

CLEVELAND CONNECTION

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Principal's Corner

Finally, some beautiful weather to prepare for summer! We have been so thankful for this wonderful weather during all our field trips and outdoor activities.

As we approach the end of the year, we have a few reminders:

- If your child is **not returning** to the Cleveland in September, please contact the office as soon as possible to have your child's school records released or forwarded to his/her new school.
- Be sure your child has returned any Cleveland library books to Mrs. Higgins in the Library.
- It is extremely important that you stop into the Nurse's Office to pick up any medication your child may have at school. If you do not pick up the medication it will be properly discarded over the summer.
- **ALL GRADE 4** students will need an updated physical by October 1, 2016.

Please encourage your children to read over the summer and practice their math facts. Constant review of facts will promote automaticity for September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support and kindness that you have shown towards me this year. I feel so fortunate to work in such a happy and supportive school. See you in September!

Cleveland Math Champions

This school year the Cleveland School participated in an online Math program called SumDog, thanks to a subscription paid for by the Cleveland PTA. We're sure many of you have seen your children playing these fun and educational online games at home. Well, all that playing really paid off! In the Norfolk County SumDog contest, Cleveland students took 8 out of the top 10 places. First through sixth place went to Abhishek Sakthi Kannan, Michael Ganley, Ethan Lee, Jenna Naumann, Colleen Ganley and Marija Joji. Benjamin Guarin placed eighth and Joey DeVingo placed ninth. Great job!



PAT ON THE BACK

This month's "Pat on the Back" goes to Cleveland School's new Head Custodian, Julio DeJesus. Mr. DeJesus started at our school just a few short months ago and he has made it his mission to make the Cleveland School gleaming and spotless from top to bottom. His work ethic and the pride he takes in our school is truly inspiring. He has big plans for our building over the summer. We can't wait to see the finished product in September!



IMPORTANT SUMMER NEWS

Summer Homework

If you need to know what the summer homework expectations is for your child...we have a link for that! Go to the Cleveland School website. On the Navigation Bar on the left, click on Summer Homework. The web pages detail Homework Expectations for both Reading and Math. There are also links for Reading Logs and Resources.

Or you can click on the following link:

<http://www.norwood.k12.ma.us/cleveland/Summer-Homework.cfm>



Stop The Slide!

You can help prevent summer reading loss! Studies show that a child can lose up to three months of reading achievement over summer vacation. Over time, that could add up to a year's worth of progress by fifth grade. The easiest way to stop the decline is to ensure reading happens.

- The school expectation for your child is to read three books this summer. Help your child meet or even exceed the goal.
- Let your child see you reading newspapers, magazines, books, flyers, recipes, etc.
- In the car, while traveling, listen to audio books. Audio counts!
- Let your child choose reading material that interests them.

Check out the following Summer Reading programs:

Morrill Memorial Library - "On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!" Your child sets their own goal for number to books to be read this summer. Registration begins on June 20th. Prizes are awarded in September.

<http://norwoodlibrary.org/kids-and-teens/summer-reading-program-3/>

Barnes and Noble - The book store is sponsoring a Summer Reading Triathlon complete with puzzles, codes, contests and a writing journal. If your child reads three books, Barnes and Noble will reward them with a free book.

http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge - "Be A Reading Superhero!". Your child will be asked to track their reading online.

<http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2016>

Notes from the Nurse

Summer time! Summer time! Summer time fun, brings heat, bugs, and lots of sun!

FOR CLASS TRIPS: WHEN PACKING LUNCHES/SNACKS DON'T FORGET CLASSMATES WITH FOOD ALLERGIES (AVOID NUTS/ FOODS CAUSING ALLERGIES)

- Send water bottles and remind your child to keep hydrated!
- Sun protection – Apply sun block at home before school and wear sun protective hats and clothes.
- Apply bug spray OVER clothing and AFTER sun block.
- Tics -- There are tics on the perimeter of school property, ball fields, etc. Please be vigilant about checking for tics daily. Inspect the head, arms and warm areas of the body.
- Flip flops (especially without a heel backing) are the cause of lots of school injuries due to falls, trips, and slips on outdoor equipment! Consider sneakers for school play!

Student Physicals

STUDENT'S ENTERING FOURTH GRADE and NEW STUDENTS, PLEASE SEND A PHYSICAL TO THE NURSE BEFORE STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER. PHYSICALS SHOULD BE DATED BETWEEN SEPT. 2015 AND SEPT. 2016.



