



# Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

TODAY (if you're reading this in time!) is the annual MLK, Jr. all-school assembly at 10:30AM. We'll begin to gather at 10:20AM so that we can begin at 10:30. Please join us for the 3rd graders' presentation, our story, MLK, Jr. speech and singing.

And one more time, a reminder that there is NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 21 (MLK, Jr. Day holiday) and Friday, January 25 (staff/faculty work day).

Our next assembly, on February 27, will be presented by the 5th graders – not the 1st graders, as originally scheduled. Our 1st graders will present on April 25th. Please see the details below in MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

## GIVING TREE

There are 2 weeks left to bring in non-perishable (canned/boxed) food and/or hats, mittens, gloves and scarves – let's try to match our December haul of over 300 pounds!

## RECESS/LUNCH AIDE

We have a vacancy in the position of recess/lunch aide. The hours for this job are 10AM-1PM, Monday-Friday. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact me. Thank you!

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Mark your calendar for the Winter Walk to School Day – Wednesday, February 6. I will walk through Hampshire Heights with Jackson and meet everyone at the flagpole for cider and trinkets (thank you, Liz Horn!!).

## RETIREMENTS

It is with sadness (for us) and happiness (for them) that I announce the following retirements at the end of this school year – they are:

- **Ms. Pat Russell**, Library ESP
- **Ms. Mary Cowhey**, Title I Math teacher (and Morning Math Club volunteer leader)
- **Mrs. Kathy Malynoski**, ESL teacher

They each leave a tremendous legacy in their own and different ways. Over the next few newsletters we will pay tribute to them, in their own words too.

See you next Tuesday, January 22!

Respectfully and affectionately yours,

*Gwen Agna*  
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# STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, JAN. 25

## - VOLUNTEERS (AND DESSERTS!) WANTED!

While students won't be at school on Friday, Jan. 25, faculty and staff will - for a Professional Development Day.

During their lunch break, the PTO provides a Staff Appreciation luncheon in the cafeteria (just one small way to stay THANK YOU for all their incredible work).

The luncheon is catered, but we ask families to provide desserts, and we also need a few volunteers to help set up and clean up.

Set up will be at 11:00 and clean-up at 12:45

If you can drop off a dessert (gluten-free or vegan options would be especially helpful) or can volunteer for half-an-hour for set-up or clean-up, it would be greatly appreciated. Kids are very welcome, and in fact make the best greeters and cheerleaders as our amazing teachers and staff as they enter the cafeteria for their luncheon.

We want to make this a wonderful lunch for our great staff!

Please contact Liz Horn at ELHORN@mindspring.com or 646-234-8805. Thank you!

## HOLA

HOLA payments are due. Please send in your payment with your child. If you need a copy of your invoice, call or email me and I will send one home.

Thank you,

Ms. BG 5871510 extension 3775  
hola@northampton-k12.us

## REAL (Racial Equity and Learning) Northampton Story Sharing Event!

REAL Northampton invites you to a story-sharing event on Sunday, January 27th from 3pm to 5pm in the JFK Community Room. Come together and build community through sharing something about your experience of race and racism in the Northampton Public School Community. Trained facilitators will create the space for everyone who wants to share. Everybody is welcome - students (6th grade and up), staff, teachers, caregivers and all identities. Food and childcare provided!

Participants are invited to stay after the event to formally record and submit a story to the REAL collection.

REAL (Racial Equity And Learning) Northampton is funded by the Northampton Education Foundation and is comprised of teachers, staff, students, and family members across the district. The overall mission of REAL is to support and strengthen our school community by developing an intentionally anti-racist culture.

Questions? Please contact these school parent reps:

Bridge Street: Benita Jackson (benitajackson@gmail.com)  
Jackson Street: Jenny Bender (jenny.bender@comcast.net)  
Leeds: Bill Brown (liam.brown1963@gmail.com)  
Ryan Rd: Suna Turgay (sunaturgay@hotmail.com)  
JFK: Noel Raley (noelraley@yahoo.com)  
NHS: Jen Berneche (jenberneche@gmail.com)

## Equidad Racial y Aprendizaje Racial Equity and Learning (REAL)

Northampton le invita a usted a un evento de compartir cuentos, copatrocinado por el PTO de JFK, el domingo 27 de enero de 3pm a 5pm en la sala de la comunidad de JFK. Habrá comida y cuidado de los niños.

