



FRIENDS OF CUTLER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 22 and Oct 29 – Early dismissal (11:15am) for parent/teacher conferences
- Oct. 23 – Spirit Day!
- Oct. 28 – Friends of Cutler Meeting, 7pm
- Oct 30 – Halloween Parade at 9am outside Cutler (K-2 parades and 3-5 cheers them on!) Parents welcome.
- Nov. 2 – No School

THIS MONTH AT CUTLER.....

*Thanks to everyone who came to our first Friends of Cutler meeting. We have a lot of exciting initiatives for the year and are thrilled to have such an active and engaged parent group!

*Mark your calendar for our **next Friends of Cutler meeting**, Wednesday, Oct 28th at 7pm. The meeting will feature **Heidi Hebert**, our Library Media Specialist, speaking on the **topic of Internet safety for children. An important topic for us all!**

*Save the date for the annual **“Ski Skate Board & Ride” consignment event November 21st. See page 4 for full details!**

*Free Money for Cutler! Don't forget all the ways you can **earn free money** for Cutler with **Amazon, Box Tops, Labels for Education, Target, Stop and Shop, Crosby's receipts, and Staples**. See the backpack flyer for full details or go to www.friendsofcutler.com/earn-free-money-for-cutler.html

***Clothes Needed!** Our school nurse, Lynne Nardella, keeps a collection of donated clothing for students to wear after accidents or spills. Currently, socks, underwear, tees, and leggings are needed. If you have any gently used clothing you no longer need, please send it in to school in a bag labeled with Lynne's name.

Meet the Cutler Staff – 1st Grade Team



Mrs. Greene

Favorite Food for Breakfast: veggie & cheese Omelette

Favorite Book: Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin (my daughter and I are reading it together and we love it)

Favorite Movie: Annie

Favorite Activity: Fall nature walks with my family

Favorite Thing about Cutler: Working with talented and caring teachers

Two things you don't know about me: I grew up in Illinois. My favorite flower is the zinnia, my grandpa always grew them in his vegetable garden



Mrs. Ibarra

Favorite Food for Breakfast: Challah French Toast

Favorite Book: Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

Favorite Movie: Meet Me in St. Louis and Casablanca (can't decide!)

Favorite Activity: Traveling

Favorite Thing about Cutler: Someone is always willing to lend a helping hand

Two things you don't know about me: In college, I started working at a pizza restaurant, then I became a manager. I ate pizza at least three times a week for nearly eight years! To help keep those pizza pounds off, I also competed in collegiate track and field and cross country.

NEW for 2015/2016:

Teacher Mini Grants

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 has been established 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.

All teachers are welcome to apply. Applications will remain in the pool for consideration for the entire year or until awarded by the principal and FoC Board.

FoC Partners with Shirts Illustrated for Cardinal Apparel

Are you looking for an awesome Cutler sweatshirt or super cool Cardinal tee to show off your school spirit? Then, we have some great news for you! FoC has partnered with Shirts Illustrated, a Cutler family-owned printing company in Salem, to bring you a whole new line of Cutler and Hamilton-Wenham apparel and accessories! Your first chance to view and purchase the new line will be at the SSB&R event on November 21st. (Flyers will also be available for holiday orders.) See you there!



Fun(d) Drive & School Improvement



Storage Boxes for New
Outdoor Learning Space

Thank you all so much for coming out to support Cutler at 15 Walnut last month! We are waiting to hear back on the total amount that we raised, but we had a much better turn out this year and are positive it will be a great kick-start for our Annual Fund Drive. More info will be coming soon on how else you can contribute :-). The money raised will go directly to the **Outdoor Learning Space!**

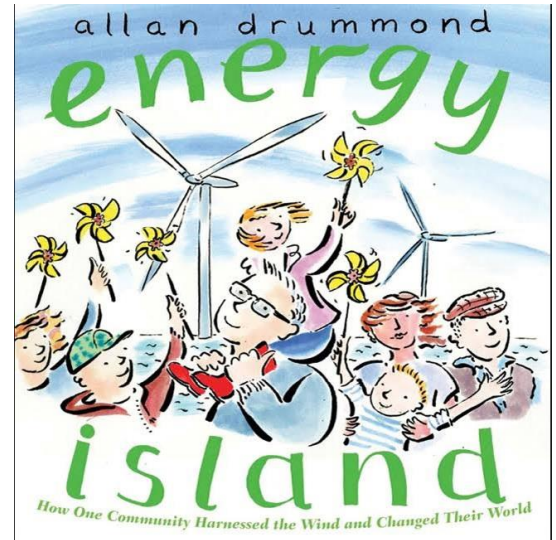
Phase 1 began this summer with the construction of **storage boxes** designed to hold the tools required for the Outdoor Learning Space. We would like to send a huge thank you to our super amazing Grandparent Volunteer Lee Nadeau - grandfather to Mallory Manganaro! He very generously donated his time to construct 4 storage boxes with chalkboard fronts for the children to create on! They are now complete and ready to be put in their permanent location. These storage boxes kick off the construction of the new Outdoor Learning Space, but there is lots more to come! The School Improvement Committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to lay out our plan for this year. More info to come shortly... stay tuned!