Important Medication News

*MEDICATION IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE WILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP BY AN ADULT BY THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, JUNE 21ST. IF IT IS NOT COLLECTED, IT WILL BE DISCARDED. PLEASE CALL MRS ABELY IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS.

*NEW MEDICATION ORDERS AND MEDICATION SHOULD BE SENT IN THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR. FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME AND CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL WEB SITE.

*TREATING A CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION LIKE ASTHMA AND SEVERE ALLERGIES CAN BE EXPENSIVE! CONSIDER GOING TO THE WEBSITE OF YOUR CHILD'S MEDICATION FOR MONEY-SAVING COUPONS.

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer!

First Grade Happenings

First Grade is winding down!

It is hard to believe that this is our final newsletter. Your children have been a pleasure to work with this year. The boys and girls have developed both socially and academically in our short time together. We have still many fun learning activities to look forward to, such as our field trip to the Acton Discovery Museum. We also have Kite Day, Field Day, D.E.A.R. Day, Vocabulary Parade and our End of the Year Party.

*In Reading, we explored folktales and fairytales. We explored the moral of the story, character analysis, compare and contrast different versions of the same story and much more. We also asked students to write their version of a fairytale. The first graders have been focusing on writing their stories with a beginning, middle and end.

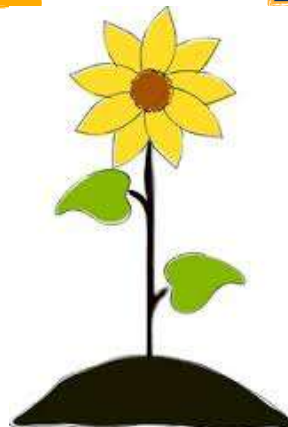
*In Math, the students have been learning about place value, telling time, understanding 2-D and 3-D shapes and learning about the value of coins and money. The first graders will be learning about fractions and reviewing their skills to get ready for next year. In math, the students have been learning about place value, telling time, understanding 2-D and 3-D shapes and learning about the value of coins and money. The first graders will be learning about fractions and reviewing their skills to get ready for next year.

*In Science we planted our sunflower seeds. If you are lucky enough, your sunflower might get taller than your child. Please send us a picture!

Watch for details about our end-of-the-year luau party.

It is important to keep reading everyday and to keep practicing those basic math facts over the summer!

Have a fun and relaxing summer! See you in September!

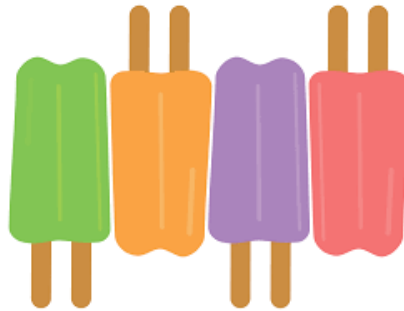




SECOND GRADE TRAVELS

We have been traveling up a storm in second grade! First, we walked to visit the residents at Sunrise Assisted Living Home. Each second grader shared his or her poem that they had written themselves. The residents were so excited to have such wonderful visitors and the students were thrilled to have the chance to share their poetry with a captive audience. A special thank you to Eric Saulnier for letting us bring the entire second grade! We all had a blast!

Up next, we traveled around to the 7 continents of the world! We split the classes up and took them to each continent via a different teacher. Mrs. Hughey took all the second graders to Europe and Africa, Mrs. Landfield took them to Antarctica and South America and Ms. Baker took them to Asia and Australia. The students thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different cultures, animals, food, games and other fascinating facts about each continent. We did crafts, watched videos, listened to music and toured the major landmarks. We each traveled around North America in our own classrooms with our own class. The students and teachers all enjoyed this great adventure! We will be sure to make this an annual event.



Grade 3 is in Full Bloom!



Grade 3 students have been really busy during the month of May. All Third Graders were very excited about playing their recorders for the end of year school concert, and did an amazing job at the school-wide performance.

*In Science, each class completed and presented the earthquake hazard projects. The students did a fantastic job working collaboratively to present information on building safety, landslides, fire and general safety and tsunamis which are all related to earthquake hazards. In addition, Mrs. Lockwood kicked off the month with the animal unit by bringing some small fish to each classroom for the students to observe. The month of May ended with a plant observation experiment in each classroom.

