we prepare for next year, there are several volunteer opportunities with the Friends of Cutler group. If you were hoping to get more involved at Cutler, here is your chance! Please email Valerie McCormack at vmccormack76@gmail.com or call at 617-281-7611. You don't have to be available during the day for many of these positions, some are centered around one event on a particular date, and some are ongoing throughout the year. We love to see new faces!

FIELD TRIPS, FUN AND MORE



The spring is especially busy as our children spend time both in the classroom and participating in discovery learning through many local field trips. The Friends of Cutler subsidizes many of these programs in order to make these experiences affordable for our community. Such trips include but are not limited to: The Concord Museum, Minuteman National Park, Local History Tour, Harvard Museum, A Christmas Carol, Symphony Hall, and Project Adventure. The Cultural Enrichment committee also brings many exciting experiences to our school (details below). The Friends also help to fund visiting field trips that come to our school like BugWorks, Wing Master (birds of prey) and Grade 2 Art Quest.

CUTLER TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK



Thank-you to everyone who made the week a big success! On Monday Cutler staff were greeted with inspirational quotes and words of appreciation sprawled in chalk on the walkway into school. Teachers were also met with a sea of their favorite color(s) which was hilarious to see on the playground. On Tuesday the school was filled with flowers and plants of all varieties lovingly plucked, pulled and arranged in big buckets. Wednesday love was showered with a Chipotle lunch, and mini massages for a few lucky staff members. Thursday staff received cards, letters, and true works of art expressing students' and their families' adoration and appreciation. Friday was a feast complete with Individualized drink orders and a well-equipped snack cart. Thanks also for the generous raffle prizes, presented each day to randomly selected staff. Thanks to the fabulous committee and all of our Cutler community for making this appreciation week a special one.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: WRAPPING UP A GREAT YEAR

With a focus on Leadership this year for our Cultural Enrichment theme, we aimed to engage students with leaders from a variety of fields and present to them the idea that there are many different attributes of being a leader.

1. **Change is Simple** (December): CiS taught students how they can be leaders in taking care of our environment and how even their small choices and actions make a difference.
2. **Martin Luther King Jr Actor/Historian** (January): The MLK assembly taught students about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the actions and attributes that made him such a strong leader.
3. **Kristine Lilly** (March): This assembly taught students about the life of a renowned female athlete on the National Women's Soccer team and the attributes that made her a strong leader on her team and beyond.
4. **Brett Oochworld** (May): Engaging and inspirational assembly teaching kids *How to Make a Mistake* and how part of being a good leader is knowing how to own and learn from our mistakes.
5. **Project Adventure** (June): These interactive small group sessions taught students how to be leaders and work together in teams.

Looking for some children's summer reading books focused on leadership? Please be sure to check out the brochure coming home this week of children's books with leadership themes that Lorraine at the Hamilton-Wenham Library put together to support our Cultural Enrichment theme this year.



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