



# Cleveland Connection

October 28, 2013

## Principal's Corner

It's hard to believe that October is already nearing its end! We have been very busy here at the Cleveland. Our Student Council has been elected and has already started building school spirit. Our Open House and book fair were a huge success. It was so nice to see so many families sharing in the fun! We also welcomed our new librarian, Annemarie Higgins to our school.

Parents, for the safety of all children; no dismissal changes can be made by phone after 2:00, unless it is an emergency. Parents MUST write a note with the date and their signature and send it in with their child. No email dismissals will be accepted. It is our goal to keep all children safe both during and after school. We appreciate your help with this procedure.

Teacher conferences are next week. We encourage you to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. It is important for children to know that we are all in this together. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Reminders

- Please remember when dropping off your child in the loop to pull forward to the front of the school. Do not stop on the corner by the 3rd grade lines, it slows up the line for everyone. We appreciate your help with this procedure.
- Football has been discontinued in grades one through three for the fall.



Megan Sople, Mary Lee, Molly Mannering, Emma King, Caroline Davey, Alison Gruber helping out with the pumpkin sales!

Bingo anyone? Lots of fun for your entire family on GAME NIGHT, Friday, November 15th at the Cleveland. Each year, the Cleveland PTA sponsors this event. Prizes for the winners. No drop offs please.

The Pumpkin Sale fundraiser, which was held during the Open House/Book Fair night on October 2nd, was a great success. Thank you 5th Grade Committee and a special thank you to Kelley Sullivan for taking the lead on this. Proceeds will offset the cost of the 5th grade yearbook. Thanks to everyone who bought their pumpkins with us this year.

Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Hope to see you there!

### Fun with Pumpkins!

### Important Dates

October 31—Halloween Contest

November 5—No School –  
No Lunch served

November 6—Parent Conferences  
6:00-8:00 (by appointment)

November 7 - Early Release 12:00  
Parent Conferences 1:00-3:00

November 11- No School  
Veterans Day

November 27—Early release  
Thanksgiving Holiday

### Going Green at Cleveland.....

In an effort to reduce paper and to conserve energy and time, we are considering only posting this monthly publication online on our website and discontinuing hard copy production. If you prefer a paper copy of "The Cleveland Connection" to be sent home with your child, please complete the following and return to Mrs. Hankey in the front office:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

### Pat on the Back

This month's "pat on the back" goes to : Carol Nichols for keeping the library bulletin board looking good until Ms. Higgins arrived.

Also to Monique Lariviere and Sue Hussey for always offering to cover duties when needed.



# Things you might have missed!

## A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE BOOK FAIR!

Thank you to the wonderful families of the Cleveland School Community for their generous support of the PTA sponsored Scholastic Book Fair this past month! Your continued support of this and other events help to raise funds for PTA sponsored cultural programs and social events and, through the Book Fair, to donate books directly to our school. With your generosity we raised almost \$1700 as well as donating over \$350 worth of books *directly* into our library, ready for our children to read and enjoy. As usual, the Teacher Wish List program was again a huge success this fall with 88 books purchased by our families and donated into the teachers' classrooms. These books help teachers to build their classroom libraries and give the children great new options for reading. Of course, the Book Fair would not be possible without the help and support of the many volunteers who took time from their busy schedules to help set up, run and break down the Fair. We would like to send special thanks to all those who were able to volunteer their time. It is with your support that we are successful and make a difference in our school! We hope you and your children enjoy your new books and keep reading!

Sincerely,  
Kathy Keady and Stephanie Wyman  
Scholastic Book Fair co-chairs



## Grade 1 News

The first grade students are learning routines and settling in nicely. They have been learning strategies in reading to help them work through tricky words with their reading, and are continuing to learn how to pick out "just right" books.

In math, the students have been working on understanding word problems and turning them into number sentences. They have also been

working on their accuracy for basic addition and subtraction facts.

The students studied Christopher Columbus and learned more about his role in discovering America as a part of our social studies curriculum and they have been working on mapping skills by creating a map of their bedroom. We have also been learning about leaves, bats and pumpkins in preparation for Halloween.

Students have been writing about "small moments", or personal experiences in their lives to share with their classmates. They are learning to stretch out the sounds of words to improve their writing and spelling skills, as well as building their writing stamina.

There's much excitement in the first grade as we approach the holidays!

The First Grade Teachers

## Grade 2 News

The Second Grade is actively involved with writing Monster stories. This includes working through the writing process. The writing process includes organizing thoughts (brainstorming and prewriting), first draft, peer editing and revising, teacher conference, and ending with a published copy. The use of nouns, verbs and adjectives as well as writing complete sentences with proper grammar and punctuation are reviewed. The stories will be outside the second grade classrooms during conference time. Be sure to look for your child's spooky story!