Ven y crea una comunidad, a través de compartir su experiencia de raza y racismo en las escuelas públicas en Northampton. Los facilitadores entrenados crearán el espacio para cada uno que quiere compartir. Todo el mundo es bienvenido - estudiantes (grado 6+), personal, profesores, cuidadores y cualquier otra persona.

Se invita a los participantes a quedarse después del evento para registrar y enviar historias para la colección REAL

REAL Northampton está financiado por la Fundación de Educación de Northampton y está compuesto por maestros, personal, estudiantes y miembros de familia en todo el distrito. La misión en general es apoyar nuestra comunidad escolar desarrollando una cultura intencionadamente anti-racista.

¿Tiene Preguntas? Por favor póngase en contacto con uno de estos representantes:

· Bridge Street: Benita Jackson (benitajackson@gmail.com)  
· Jackson Street: Jenny Bender (jenny.bender@comcast.net)  
· Leeds: Bill Brown (liam.brown1963@gmail.com)  
· Ryan Rd: Suna Turgay (sunaturgay@hotmail.com)  
· JFK: Noel Raley (noelraley@yahoo.com)  
· NHS: Jen Berneche (jenberneche@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SCI-TECH CAFÉ

Event location: Union Station, 125A Pleasant Street, Northampton MA. Light appetizers are available while supplies last, and food is available to order.

Time: 6:00pm

Save The Dates / Upcoming Speakers!

1/28/19: Katie Mack, NC State University (Astrophysics)  
2/25/19: Kaca Bradonjic, Hampshire College (Physics)  
3/25/19: Jesse Mager, UMass Amherst (Vet Science)  
4/22/19: Bosiljka Glumac, Smith College (Geology)  
6/3/19: TBA

# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR - We're always adding new dates so keep checking. PLEASE check the Northampton Public Schools website for district calendar updates.**

Parents Hour in the Family Center every other Wed. from 9-10AM, beginning Wed. Sept. 6.

**TODAY - Fri. Jan. 18** All-school Martin Luther King Jr. assembly 3rd grade presents 10:30AM

**Mon. Jan. 21** NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Holiday

**Fri. Jan. 25** NO SCHOOL for students – Teacher Work Day  
PTO Staff Appreciation Luncheon

**Wed. Feb. 6** WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

**Fri. Feb. 8** KDG Progress Reports go home in backpacks

**Thurs. Feb. 14** HOLA ENDS

**Fri. Feb. 15** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE FEB. BREAK

**Mon. Feb. 18-Fri. Feb. 22** NO SCHOOL

**Mon. Feb. 25** WELCOME BACK!

**Wed. Feb. 27** All-school assembly 5th grade presents 1:30PM

**Fri. Mar. 15** GRADES 3,4 & 5 CONCERT 9:30AM in the gym (YES, we know it's a half-day – dismissal is at 12:20PM, plenty of time for the concert!)

**Thurs. Apr. 25** All-school assembly 1st grade presents 9:10AM

**Fri. May 3** GRADES K, 1 & 2 CONCERT 1:30PM in the gym

**Fri. May 10** Alex Smith Trio RETURN ENGAGEMENT – stay tuned for details!

**Thurs. May 30** All-school assembly WELCOME BACK JSS/HIGH SCHOOL GRADS – KDGners are hosts 2PM

**Wed. June 12 A** All-school assembly FINE FINE SCHOOL

## **ASSEMBLY DATES**

**Jan. 18 – 10:30AM** 3rd grade MLK, Jr.

**Feb. 27 – 1:30PM** 5th grade

**Apr. -25 – 9:10AM** 1st grade

**May 30– 2:00PM** KDG - JSS Grads

**June 12 – 10:30AM** Ms. Agna Fine Fine School

## **VISITING DAYS**

**Wednesdays 9:30-11AM**

**January 23, 30**

**February 6, 13, 27**

## **IN THE NEWS**

5th grader, Ruby Aiken's mom, **Angie Hauser** is a dancer performing this weekend and in February -see the message/link below!

Friday and Saturday at 7:00pm with Xan Burley and Alex Springer.

And

NEXT Friday (2/1) at 7:00pm with my ensemble

Both performances are family friendly and about an hour long. Full info in the link.

<http://www.scdtnoho.com/bodies-in-motion-festival.html>

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