



Cleveland Connection

June 2, 2014



Principal's Corner

Finally, some beautiful weather to prepare for summer! We have many field trips and fun activities planned for June, so let's hope it continues!

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

- If your child is not returning to school in September, please contact the office to have your child's records released.
- We have many items in the Lost and Found, please check to see if we might have any of your child's clothing.
- Please check with Celeste to update your CORI form for next year. You cannot participate in ANY school activities without it.
- Be sure your child has returned all their library books to Mrs. Higgins in the library.
- ALL GRADE 4 students will need an updated physical by October 1, 2014.

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!

Mrs. Coppola



PTA Corner.....

Our last Book Fair will take place June 10-12. It is a "buy one-get-one" event. Please come by and pick up some books for summer reading!

Before the end of the school year, we will also be sponsoring a fundraiser at Orange Leaf. Be sure to watch for upcoming information from school.

The PTA would like to thank all parents who supported our school this year.

Student Council News

As the school year winds down, I would like to thank the fantastic group of students I have worked with this year. We were able to accomplish so much! We not only raised over \$1000.00 for the school, but also reach out to our community to help the Food Pantry, send cards and candy to Veterans, mittens to the homeless, supply toys for children at holiday time, deliver much needed supplies for animals in shelters and send a check to the One Fund Boston. We discussed creating a mural for the front lobby as a School Council gift to the Cleveland School.

We do have to say a few goodbyes as Brendan G, Brendan B., Marianna, Laura, Fares and Caroline move on to the Middle School. Thank you for your valuable contributions this year. You will be missed!

Mrs. Barry

Pat on the Back ...

This month's "pat on the back" goes to :

Aimee Worcester for always giving up her gym to assemblies without a complaint and to **Charlie Haffey** for helping us keep all of our school animals safe and alive! Thanks so much!



Important Dates

June 10 -12	Book Fair
June 11	Fifth Grade Musical 6:30 PM
	Book Fair 5:00-7:00
June 12	Gr. 2 Trip to Zoo
June 13	Gr. 1 Discovery Museum
	Gr. 3 Plimoth Plantation
	Gr. 4 Aquarium
	Gr. 5 Townwide Field Day
June 17	Gr. 5 Graduation/Cookout
	School Council—4:30PM
	PTA-7:00PM
June 19	Cleveland Field Day
June 20	DEAR-Drop Everything And Read
June 23	Vocabulary Parade
June 24	1/2 Day-Last Day

Things you might have missed!

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 enjoyed learning about poetry. We loved reading all types of poems on “Keep a Poem in your Pocket Day”.

In Math, we have mastered exploring place value and comparing numbers using the greater and less than symbols. We continue to count coins by adding the quarter to coin combinations. Please take a handful of change for your child to count sometime to help us review this difficult concept.

In Science, we explored magnets and electricity. The students loved the hands on materials with the batteries and light bulbs!! We also examined seeds and plants. We hope you enjoyed receiving a sunflower plant that your child planted in class. The flower can grow to the size of a dinner plate and the stem can be higher than a basketball net.

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. 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 June!



Liam Mc Gourty and Emily O'Connor are “book buddies!”

Mrs. Brigham, Mrs. Nally, Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Georgouloupoulos

NEWS FROM GRADE TWO!

It's been a busy few months for the second grade. The students worked hard on reading nonfiction and researching an animal to author a nonfiction book. These books were shared with their peers, first graders, fifth graders, Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Coppola. Students were extremely proud of their finished product. A follow up to this, was the creation of a haiku poem about their animal to kick off our poetry unit. For the past few weeks, students have engaged in poetry reading and writing. In addition to haiku poetry, students have written free-verse, rhyming, acrostic and concrete poems.

These poems were shared when students went visited the Sunrise Assisted Living Facility and Charlwell Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. This week students had the opportunity to visit with real live owls from Wingmasters, with Jim Parks as the presenter. This exhibit was a great connection to the book Poppy read by the whole school. The students were fascinated by the Great Horned Owl which was a main character in the book! In math, students have completed their graphing unit and are now moving onto geometry and fractions. It's hard to believe we'll be wrapping up the school year in just over a month! We're very proud of the students' growth this year. Enjoy the spring weather!

