**Our Instructional Focus**

***As educators we will collaboratively plan and scaffold lessons to ensure access to Cognitively Demanding Tasks (CDTs) for ALL students as demonstrated through their speaking and listening skills and student work.***

**Book Fair: TOMORROW! Tuesday, 12/6**

As a reminder, our book fair is tomorrow in room 206. All students will have an opportunity to visit the book fair. We sent home a flyer with more information regarding this sale. Please let us know if you have any questions.

**School Preview**

On Saturday, 12/3 we hosted a School Preview for families that are looking for a school placement for the 2017 – 2018 School Year. This event was a huge success! We had over 30 families visit our school and all of these families left very impressed with our work! A special thank you to the following, parents, teachers, and students who volunteered on Saturday: Ashanti Powell, Kenaj Murphy Jones, Tyra Swaby, Michaleen Lovett, Marcum Lovett, Ms. McPhillips, Ms. Brownell, Tina Alva, Carlene Omarra, and Martha Butler.

**A Message from School Parent Council**

**Fundraiser: Wine and Cheese Tasting**

Please join us for a Wine and Cheese tasting fundraiser at the Boston Cheese Cellar, 18 Birch St. in Roslindale Square on Wednesday, Dec 7th from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Tickets are $30/person and are limited availability so please purchase them as soon as you can.  Tickets can be purchased online at:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-cheese-benefit-for-the-conley-school-parent-council-tickets-29277113635](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-cheese-benefit-for-the-conley-school-parent-council-tickets-29277113635" \t "_blank).  This link can also be found

on the SPC Facebook page:  ("Conley Elementary School’s Parent Council" -like us!!!)   Part of the proceeds will go to the Conley to benefit our Eliot School programs, woodworking and visual arts.

**Jingle Bell Shop Sale: Friday, 12/9 & 12/15**

It's time to start collecting those slightly used toys and knick-knacks for the Jingle Bell Shop. The Jingle Shop is our annual holiday sale for students to shop and buy small items for friends and families. This event will take place on Friday 12/9 & Thursday, 12/15 (please note we changed the date for our second sale). In the meantime, gather those gently used or new items to donate to the sale and drop them at the Main Office!!!

**Conley PAWS**

Students receive Conley Paws for “Paw-sitive” behavior. The following students received a PAW last week: Tommy Butler, Dymara Sylvester, Yerniel Gonzalez, Kamaly Molina, Jeremiah Vilbrun, Jamal Belezeir, Raymundo Pena Rodriguez

**Noise Meter**

In an effort to ensure that our students’ voices are at an appropriate level throughout the school day, we have implemented a Noise Meter. We have also created an “Ice Cream Scoop” chart where each class can earn a “scoop” for using the appropriate voice level. Each week we will announce the classroom that has earned the most scoops, the class with the most scoops earns a Popsicle Party! **This week rooms 103 and 205 have earned a Popsicle Party**! Congratulations to these two classrooms. Thank you to our fourth and fifth grade Noise Meter Crew for helping our school to understand our new noise meter. Their presentations at our community meetings and follow up classroom visits were fun and engaging. Great work Tammy and Tayshawn in Mrs. Sheehan's room and Kenaj and Tyra in Mrs. Achour’s room.

**Noise Meter**

**Level 3:** – Celebration

**Level 2:** - Conversation

**Level 1:** - Whispering

**Level 0**: - Zero Noise

**Greetings From Room 202**!

WOW - What a great and fast start to our new school year.  We can hardly believe we have already celebrated our Fall Holidays and we are eagerly awaiting the Holiday Season.

Last month we visited the New England Aquarium and we had a blast.  We participated at the Shark and Ray Touch Tank.  What a great experience to feel the stingrays - you could almost imagine swimming with them!  Next we visited the Penguins.  There were humans feeding them and cleaning their habitat (that’s where they live).  They told us a lot of fun facts about penguin behavior and how they get along.  Did you know that penguins are actually flightless birds!!  Our class also got to see California Sea Seals and North fur seals which is a giant open air space where the seals can been seen horsing around with each other and zooming from end to end - they are really fast.  We can’t forget to mention Myrtle the Giant Turtle who lives in the giant ocean tank that is at the center of the aquarium.  What wonderful and graceful creatures we saw.

Back to school we are working hard on our reading/phonics skills. We just completed a study of maps and globes.  Did you know you can find your house on the Internet?  Just use Google maps and you can see!  During math time we challenge each other with word problems and learning how to count by 2, 5, 10, and 25’s.  We have fun with lots of number games math stories.