



FRIENDS OF CUTLER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 24 – Friends for Cutler Parent Coffee and First Meeting, 8:30am
- Sept. 28 – Friends of Cutler Fall Mingle, 7-10pm
- Sept. 30 – School Picture Day
- Oct. 12 – Columbus Day, No School

[Full calendar on Friends of Cutler Web site](#)

THIS MONTH AT CUTLER.....

*Welcome back! Please join us for the **first Friends of Cutler meeting** on Thursday, September 24th in the Cutler cafeteria. We will begin with a welcome coffee at 8:30 before the meeting begins at 9:30.

***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

***Volunteer Opportunities** – There are many ways you can get involved with your child at Cutler. See the second page of the newsletter for full details!

***Join us for the Fall Mingle and FUNd Drive Kickoff**, Monday, September 28th from 7-10pm at 15 Walnut. 10% of the evening's proceeds will kick start our annual fund drive - devoted to phase 2 of our outdoor learning community.

Meet the Cutler Staff – Kindergarten Team



Mrs. Goodchild

Favorite Breakfast: I love to eat eggs.

Favorite recent book: Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons by James Dean

Favorite Movie: The Princess Bride

Favorite activity: I love spending time at the beach, reading a really good book curled up by the fire on a stormy day, baking, gardening, and going on road trips with my family to Vermont (I guess I love being busy!)

Favorite Thing about Cutler: I love teaching kindergarten and being able to watch everyone grow up through the grades :)!

Two things you don't know about me: 1) I played the viola from 3rd grade through the end of high school. Violas are a bit larger than violins and have a deeper sound. 2) I have collected sea glass my entire life. My most favorite color to find is blue.



Mrs. Leary

Favorite Breakfast: Fruit and Cheese with cappuccino

Favorite recent book: Anam Cara by John O'Donohue

Favorite Movie: Billy Elliot

Favorite activity: So many favorites: knitting, biking, hiking, sewing, yoga, meditation, cooking, but most of all spending time with my husband and 4 grown children.

Favorite Thing about Cutler: The authenticity of the staff, each person is valued for who they truly are.

Two things you don't know about me: I'm the president of my local Society of St. Vincent DePaul and with the group I organize and operate a food pantry, so those in greatest need do not go hungry.

2015/2016 Cultural Enrichment: “Full STEAM Ahead”

It’s “Full STEAM Ahead . . . into America’s Past, Present, and Future!” The Friends of Cutler and Cultural Enrichment are delighted to bring the STEAM framework again (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math = STEAM).

Coined by The Rhode Island School of Design, the STEAM concept has taken off all over the country, encouraging students to not only strive for academic proficiency in these core subjects, but also to use a “healthy dose of creativity and ingenuity” in approaching and conveying information. *“When you combine the mind of a scientist or technologist with that of an artist, true innovation can happen.”* Additionally, given New England’s rich history, we plan to weave an *Americana* element into our programming, exploring where we have been and where we are going! Stay tuned for more details!



Volunteer Opportunities

The Friends of Cutler relies on volunteers throughout the year to run our various services and fundraisers, as well as to support the faculty, the classrooms, and the school. If you are looking for ways to be involved while your child is at Cutler, here is your chance!

The “Board Member and Volunteer Descriptions” document (available on www.friendsofcutler.com) contains detailed information on Friends’ events and how you can be a part of them. We are thrilled to welcome you to any committee! However, first and foremost, we do have four immediate needs for Board Members for your consideration:

1. Book Fair Co-Chairs
2. Adult Social Committee Members & Chair (or Co-Chairs)
3. Cutler Apparel Committee Members
4. Cutler Family Festival Committee Members & Chair (or Co-Chairs)



Help is also needed as room parents, library volunteers, front office volunteers, and on hospitality email distribution.

IMPORTANT: Please note the Library Volunteer position has been restructured this year due, in part, to a new automated check-out system which the students will be learning. The Cutler Learning Commons will still need assistance shelving books, straightening shelves, and prepping materials for classes. However, these times will be during non-class time. If you interested in any of the blocks below, please indicate with your availability on the proper line when you fill out the form - Monday: 8:15-8:45 & 2:15-2:45, Tuesday: 8:15-8:45 & 2:15-2:45, Wednesday- flexible times, Thursday: 8:15-8:45 .

Feel free to address any questions about the events/committees listed above and below to Allison Odoardi (agomarlo@hotmail.com) or Michelle Gilpin (mg0222@hotmail.com). We hope you will join us in participating in the Friends of Cutler as we grow and contribute to our children’s experience at Cutler.

The volunteer form came home in backpacks. Please complete and detach the form at the bottom of page, and send back to the school office, Attention: Stephanie Stein, Volunteer Coordinator, by Monday, September 21st. Please note that the form going home in backpacks does NOT reflect the change to the Library Volunteer positions.

Thank you for your valued efforts. We are looking forward to another great year in 2015-2016!



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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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