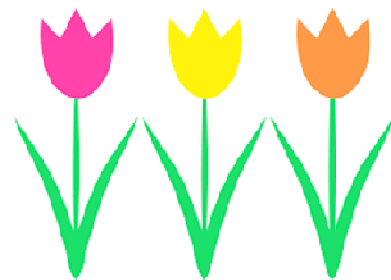




Cleveland Connection

April 20, 2015



Principal's Corner

April has finally arrived with some sunshine and warmer temperatures! Let's hope we've seen the last of the snow for a while!

This month the third, fourth and fifth graders completed the first phase of PARCC testing (PBA). Students worked diligently each day to put their best effort into the test. In only a few weeks, we will begin the End of the Year (EOY) from PARCC. Once again, students will be tested in both ELA and Math.

Hopefully, you had a chance to visit the Fine Arts Festival this month. We had many students from the Cleveland represented with both art work and instruments in the band and chorus. Thanks to Larry Smith, Amy Bedard, Monique Lariviere and Kristin Atiyeh for all the time and effort they put into this wonderful festival. It was terrific!

Just a reminder for parents of fifth graders, there will be an Open House at the CMS on Thursday, April 30th. This will be an opportunity to tour the building and become familiar with the Middle School. Hope you can make it!

Mrs. Coppola

Claire Webster, Ciara Sousa and Danielle Demattia created a "Dr. Seuss Trio" to get into reading!



Do You Know a Graduate?

The F.A. Cleveland School will present three scholarships on June 10, 2015. These awards are given to outstanding young men and women who attended the Cleveland School, are presently residing in Norwood and are graduating from High School in June 2015.

Applicants will be judged on scholastic achievements, extracurricular activities, work experience, citizenship, recommendations and essay quality.

The award consist of a \$500.00 check and having their name inscribed on a plaque at the Cleveland School.

Applications are available at the Guidance Department at Norwood High School and here at the Cleveland School. Applications must be returned to the Cleveland School no later than May 1, 2015. Good luck!

Kids and Coins for Autism

April is Autism Awareness Month. Here at the Cleveland School we joined the campaign and set a goal of collecting 68 pounds of coins. We chose 68 pounds because 1 in every 68 children born has autism. Each day the students predicted the weight of the jar and when we would have exactly 68 pounds. Thanks to your generous donations, *it only took us four days to reach our goal! By participating in Kids and Coins for Autism, students learn that they can make a difference in the lives of others!*

Pat on the Back ...

This month's "pat on the back" goes to :
Cleveland School PTA for providing us with lots of new games for indoor recess!
Thanks also to **Gail Howell** for keeping our gardens beautiful!



We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful staff!

Important Dates

April 27 — Back to School
April 28— School Council 6:00
— PTA Meeting 7:00
April 30— Grade 5 Parents visit
Coakley Middle School
May 5 — LifeTouch Picture Day
May 6-7 MCAS—Gr. 5 Science
May 8— Grade 5 Field Trip
May 11-22 PARCC Testing (3-5)
May 15—1/2 Day Lunch served
May 20—Spring Concert (3-5)
May 25—No School—Memorial Day
May 26— School Council 6:00
—PTA Meeting 7:00
May 29—PTA Staff Luncheon

Things you might have missed!



Mrs. Nichols' Class sharing their animal reports!

First Graders have been very busy learning during the month of March and April! We would especially like to thank you for your help on the animal research projects! The students proudly read their reports in class and displayed the “stuffed” animals on the bulletin boards. They were very impressive! Also in reading and writing, we are enjoying learning about poetry. We will be reading all types of poems on “Keep a Poem in your Pocket Day” at the end of the month.

In Science, we explored magnets and electricity. They enjoyed learning about the push and pull of the attraction of magnets doing the Magnetic Sailboats. The students also loved the hands on activities with the batteries and light bulbs!! Next we will be exploring seeds and plants.

In Social Studies, we continue to explore map skills. We have also discussed Patriot's Day. We learned about the Boston Tea Party and the importance of this event on our country. We also learned about Earth Day. Students learn the importance of recycling and keeping our environment clean and healthy.

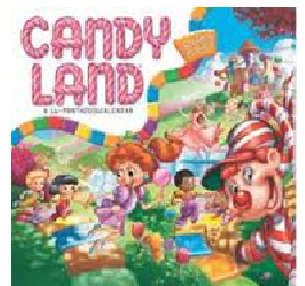
We have been able to get outside for recess more frequently, therefore, please make sure you send your child with the appropriate attire for the ever changing weather. Also, please continue to read to and have your child read each night and complete the reading log to be turned in on Monday.