In math we are working on building a strong foundation with addition and subtraction fact strategies with the use of base ten blocks, pictures, and interactive activities with the Smart Board. Information explaining the strategies being taught will be in your child's folder soon. Please remember to practice addition and subtraction math facts up to 20 with your child every night for 5 minutes. It will benefit them for years to come!

In reading we are working on story elements focusing on characters, setting, problem and solution. We are accomplishing this through either author studies (Kevin Henkes and Marc Brown) or Trickster Tales. The students are doing a good job settling into the second grade curriculum and behavioral expectations. We are looking forward to seeing you at conferences.

Have a Happy Halloween!!!



## *Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program*

Earn money for the Cleveland School by shopping at *Stop & Shop*. Register your card online—it takes only minutes to do. Points accrue with each purchase. At the end of each month a cash total will be awarded to the Cleveland School's account.

How to register:

- Have your Stop and Shop card available.
- Go to [www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com)

Click on Our Stores, you will see the A+ icon on the right, under that click on register your card. Follow the prompts to register. More than one school can be on the same card.



Cleveland students, Tyler Sulkala, Olivia Naughton and Sarah Dupre celebrating the Red Sox win to the World Series!

## **Grade 4 News**

Strange things were happening in the fourth grade wing during the month of October. If you were walking by our classrooms you might have heard a lot of laughter. The fourth graders celebrated observation month with us. As part of our Language Arts writing program, we focus on creative writing and the use of descriptive language. To help the children with this skill, throughout the month we altered our appearance. The children observed us and, using the friendly letter format, wrote a letter to us. This was a wonderful opportunity for our children to work on their creative writing and grammar skills. We enjoyed reading some wonderful letters.

In Science we just completed our unit on The Earth and Solar System. To enhance the learning in this subject area the children were assigned a mini research project on the planets. These cereal box projects each feature a planet. The children did an awesome job. These projects will be on display during our upcoming parent/teacher conferences for all to enjoy! In conjunction with this project we went on our Annual Planet Walk. The children had completed a scale model on the distance each planet is from the sun. To help further this understanding we took a walk “through the solar system” where we visited each planet in our solar system. When we arrived at each planet the children gave mini presentations on their particular planet (from their research project). It was a beautiful day and we ended up walking 2,038 paces (a little over a mile!).

In Math we have just completed our unit on adding and subtracting whole numbers. Your child is able to add and subtract using several different algorithms. You may want to have them show you a new method of solving these types of problems.

Mrs. Barry, Ms. Kilduff and Mrs. Wesley





Congratulations to Fares, Caroline, Marianna, Brendan B. Brendan G. and Laura in Grade 5 and Myles, Talia, Brady, Katherine, Grace and Christos in Grade 4 our new Cleveland Student Council members. They have come with great ideas. We have already started to do some fundraising with our "Harvest Messages." The council also made ghost pins for the teachers. Next month we will focus on community with cards on Veteran's Day and a Food Pantry collection near Thanksgiving. Watch for notices in the mail! We will be meeting at least once a month during lunch. Thank you so much to the council for their hard work and thank you to the Cleveland School for supporting this new program.

Mrs. Barry

### *Pumpkin Carving Contest*



### **Reminders from Nurse Abely!**

As Halloween approaches, keep in mind these very important guidelines for the classroom celebrations:

- Remember the students with severe allergies and avoid sending anything in with that ingredient /item to class. The Wellness Policy strongly encourages minimizing food celebrations. If food is to be sent to school it should be healthy.
- It is best practice to accept only store bought items that list all ingredients on the labels (no homemade baked goods will be accepted this year). This guideline is recommended by the National Association of School Nurses in order to minimize the risk of accidental ingestion of allergens.
- "Goodie bags" to go home should not contain candy or food for safety reasons.

Dr. Mark Stone will be visiting the Cleveland School on Friday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for dental screenings. Remember a parental notice should be sent to the nurse, only if you do NOT want your child screened.

I am still waiting for several 4<sup>th</sup> grades physical. Please send them in as soon as possible.

Starting in November vision and hearing screenings will be begin for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. You can assume your child passed the screening, if you do not receive a notice in the mail from the nurse. If you do receive a letter, be sure to follow up with an appointment to the pediatrician or eye doctor, and share results with Mrs. Abely. If you have questions or need assistance please contact Mrs. Abely at 781-440-5953 or email at [tabely@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:tabely@norwood.k12.ma.us).

Lastly the Cleveland will be participating in a very worthy cause, to show our appreciation to our Service Members. Check out [www.OperationGratitude.com](http://www.OperationGratitude.com) for further details. We will be fundraising for toothpaste/and brushes and mailing expenses. November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 5<sup>th</sup> we will collect candy from Halloween which students may donate to Service Members overseas. A care package including; the candy, toothpaste and tooth brushes, and a letter of appreciation from students will be sent. Thank you for your assistance in this wonderful cause!

**Remember to get your flu shots everyone!**

*Terri Abely RN BSN NSCN*



