

**Dedham Public Schools
Interim Superintendent's Update
January 4th, 2023
Day 74 of the 2022-2023 School Year**

Teaching and Learning

Early Childhood Education Center

[Director of Early Childhood Education](#) for Marlborough Public Schools Andy Bernabei visited the ECEC this morning. Marlborough is interested in expanding current programming for their youngest learners and, after learning about programmatic implementation in Dedham through the [Massachusetts School Administrators Association](#) (MSAA), arranged a visit to speak with Principal Taylor and members of the ECEC staff. Mr. Bernabei toured the ECEC and had a productive discussion with our PK experts.

The ECEC has been visited a number of times by professionals who have primarily been interested in the facilities side of the operation and I thought it was worth pointing out that what's happening inside the building is catching the attention of other local school districts.



Oakdale School

Principal Hermesch and Vinny Donoian, YMCA Site Director, co hosted a series of [grade level assemblies](#) today focusing on school wide expectations at Oakdale. Ms. Hermesch and Mr. Donoian reviewed the importance of being cordial, hard-working, respectful, and reliable members of the Oakdale community during the school day and during before and after school programs.

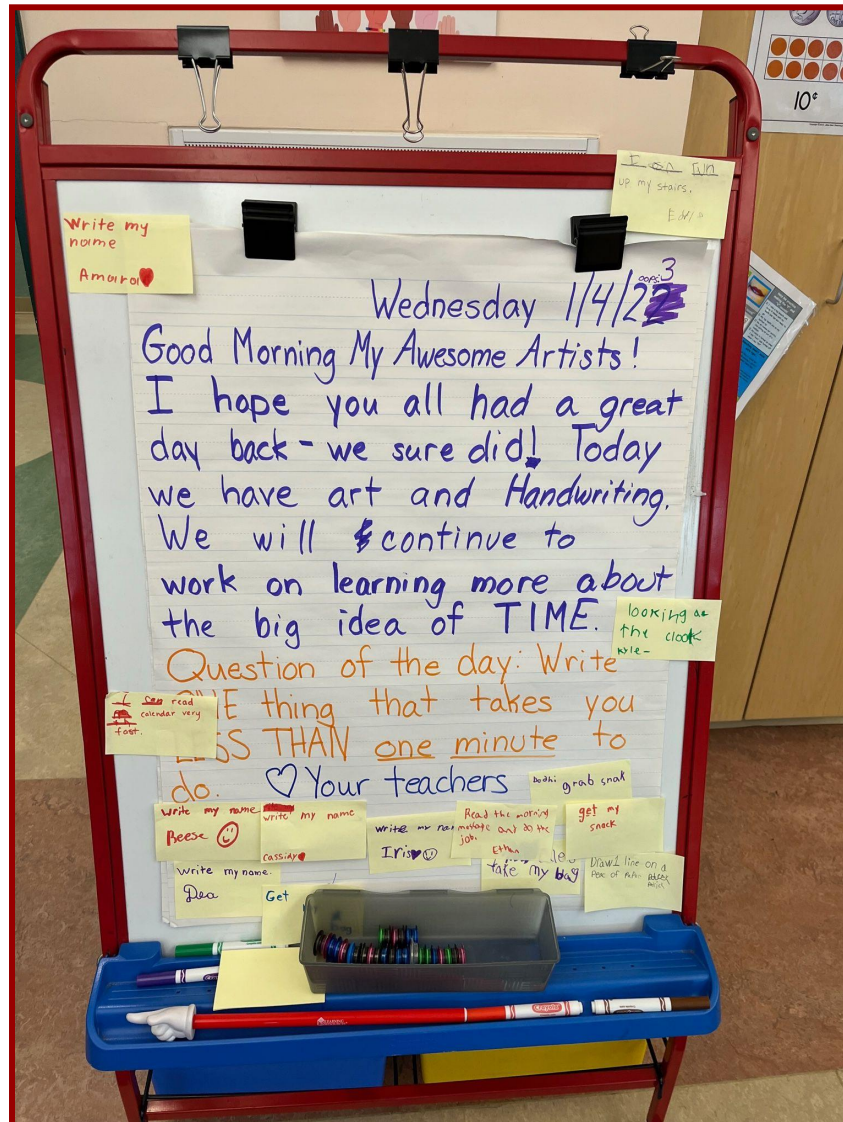


Avery Elementary School

Mr. Paris and I visited classrooms at Avery this morning to take a look at teaching and learning and enjoy time with our amazing students and teachers. 2nd graders in Ms. D'Antonio's class were engaged in snacking during science and Ms. Delehanty's 5th graders were engrossed in discussion of different takes on the story of Little Red Riding Hood.



Ms. Blazejewski's 2nd grade class provided Mr. Paris and I with a great peek into the morning meeting which is a cornerstone of social and emotional learning at the elementary level. Ms. Blazejewski and her colleagues welcome children into the classroom every morning with a handwritten message. Morning messages generally provide students with an overview of what is happening throughout the school day and what they will be learning about. Additionally, and arguably more importantly, the morning message provides students an opportunity to engage in a shared experience, to learn about one another, and to build community.



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