

# MLK BULLETIN

## Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

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At the entrance along Putnam Avenue, you may have noticed a new, large banner proclaiming our school's focus goals. Our goals are to establish "RISE: Respect Individuals Self Environment" and "Accountable Talk" in our community in a variety of ways. These two focus goals will help frame our conversations and progress this year.

*RISE: Foundations of Character and Behavior*

Last Thursday, our entire school body assembled for speeches around the theme of "Respecting Individuals." This assembly included speeches by students Isabella Altieri, Aleysia Smith, Kabir Uddin, Joel Lopez and a taped speech from President Obama. Hard work and respecting others and ourselves is a crucial formula for success this year. RISE will help us positively recognize and reinforce these behaviors. As a community, we will work to build on our strengths in teamwork, our appreciation of differences, and our self-esteem.

*Accountable Talk: Conversations on Learning*

All of our teachers will be working on our second goal, Accountable Talk, through reading and discussing a book by Peter Johnston entitled "Choice Words" in weekly small groups. We believe that we can improve comprehension, expression, and retention by better understanding and framing conversations in our classrooms. The way that we converse with our students, as well as the way our students converse with each other, can have a tremendous impact on our achievement.

These two goals will continue to guide and unite our learning community this year.



### Expanded Learning Time

Please submit the attached ELT (Expanded Learning Time) survey to your homeroom teacher. Our goal this year is to assess how effective our current use of ELT has been, and to make any recommendations to our ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) for next year. We are fortunate to be a part of only 22 other schools in Massachusetts that participate in ELT, but suggestions for improvement are always welcome.

### Important Upcoming Events

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>- No School

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>- School Council Meeting (5:30PM)

Thursday-Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>: Middle School at Camp Becket-Chimney

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>- Beautification Day

More information is also available online at [www.cpsd.us/mlk](http://www.cpsd.us/mlk)

The first School Council meeting is Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7PM. We hope you can attend. If possible, please RSVP to Claire Koen at [ckoen@cpsd.us](mailto:ckoen@cpsd.us). Thank you.

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Please remind students to keep all valuable electronics at home. Hooded sweatshirts, hooded tops, and hats are also not permitted in classrooms.

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This Thursday is RED SOX Spirit Day! Support your local team as they start their playoff run!

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Friends of MLK, a charitable foundation that organizes and supports school events, is looking for volunteers. Please contact Teresa Walker at [twalker@cpsd.us](mailto:twalker@cpsd.us) for more information. This foundation has been a great resource for helping us with large and small school projects.

Thank you to Dr. Young Song from Lesley University for creating an art display in our main lobby. We look forward to viewing her art exhibition from the Amazon.