



SAINT COLUMBKILLE

PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

Message from the Head of School

Dear Families,

It does not appear that there is snow in the long-range forecast. For this I am thankful, as I am sure you are as well. The cold weather has gone north, for the time being. When it was thirty degrees the other day I thought I was in Florida! We are just now reestablishing our rhythm. I am hopeful that the rains predicted for Friday and Saturday will melt and wash away the snow so we can again enjoy our play space. Special kudos goes out to Mrs. Liker who shoveled off the early childhood play area.

The kids have been cooped up for so long that once the weather broke and we did go outside, it was difficult to contain them. Picture a teacher standing in front of 40 children instructing: "When we go outside, we will not throw any snow balls!" I passed by without a word and was tempted to whisper "Good luck with that!" Gratefully, most of the kids adhered to the directive. It was good to see them running around and getting their jitters out, even if some returned to the classroom a bit soggy.

Thank you to my teachers who pulled your children from their car seats during morning drop-off. There were no reports of frostbite and not one teacher issued a complaint. I love my staff. And thank you to parents who understood that there might be a two-minute delay during the drop-off; no parking lot rage was apparent!

Please pray for our heating system. We have technicians running around plugging steam leaks. Needless to say, I am not looking forward to the heating bill this month. Of course we will endure: this is New England and we are resilient.

As I said, teachers are working diligently to ensure the kids work hard, and as I walked from class to class today, I was impressed with the fruits of their labor. Make sure you mark February 1 on your calendar: our annual Passport to Learning evening will allow you a glimpse of what our students can do and (spoiler alert) it's impressive.

Happy belated New Year! I look forward to seeing you out in the plaza now that the weather is a bit more suitable.

Sincerely,
William Gartside
Head of School

News & Updates

Passport to Learning Open House Thursday, February 1st

Please come and join our current students and their families at our Passport to Learning Open House!

We hope you are able to join us between

6pm and 7:30pm on Thursday, February 1.

Classrooms will be open, displaying projects students have recently completed. Teachers and staff will also be present to answer questions. Throughout the evening as you visit the classrooms you will receive a stamp on your passport. When you fill up your passport and turn it in you will be entered into a drawing for:

- First: Free registration fee for one student (\$300)
- Second: Free lunch for a week (or choice of 5 days) from the school dining hall
- Third: Free Saint Columbkille shirt and water bottle



PKC takes a winter walk, surrounded by snow!!



8th graders visited the Massachusetts State House hosted by Rep. Kevin Honan as part of their unit of the Constitution and civics.

Spirit Day Friday, January 26th

This month we are donating to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. According to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, approximately every 3 minutes one person in the United States is diagnosed with a blood cancer. Saint Columbkille wants to be part of the mission towards a cancer-free world. Please come dressed in red and bring in a cash donation to join us in the fight for research, remission, and long-term recovery!

Calendar Of Events

Monday, January 15

- No School - Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday, January 17

- Grade 4/5 Morning Coffee 8AM in the library

Friday, January 19

- Early Dismissal 1:15PM

Wednesday, January 24

- Launch Fundraiser

Friday, January 26

- Spirit Day for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society



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COME SUPPORT
ST COLUMBKILLE PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

OUR ORGANIZATION RECEIVES 25% OF TICKET PROCEEDS

JOIN US FOR
JUMPING, LASER TAG, AND FUNDRAISING

BRING THIS FLYER
4:00-8:00PM
01/24/18

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