If you are interested in joining this committee or have any questions, please contact Sarah Olson sarahpageolson@gmail.com

CURRICULUM CONNECTION:

Big read – “Full STEAM” Ahead!

The Friends of Cutler Cultural Enrichment team is in “Full Steam” planning events for the school year. We are excited to announce our Big Read this year, Energy Island by Allan Drummond. This book takes place at a time when most countries are producing ever-increasing amounts of CO2, the rather ordinary citizens of Samsø have accomplished something extraordinary--in just ten years they have reduced their carbon emissions by 140% and become almost completely energy independent. This inspiring true story proves that with a little hard work and a big idea, anyone can make a huge step towards energy conservation.



We will continue to grow our Steam (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) program by bringing in presenters to engage our students and enrich the curriculum. If you would like to be a part of the Cultural Enrichment Team or have any suggestions for us, please contact Michelle Gilpin at mg0222@hotmail.com



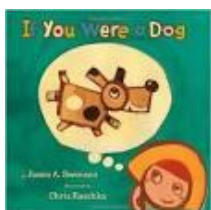
Picasso People Coming October 21st!

The Friends of Cutler Cultural Enrichment Committee is proud to announce that Picasso People will be performing for our school on October 21st. Picasso People are highly acclaimed by arts educators as refreshing, multi-faceted, creative and effective arts programming, Picasso People and Calder ReWired are innovative educational experiences in the arts which open the door to art appreciation through the allure of live theater.

Creating an arts experience for audiences of widely varying ages takes more than just a little talent. Artistic Director, Carlton Van Pyrz combines years of classical training, teaching, and performance experience to masterfully engage his audiences each and every time.

Specialist Funds

We are pleased to continue to offer each of our specialists \$500 a year to use to enhance their programs and classrooms and/or to update materials and supplies. In 2014-2015, the music department incorporated a **Primary Line Alto Xylophone** and **Glockenspiel** into their repertoire; PE added a **stacking cup game** and **heart monitor device** to their curriculum; the art room set up a much-needed **paper rack system**; and the Library (current Learning Commons) expanded their shelves with a **selection of books**, including If You Were a Dog, Dragons Love Tacos, Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library, Greetings from Somewhere/American Tall Tales, The Genius Files, Public School Superhero, Serafina's Promise, Out of My Mind, and several more.



Top 10 Things to Know about the Ski, Skate, Board and Ride Consignment Sale!



10. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Sale is **Saturday, November 21.**

9. CONSIGN

Start cleaning closets now! Collect gear & apparel to consign (see website www.friendsofcutler.com/skiskateboardride for details on accepted items & how to be prepared).

Consigners receive 70% of the sale. Drop off hours are: Wednesday, 11/18 6-8 p.m., Thursday, 11/19, 9-12 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Friday, 11/20, 10-2 p.m.

8. DONATE

Don't want to consign? **Donate!** Drop it off and we'll take care of the rest. **All donations are tax deductible.**

7. SHOP

Bring friends and family - **Find great deals on new and previously used apparel & equipment** from consignors and **Plymouth Ski & Sports, REI, Wenham Sports Stop, Craft Apparel, Play It Again Sports & The Equestrian Shop.** We have more merchandise every year!!

Purchase **hockey or figure skates for \$5-\$20.** Stock up on winter coats, snow boots & so much more.

Support Cutler AND purchase a ski package for less \$ than renting for a season (and pass it down or consign next year!)

6. VOLUNTEER

Sign up for a **volunteer slot before or during the event for your PRE-SALE PASS** (Saturday, 7-9 a.m.).

Almost all of the kids' skis were sold out by 10 a.m. on Saturday - so beat the rush!

Look for volunteer sign-up sheets in a few weeks. If you're interested in helping with the planning of the event, please contact us.

5. STAY INFORMED & SPREAD THE WORD

- **Hang Fliers** in places you go
- **Post a yard sign** in you have good frontage
- Put our **SKI SKATE BOARD & RIDE magnet** on your car
- **Email your friends our flier (link)**
- **Connect us** with other schools & organizations
- **LIKE us and SHARE** our posts on Facebook -www.facebook.com/skiskateboardrideconsignmentevent

4. JUST WHEELS!

Looking for second **hand bikes, scooters, skateboards & blades?** Have bikes your children have outgrown? Bring it on!

3. RAFFLE

Help us make our raffle exciting - ski tickets, apparel and more. If you have any ideas for this or connections in the ski industry, please let us know.

2. FUNDRAISER

Last year this **community-wide fundraiser** sold \$43,000 in merchandise, earned consignors thousands of dollars, and contributed over \$15,000 to the Friends of Cutler.

1. FUN!!

This is one of those events that communities and friendships are built on. **Join us for the fun!**



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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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