*In Math, the Third Graders worked very hard to complete the four math PARCC tests. Students also completed Topic 14: Solve Time, Mass, and Capacity Problems, as well as Topic 15, Attributes of Two-Dimensional Shapes during math classes. As always, Third Graders should continue to review the basic addition and subtraction facts, as well as practice the basic multiplication and division facts at home. This should become part of each student's daily routine, even throughout the summer vacation.

*In Reading, students worked on a variety of independent reading work such as reading comprehension packets and literature circles while the DRA assessments were administered. In writing, students worked on a variety of strategies such as writing poetry, and learning about and using literary devices such as similes and metaphors in their writing.

*All Third Graders are very excited about the field trip to the Concord Museum on Friday, June 17th. Students are sure to enjoy this very interactive historical field trip!



Remember

As the days grow warmer, all third graders are encouraged to bring water bottles to school.

Fourth Grade Happenings



It's hard to believe that the end of the year is only days away...we have been very busy in fourth grade. In Math the children learned all about Geometry and Measurement and currently are learning all about Algebraic patterns with numbers and objects. We continue to work to enhance our math vocabulary and will soon be taking our End of the Year Math Assessment, which covers all subject areas taught this year.

In Language Arts we finished working on reading strategies to help students understand more complex texts. We have begun writing our eight- stanza poem featuring our pet rocks! This poem integrated information learned from our Geology unit, as well as our studies of the United State Regions. The children were encouraged to

include figurative language and more precise word usage.

In Science we have finished our Geology unit and are currently in our Animal

unit where we are learning about the food web. We were able to witness the life cycle of a Painted Lady Butterfly.

All butterflies hatched and were released in our beautiful garden. We will be comparing the life cycle of a Painted Lady Butterfly to the life cycle of the Luna Moth. On June 7th we will be hosting our annual Chuck a Duck enrichment activity. The children have

been working hard on their catapult projects at home which culminates our forces unit. Please check our website for upcoming videos.

In Social Studies we are completing our units on the United States Regions and exploring Canada. Pretty soon your child will be taking their capital and location test on the entire United States! On May 5 we celebrated the Mexican holiday Cinco de Mayo. The

children learned all about this wonderful holiday while exploring the food and culture of our neighbor to the South. In the library the students worked with Mrs. Higgins on a mini research project on monuments and landmarks found in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

In Open Circle we continue to work on social competency skills and problem solving. This was particularly helpful with learning how to manage stressful situations such as the PARCC testing. Thanks to all the parents who sent in their stars with encouraging messages to their children. The children loved them and so did we!

On the last day of school we will be sending home the summer homework packages, report cards, and your child will have the opportunity to meet their new fifth grade teacher. We have enjoyed having your children in our classrooms. Have a safe and happy summer!





FIFTH GRADE NEWS



April showers certainly are bringing May flowers! The spring is always jam packed in fifth grade! We have been busy preparing for the PARCC and MCAS tests. We know the students aced them all! Great job fifth grade students!

We were lucky to have had Miss T, our wonderful student teacher from Curry College, with us for 12 weeks. She provided a lot of creative ideas and projects. She had the students all over the classroom participating in a 13 Colonies scavenger hunt that ended with a tri-fold brochure of the 13 Original Colonies. She also assisted Mrs. Curran with the before school PARCC Math review tutoring. This was well embraced by the fifth grade students, teachers, and parents. We were sad to see Miss T leave us, but we know she will be an excellent teacher some day!

In writing with Mrs. Bissanti, the students completed a unit on writing a movie review. They watched multiple movie previews and read some reviews to get a taste of what should be included. This was a unit that was a hit!

The whole school was lucky enough to read the book *Because of Winn Dixie* as a town wide book share. Mrs. Joyce was very animated as she read this emotional story about a girl and her dog. We were lucky enough to watch the movie right before April vacation! I think everyone can say that they loved the book and movie!

The 2016 summer Olympics are scheduled to be in Rio, but they came early at the Cleveland School gym! The fifth graders competed in a fierce academic-style Olympic Games in order to prepare for the MCAS and PARCC testing. Each team name was one of the original 13 colonies. The teams answered questions in math and science. If a team correctly answered the question, they were able to shoot the basketball and hope to get it in the net! If they did get it in the net their team received more points. The winning team left with a homework pass! Fun was had by all!

Quack, quack! May 18, the fifth graders took over Boston on the Duck Tours! We had a wonderful day learning about the history of our city. The weather was cool, but it didn't stop us from having fun. The kids were very excited to be able to wear their brand new 2016 t-shirt! Everyone looked amazing!

