

**F. A. Day Middle School
Newsletter
December 15, 2019**



Quote of the Week

"It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace."

- Agnes M. Pharo, Artist, Writer and Grandmother

Days of the Cycle Week of 12/15/19

Day 5, Day 6, Day 1, Day 2, Day 3

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

As many of us come together to celebrate a holiday this time of year, and particularly as we close in on the day when we flip our calendars to a new year, it is natural to reflect back and plan forward. I thought this quote best captures the sentiment of this reflection as we hopefully look fondly on our year that has passed, find courage to sustain our present and glance hopefully to the future. I hope that every member of the Day Community finds his or her pathway to peace and joy in the New Year. Thank you for sharing your children with all of us. I wish you all a very joyous holiday season and a happy New Year.

TERM 2 PROGRESS REPORTS

Your child's teachers will be communicating how they will share their Term 2 Progress Reports next week, the week of December 16th. If you do not receive a communication about your child's progress by the end of next week, please reach out to your child's guidance counselor.

PRINCIPAL COFFEES IN THE NEW YEAR

I would like to again extend my apologies again for the miscommunication regarding a Principal Coffee this past week. I have met with our PTO Presidents, and we are reviewing our current schedule of Principal Coffees. We will be getting a finalized calendar to you in the New Year. If you have particular topics that you would like to hear about at our coffees, please reach out to the Day PTO.

BASKETBALL GAMES THIS WEEK

Please join us in cheering on the boys' and girls' Day Dragons Basketball Teams at their games this week:

Monday, December 16th:

Boys' A Team Away at Bigelow at 3:45 p.m.
Girls' A Team Away at Bigelow at 4:45 p.m.
Boys' B Team Home vs. Weston at 3:45 p.m.
Girls' B Team Home vs. Weston at 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, December 19th

Boys' A Team Away at Brown at 3:45 p.m.
Girls' A Team Away at Brown at 4:45 p.m.
Boys' B Team Home vs. Needham at 3:45 p.m.
Girls' B Team Home vs. Needham at 4:45 p.m.

WINTER VACATION

There will be no school from Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, January 1st for the Winter Vacation. Classes resume on Thursday, January 2nd.

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED INFORMATION

NEW CLUB AT DAY

The Day Arts & Crafts Club is forming! No artistic experience needed! If you are interested in making fun items, then come to the informational afterschool meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, in room 211. If you cannot make the meeting, then see Mr. Moffitt in room 211. Craft making begins January 8th, 2020. Club meetings are on Wednesdays after school. Projects will change monthly. Our first project: Scented Candles. If your child is already signed up for clubs, there is no need to do anything further, but if this is a first club for your child, please sign up below:

<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/day-middle-school>

LATE BUS ONLY FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Beginning this month, Day Middle School will be aligning our late bus policy with that of the other middle schools in the district by allowing late bus access only to students who are staying after school for school-based activities such as clubs, sports or school-sponsored events. We are making this shift to not only align with district practice, but to ensure the safety of our students. There have been several instances when parents were under the impression that their child was staying after school for a school-sponsored event when in fact that child was not on school premises, returning only to take the late bus. As you can imagine, this poses a safety risk for middle school students. Please help us reinforce with your child that the late bus is only available for students who are staying after school for a school-sponsored activity.

EXTENDED ABSENCES

With the vacation and holiday season upon us, more parents are excusing students from school for extended absences. While this is not officially an “excused absence”, we also acknowledge the value and importance of travel and connecting with family. If your child is going to be out for a planned absence for more than a day, we ask that you send the following email:

To: Ms. Gandolfo in the front office: gandolfol@newton.k12.ma.us
as well as to your child’s teachers and guidance counselor.

The email should include the days that your child will be absent and the reason for the absence.

STUDENT COUNCIL TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

Student Council is sponsoring Toys for Tots toy drive! They will accept new, unopened, and unwrapped toys for children ages 0-14, and they can be brought to Room 332.

CRADLES TO CRAYONS

Cradles to Crayons is excited to be moving to Newton by Spring 2020! Please drop off your new and like new clothing (size newborn up to an adult size medium), shoes, and books at school from December 2-13. The donation bin will be clearly marked in our school lobby.

For more information about items accepted by Cradles to Crayons [click here!](#)

Cradles to Crayons hopes you will join them at their upcoming community service events to quality check, sort, and package your donations! The events will take place on Tuesday, December 10, from 1pm-3:30pm at Newton City Hall's War Memorial Auditorium and on Saturday, December 14, from 10am-12pm at the Scandinavian Cultural Center in W. Newton. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact [Marci Shyavitz](#).

SAVE THE DATE:

Week of December 16, 2019: Term 2 Progress Reports
Monday, December 23, 2019 – Wednesday, January 1, 2020: Winter Recess No School
Thursday, January 2, 2019: Return to School from Winter Break
Wednesday, January 8, 2020: School Council
Thursday, January 9, 2020: Winter Band/Jazz Band Concert at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 14, 2020: Parent Conferences
Thursday, January 16, 2020: Winter Choral Concert at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 20, 2020: No School - MLK Holiday
Wednesday, January 22, 2020: Mint Team to the Kennedy Institute
Thursday, January 23, 2020: Evergreen Team to the Kennedy Institute
Friday, January 24, 2020: Emerald Team to the Kennedy Institute
Friday, January 24, 2020: Term 2 Ends
Monday, January 27, 2020: Ivy Team to the Kennedy Institute
Week of January 27, 2020: 7th grade SOS Screening
Tuesday, January 28, 2020: Parent Conferences
Friday, January 31, 2020: Teen Speak Out Facilitator Training
Week of February 3, 2020: I-Ready Literacy Assessments
Wednesday, February 5, 2020: Teen Speak Out Facilitator Training
Wednesday, February 12, 2020: Teen Speak Out Event at the Boys and Girls Club
February 17 – 21, 2020: February Vacation

All the best,

Jackie Mann
F. A. Day Principal
jacqueline_mann@newton.k12.ma.us
(617) 559-9109