Our first graders will continue to learn about many fantastic topics during the month of May!

Mrs. Brigham, Mrs. G, Ms. Nally and Mrs. Nichols

Special Thanks to the PTA....

Thanks so much to the PTA and Mrs. Naumann for collecting so many great indoor games for recess. Every grade received numerous pre-selected games for their classroom. Due to the long winter, the indoor games were truly appreciated by all students. Once again, thanks for all that donated! We appreciate your continuous generosity!



Fourth Grade News!

Spring has finally arrived, the Red Sox are winning, and we are working hard in Fourth Grade.

The children have completed the first round of PARCC testing. We want to thank all of our parents who wrote such encouraging notes to their children on our stars. The children love knowing that we are working as a team and that we all believe in them. We also want to thank Day Street Sports in Norwood for helping us with our class t-shirts. They look awesome!

In Language Arts we continue to write daily and work on text structures and comparing texts. We are writing in all curriculum areas in math, science and social studies. In reading we are working on reading strategies to help students understand more complex texts. Our vocabulary tree continues to grow!

In Math, the Wesleys and the Kilduffs are working on their Geometry unit. This includes exploring attributes of shapes, measuring angles, and symmetry. The Barrys are working on Measurement, Data and Problem solving strategies. We encourage all families to continue working with their children on their fact fluency. All fourth grade students should know all multiplication tables up to the 12's by the end of the year.

We just completed our Science unit on plants and will soon begin exploring Forces. Soon you will be getting information on our "Chuck-a Duck" event. We were lucky to have Luna Moths hatch in our classrooms. Children have learned about this amazing species and will be able to compare what they learned about these moths with our Painted Lady butterflies that will visit us later this year.

In Social Studies we continue to learn about the regions of the United States and our friendly neighbors Mexico and Canada. Perhaps you will be visiting one of these regions this vacation. Enjoy the warmer temperature. We welcome outdoor recess time.

Mrs. Wesley, Ms. Kilduff and Mrs. Barry



Grade 4
Always
reaching
higher!



Grade Two Wins First in Reading Contest!

April is a fun month in Second Grade! We have been working hard on our non-fiction animal reports learning all about different animal's looks, habitats and prey. Each student has created a beautiful non-fiction book to showcase all that they learned!

April is also poetry month. We have been reading and writing all different types of poetry, from shape poems to bio poems. In math we finished our measurement unit and we will be moving on to the graphing unit. We will have some fun surveys and graphs to show you when we're done!



Congratulations to the Second Grade who earned a banana split party for Read Across America! We hope you're enjoying this beautiful weather and everyone is getting lots of fresh

Ms. Baker, Ms. Landfield, Mrs. Frye and Mrs. Hughey



Mrs. Wesley's Postcard Challenge.....

Are you planning a trip? Maybe traveling for your job? Visiting family in another state? Well, if you are, Mrs. Wesley's Class would like to hear from you via a postcard! Mrs. Wesley's Class is hoping to get postcards from all over the globe. Can they get one from every state? Continent? Only time will tell. The address here at the school is 33 George Willett Parkway, please keep them in mind if you have to travel.

Thanks!

Mrs. Georgouloupoulos' Class celebrating Read Across America





Notes from Nurse Abely!

Seasonal Allergies

Spring is in the Air!! Along with the beautiful warmer weather people with seasonal allergies may expect an increase in allergy symptoms. (Symptoms may include watery itchy eyes, runny itchy noses and sore throats and coughs and/ or sometimes wheezing.) If your child takes medication for seasonal allergies that should be available at school call Mrs. Abely. You may download the medication form from NPS web page under health services or downloads, fill out parent permission, have your pediatrician fill out and bring the medication in the original container. (Doctors orders are needed whether medication is over the counter or prescription.)

Follow up information for Postural Screenings, Vision/Hearing, and BMI

If you have not already updated the nurse's office about exams with your pediatrician or eye doctor that were performed, please do so!

Clothing Donations for Nurse's office- please call 781-440-5953

If you are looking to donate items your child has outgrown, consider checking with the nurse's office. I am looking for size 12, 14, and 16 boys and girls shorts or light weight pants.

