

Dear Friends of KIPP Massachusetts,

In September, staff and students re-entered our buildings ready for another joyful school year. As I reflect on a successful start to the year, I wanted to share with you the three things I am most proud of so far.

1. **Our current juniors showed their resilience in their performance on MCAS.**
2. **I'm really proud of how our school leaders are focused on cultures of academic achievement.**
3. **And finally, we are continuing to see joy spread throughout our classrooms.**

The above three things are just a glimpse into what we have seen in the classroom so far. Moving forward, you can expect to see these newsletters at the end of each quarter so we can share with you what we've been up to and give you a peek inside our classrooms.

In Partnership,
Nikki Barnes
Executive Director



Students in Ms. Limage's Kindergarten class at KAB engage in morning meeting.



8th Graders at KAL have dedicated time during ELA for independent reading.

What is the Story of your name?

On the first day of school, teachers across our classrooms asked students the same question, "What is the story of your name?" This powerful question encourages students to share and be



proud of their identities.

Cindy Cuellar, a 12th grade Student Ambassador, shares her story below.

Cindy: light, the one who came from the mountain. My name it's short, it only has 5 characters but each letter represents something about me. I value my name like I value my identity. Cindy it's the melody of a Cumbia and feels just like a tropical forest. And most importantly, Cindy has identity and importance.

A Peak Into the Classroom: Play Based Learning

Play Based Learning is a classroom initiative incorporated in grades K-2 which encourages students to learn new skills through play.

Pictured here: 2nd grade students in Ms. Wilson's class at KALE playing Jenga. Activities such as board games allow students to collaborate, problem solve, and communicate with one another.



Staff Feature: Julie Ortiz, Family and Community Engagement Manager

What is the importance of Family and Community Engagement to you?

You know, my mom prioritized work and she knew education was important, but the family engagement aspect was always missing for her. That's why I pursued engagement, specifically for families and education, because it's important for our families to not only know what's going on but also bring in their own strengths to the table.

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