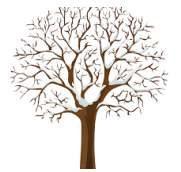


WINTER UPDATE - COMMUNITY

FROM THE OFFICE OF LEARNING & TEACHING



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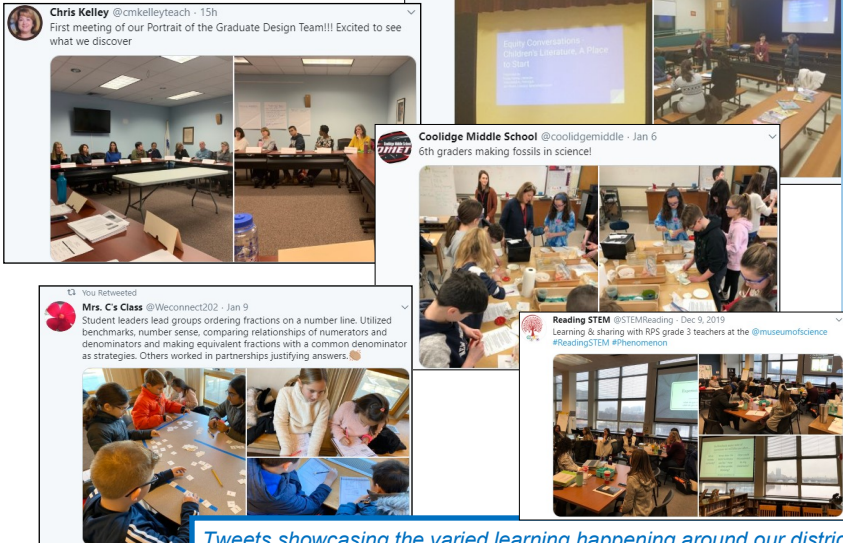
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Hello from Learning & Teaching

Happy new year and welcome to 2020! We are pleased to share updates and news happening in Learning & Teaching across our Reading Public Schools.

Curriculum Guides Updates

There is continued progress on Curriculum Guides across all grades and subjects. Content teams at the middle schools are working on guides which will be published by the end of the school year. Additionally, departments at RMHS are working on finishing guides for all subjects. Please check out: <https://www.reading.k12.ma.us/departments/learning-teaching/> and look for the section titled “Curriculum” for links to the published guides available to date.



Tweets showcasing the varied learning happening around our district

Social Studies Update

Work continues on the implementation of the 2018 HSS Frameworks. Ninth grade team members are reviewing our current integrated model and making revisions as needed. Grades 6 and 8 are in the midst of incorporating new content and practice standards. A committee of K-5 teachers is being formed so that revision work can begin at the elementary level. We will be looking closely at the newly implemented practice standards and for cross-curricular opportunities.



Reading Institute Spring is coming -March 20, 2020

Reading Institute Spring, our district-wide professional day, is on March 20th! The theme for this year is **“Meeting Students Where they Are and Creating a Path for the Future.”** Planning is in full swing and we’re currently working to coordinate and finalize the keynote speaker and break-out sessions. If you have an idea or session proposal that you wish to discuss, please send an email to Chris Kelley. christine.kelley@reading.k12.ma.us



DESE Updates

Did you know...

- DESE offers professional learning networks in a variety of content areas? They are committed to providing opportunities for cross-district collaboration.
- There are new Department of Education Standards that will be published soon in Health. Also being developed are new World Language standards that are set to publish in January 2021.
- The Commissioner sends a weekly update that highlights news from across the state? You can subscribe by going here: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/updates.aspx> Clicking on “Commissioner’s Updates” and then subscribing.

Parent University is Coming on March 28, 2020

The Community Education Department is sponsoring their 3rd Annual Parent University on March 28, 2020 at RMHS beginning at 8:00 am. We will have a variety of workshops centered around the theme of supporting families and caregivers on our shared mission of raising happy and healthy children. Our keynote address will be offered by Dr. Christopher Willard, a clinical psychologist and author. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead but be sure to save the date! Childcare will be offered and registration for childcare is required. For more information contact Chris Nelson at chris.nelson@reading.k12.ma.us

Registration will be open on 1/27 and may be found here: <https://www.reading.k12.ma.us/community/adult-and-community-education/> and click on the **Register Here** link.