All 3rd graders send in your physicals!

I need a copy of your third graders physicals, performed this school year between September 2014 and September 2015. Those students whose physicals are scheduled during the summer I will collect the first week of school. Thank you for your assistance.

Did You Know?

How long should my child use a booster seat? According to the American Academy of Pediatrics. A child should be 4'9" in height (between 8 and 12 years)

The shoulder belt lies across the chest, not the neck or face

The lap belt is low and snug across the thighs, not across the stomach and

The child is tall enough to sit against the vehicle seat back with his legs bent at the knees and feet hanging down.

Reinforce use by telling your child " big kids use boosters" This car will not move until everyone is buckled up properly" reassure them they can see better and will be more comfortable with booster"

No child under 100 lbs 5 feet should be sitting in the front seat.

Thinking Spring in Fifth Grade!



Spring has finally arrived at the Cleveland. Students have been excited to get outside at recess, and after several days of PARCC testing it was needed.

The fifth graders hosted a wonderful night out for families on April 16th. The Cleveland Café was a huge success. Students were dressed up as authentic Italian wait staff. Students not only wore black and white, but many were seen sporting mustaches, goatees and bandanas. They successfully fulfilled the roles of waiters, waitresses, hosts, hostesses and dessert chefs. The proceeds will help fund the fifth grade end of the year activities. Stay tuned for more information on those activities!



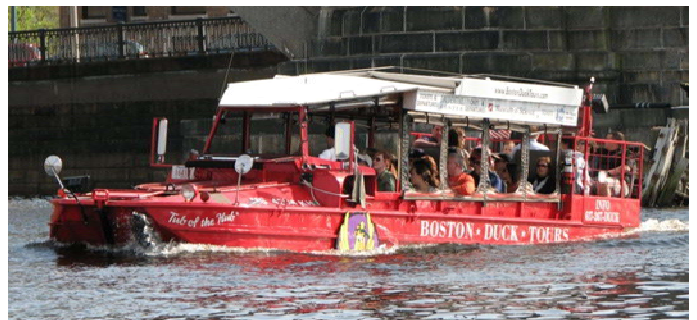
We have exciting news! One of our military pen pals is home! SPC Paul Bouchard has offered to come in and meet the students. We are currently working out the details for this visit. In addition, Bouchard sent the Cleveland a United States Flag which was flown over the 877th Engineer Battalion Headquarters at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan. The fifth grade students were thrilled to be acknowledged for their ongoing support through the letters they sent.



After vacation, we are gearing up for another round of PARCC testing and the Science MCAS. Students are well prepared and we know they will do wonderfully! In addition, on May 8th, we are off to Boston for a fun day! Students will be taking a ride through Boston on the duck tours, QUACK-

QUACK!! We have several parents joining us for the students' last field trip at the Cleveland. We can't wait for this amazing field trip; we know there will be a lot of laughs along the way.

Mrs. Bissanti, Mrs. Curran and Mrs. Joyce



Spring is Shaping Up in Grade 3!

April is off to a wonderful start, as third graders are thrilled about going outside for recess again. Third graders are also excited about the cabbage plants that were sent home on 4/8/15. Each third grader received a small plant along with a sheet explaining the planting instructions. Many third graders have already reported that their cabbage plants are resting in front of a sunny window until the ground is ready for planting.

The first days of April have been extremely busy as third graders have been working on their cooperative group geology research projects, writing poetry, and writing paragraphs for their library research projects about a famous person in Massachusetts history. Grade 3 is really shaping up!

In math, each class has completed the fractions unit, and has moved on to the geometry unit. Students have already begun to learn about lines, segments, rays, and angles along with other math vocabulary words such as: parallel, intersecting, acute, obtuse, and right. Please remember that all third graders should continue to practice memorizing basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts at home. Some fun websites for math fact practice include: Sumdog.com, multiplication.com, and http://www.abcya.com/math_match.htm.

As the days grow longer, it's important for your third grader to continue to do his/her homework and complete the reading log each night. Please also remind your third grader that the monthly reading project, (poetry booklet), is due on 4/30/15. Lastly, your third grader should be practicing his/her recorder to prepare for the upcoming concert in May.

We wish everyone a great April vacation! Go Red Sox!

Mrs. Catalano, Ms. Howell, and Mrs. Palladino



Third Graders using Chomebooks in the Classrooms!