

Hanlon School Newsletters

Feb/Mar 2020

From the Desk of Mrs. Cronin:

Dear Hanlon Families,

Thank you to all the families who created positive messages for their neighbors. Here is a link to the slideshow. We miss you all!

Dear Hanlon Families,

Hanlon School has been very busy during the month of February. After kicking off Black History Month with workshops and performances from Tony Vacca, Hanlon's focus on diversity and cultural proficiency continues throughout the month. All classrooms are accessing texts from our Diversity Collection for shared and independent reading. Fourth grade book clubs center around the biographies of influential change-makers like Malala, Ghandi, Harriet Tubman, and more. For our February Hanlon Global Grammys, we are listening to songs by American Jazz vocalist Ella Fitzgerald. Students in second grade presented about Ms. Fitzgerald at our All School Meeting. <u>Click here to see their video</u>. Buddy classes in grades 2 and 5 got together to do some research on famous African Americans. Take a walk down the hallway to see their posters. You can even try your hand at Ms. Kessel's interactive Black History Month word search.

If you are interested in taking advantage of Black History Month offerings in and around Boston, there are events planned on weekends, during the vacation week, and throughout the month. Click here for a flier with live links to activities and books for the whole family. Many thanks to Brendan Reeves, Mandy Taft-Pearman, and the Inclusive Westwood group for putting together the flier.

Student Council is sponsoring Valentines for Veterans this month. Many classrooms are buddying up to make valentines that will be given to local veterans. If your family would like to make some at home, you can send your cards to the main office by Thursday, Feb. 13th. If your child's class is exchanging valentines on Friday, please remember not to send in candy or food. We have many students with allergies and in order to keep the holiday safe and inclusive for all students, we ask families to help us with this.

Our next Spirit Day will be Crazy Outfit Day on Thursday, Feb. 27th.

In honor of Mrs. Goldstein, Ms. Jennings is kicking off another year of Jump Rope for Heart to raise awareness for heart health and support the American Heart Association. This is an optional fundraising event with a large focus on healthy habits and a healthy lifestyle. Please join us in supporting the American Heart Association and/or promoting an active and healthy lifestyle. The Fitness Unit has already begun throughout Physical Education classes, however the fundraising and rope jumping portion kicks off Tuesday, February 11th, and lasts through Feb. 28th.

If you need to contact the Main Office for attendance/dismissal changes or if you have questions, email astaulo@westwood.k12.ma.us or call 781-326-7500 x8424

Hanlon School on Twitter

Follow @HanlonSchool_ps to see photos of our #HappyatHanlon kids!

School Committee

Did you know that Carol Lewis is Hanlon's School Committee Representative? If you have questions, contact Ms. Lewis at clewis-sc@westwood.k12.ma.us

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