

Good evening LHS Family,

Last week was a full and productive week of school. I know it took time for everyone (students and staff) to adjust and pick-up where we left off but we did it! Almost every part of the building had working heat by the end of the week - thank you all for your patience. Unfortunately the warmer weather toward the end of the week caused overheating in some areas, but we should be in a better shape this week. Special thanks to Ricky Underwood who worked day and night to coordinate and address all the different issues that popped up.

We received an overwhelming number of positive responses from the Jessica Minahan early release two hour presentation, along with recommendations for future work in this area. Thank you for your feedback.

Just so you are aware I will be out of the building along with two teachers attending the AFT workshop in New York Thursday - Saturday. We will be attending with other administrators and teachers from Level 3 schools in the district along with Union President Paul Georges, and Dr. Khelfaoui and Nan Murphy from central office. This workshop has received very positive reviews in the past and I'm looking forward to sharing some ideas with all of you when I return.

I'm sure some of you have been wondering who won the "Ugly Sweater" contest that was held the last day before break... We had many participants and it was not easy deciding who the winners were, but here are the long awaited results:



1st place

***Head of School parking spot for a week
Jill and Wayne Taylor***



2nd place
Keurig Coffee Maker and box of coffee pods
Aaron Ribaud-Smith



3rd place
American Express Gift Cards
Michelle Snetsinger and Ari Sullivan

Congrats to all - go ahead and plan for next year as we will definitely be doing this again!

#KINDNESS MATTERS

- We are extremely proud of our students who participated in the Martin Luther King Day of Service today. This is definitely LHS Kindness at its best! See part of the press release below... (Thanks Rob DeLossa)

Martin Luther King Day of Service: 100 Lowell High Students Volunteer”

Lowell, MA - This year, 100 Lowell High School students will be honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by spending an afternoon volunteering and supporting the community on Monday January 15th. The LHS ELL Department, Air Force Junior ROTC, and National Honor Society are organizing the Community Service trip. They will be traveling to Cambridge in order to participate in Cambridge’s 8th Annual Martin Luther King Day community service.

The event is organized and run by the organization [Many Helping Hands 365](#), co-organized by Jessica Lander, a Lowell High ELL/Social Studies teacher.

The LHS students will join over 3,000 other volunteers in an afternoon of projects to benefit the homeless, homebound elderly, and children and families in honor of Rev. Dr. King’s legacy. The service day run by [Many Helping Hands 365](#) is one of the largest MLK Day community service events in New England.

- Some of our Culinary students also helped out at the 20th Anniversary Lura Smith Fund and MCC Foundation event today which recognized the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King. What an extraordinary celebration! Karen Frederick CEO of Community Teamwork, Inc. was presented with the Living the Dream Award!

SHOUT OUT:

Thanks to our ACCESS testing team (Stephen Gervais, Barbara Hodgson, Matthew, Boyd Bertrand, Malinda Pires, Gerry Goyette) who planned, prepared and began implementation of the testing this past week. The testing went smoothly thanks to all!

Congrats to Sam Descoteaux and Sharon Clark for hosting the fabulous Mill City Show Choir Festival this weekend - our Soundsations and Sound Impressions groups did an outstanding job representing Lowell High! Wow!

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

1/23-1/26	Tues-Friday	Mid-Year Assessments (See Amy's updated email for more info)
1/29	Monday	Marking Period 3 begins (ends Thurs, 3/29)
1/31	Wednesday	Grades due at 7:50am
2/6	Tuesday	Semester 1 Report Cards distributed in Advisory

Have a positive and peaceful week everyone. Say NO to snow on Wednesday!

All the best,

Marianne