

On Friday, we had our first reading party of the school year. 70 students were invited to attend - students who had reached the goal of reading 4x per week and students who had submitted a reading log showing efforts of reading at home. Although there were many kinks to be worked out, students had fun and were proud of this accomplishment. Shoutout to the Mason staff members who stepped up and truly supported the success of the event: Ms. President, Ms. Stuckey, Ms. Davis, Ms. Loida, Ms. Alicia, Ms. Carrie and Ms. Harrison. Without your support, this event would not have been possible!

Reading Party - Grows

- Teachers are turning in reading logs sporadically; we received logs from September on the day of the reading party, making it difficult to have accurate student numbers for attendance
- Teachers are using their own personally developed reading logs, meaning students who are reading and completing the teacher developed log are not acknowledged in the count of students who can attend the party since we are only tracking our centrally-created logs
- Lists for attendance were inaccurate, including students who had not read 4x per week; we want to keep the bar high for all learners going forward

Reading Party - Glows

- Kids had a blast, were given a free reading book, ice cream sunday and a certificate to acknowledge their 4x a week reading efforts
- Although numbers were higher than anticipated, students were respectful, appreciative and polite; there were zero behavioral issues or problems that occurred during the celebration
- With the many changing things throughout the day as details were finalized, teachers were on top of the updates, flexible and understanding in support of the successful event

Reading Party Next Steps

- Schoolwide- we will begin to use the same uniform reading log that is distributed centrally, starting on Monday 11/15/21. Teachers are to REFRAIN from sending home additional reading logs beginning on 11/15/21. Teachers MAY choose to attach an additional assignment or task to the reading logs in support of independent home reading. See me with questions.
- Reading logs will begin to go out on Mondays of each week on yellow paper so that students have the log from Monday to Friday; teachers are expected to collect all reading logs that are returned every Monday.
- Remind your students to complete and turn in their reading logs; collect reading logs weekly so they can be logged ASAP
- Staff members who are available during the time of the reading party are welcome to support. We had a handful of staff members pop by, but few offering a helping hand. All hands on deck is always necessary for a successful event for our students!

UVA Lettrs Training: Tomorrow, teachers in K-2 will participate in PD beginning at noon. Paras, please prepare to cover.

SST: SST will begin on 11/16 from 2:45 pm 3:45 pm. Please look out for a calendar invitation. We look forward to getting this process up and running again in support of meeting the diverse needs of our learners.

Staff members with COVID-19 compliance verification issues: The City of Boston does not provide us insight into why someone might inadvertently show up on the non-compliance list, nor do we have access to the system itself. If members of your staff continue to be classified incorrectly, please ask them to enter issue here so we can track, communicate and resolve issues: [REPORT: BPS employee vaccine/testing compliance issues](#)

Mason ALL Staff (teachers & paras) PD: Tomorrow, we will participate in a training led by Playworks. Your presence is required as part of your professional development responsibilities as outlined in the EWA.

Walkthrough (District): The updated district walkthrough to observe our CKLA is scheduled to take place on Monday, 11/15/21.

Bulletin Boards: At this time, most of the bulletin boards in the building have been updated to reflect the student's work completed with CCS and description of the task. If you do not have a task description and CCS, please post it ASAP.

PD: is going to be run by playworks. It will be in person in Ms. Isabelle's room. Paras, Nurse Andus and Ms. Pontes will be present in Ms. Isabelle's room from 2:45pm to 3:45pm; Teachers will be present in Ms. Isabelle's room from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. For the remaining hour of your PD, use the time to complete any unfinished work, training, grading, assessment analysis necessary to prepare you for the closing of the marking term and to meet the needs of your diverse learners. A feedback survey will be shared at 4:45pm tomorrow.

Have a great evening!

Carolyn