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

What's News in Grade 3?

April is National Poetry Month, and in grade 3, the students have been reading and writing poems at school. Third graders have also been reading in book groups as well as have been reading fiction stories to practice reviewing story elements and answering reading comprehension questions. One strategy for answering questions is to “kick back” the question, which means to use some of the words in the question in your answer. Third graders have been ‘busy as bees’ learning about similes, and other literary elements used in poetry.

In math, all third graders continue to practice multiplication facts, as well as have been preparing for the upcoming math MCAS which will be taken on Monday, May 12th and Tuesday, May 13th. The current unit in math is fractions, and students have learned many concepts such as: equivalent fractions, parts and wholes, comparing fractions, and identifying fractions on a number line.

In science, Mrs. Lockwood introduced the animal unit by teaching a lesson using fish, and introduced the plant unit by introducing the plant experiment. Third graders are excited about being able to observe radish plants grow! In social studies, third graders are continuing to learn about the early history of Massachusetts including the events and people of the American Revolution.

In library, third graders are very excited about starting their research projects on a famous person from Massachusetts with our school librarian, Mrs. Higgins.

We would like to remind everyone that the field trip to Plimoth Plantation will be on Friday, June 13th, and all permission slips and money should be sent to school as soon as possible.

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

Fifth Grade Happenings



The month of May was a busy month to be in fifth grade. We had Math and Science MCAS. The kids are very well prepared, as always, for both. We had a surprise Mystery Challenge on May 16th. Fifth grade parents were invited to come see what it was all about; even the students didn't know what they're going to do! The teachers surprised the fifth grade students with an exciting trip into Boston. The field trip was a day on the Duck Tours. Everyone had a wonderful time. We are busy preparing for an even more exciting June!

Mrs. Bissanti, Mrs. Curran and Mrs. Joyce

Fourth Grade Happenings

The children in fourth grade continued to develop skills to improve their writing. This year we challenged our students to learn new vocabulary words. Each week the children were given a set of vocabulary words to learn. The test was not easy; they needed to understand the meaning of the word, so they were given sentences where they were required to fill in the necessary words. The children did a wonderful job and their efforts are displayed on our Vocabulary Tree bulletin board. This challenge was extended when we decided to host our First Annual Vocabulary March Madness Spelling Bee. The children were not only given the words they learned in our Vocabulary Challenge, but also various curriculum based words. The students worked in teams and the best team from each class went to the “finals.” We knew this was a successful challenge when we began seeing the children using these words both in their spoken vocabulary as well as in their writing. We also continued to host Try-It Café. This gave our children the opportunity to explore various types of writing with their peers.



Not only did our children improve their Language Art skills for MCAS but we also participated in the MCAS Math Blast in each of our classrooms using challenging questions from previous MCAS tests. Our students worked together on math skills across the math curriculum and learned all about decimals and fractions this month. We were impressed with how many of our students came to school each week for extra help, early in the morning to work with us on improving their math skills.

The students showed their fourth grade pride by wearing their MCAS t-shirts on test days, while we do not have the results yet, we can say that the children worked hard and gave it their best effort.

The fourth grade took the PTA Reading challenge seriously by reading a total of 57,338 minutes, 26% of the total minutes read by all Cleveland students. For their efforts, they have won extra recess and the bragging rights of being the grade that has read the overall most minutes in the program. We are very proud of all of our students.

The school celebrated Holi Day and many of our students participated by explaining to us what Holi Day means and how it is celebrated in India, playing instruments and dancing. It was wonderful to learn the customs that so many of our students celebrate. We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day with many activities within our classroom.

In Science, we worked on our plant unit. We studied how plants grow and used the Scientific Method when completing an experiment to see how light affects plants. Students enjoyed the “hands on” experiments in this unit. We were also the “adoptive family” to Luna moths. We watched as these magnificent creatures hatched in our room. We were very lucky to have this time to observe this species.

The Honor Orchestra participated in the Great East Festival and won the Gold Medal and Honor Band won the Platinum (highest) award! They then had the opportunity to spend the day at Six Flags. All of our instrumental students participated in the Instrumental Concert on May 6th. It was amazing to see how far they have come since September. The music they played was beautiful.

We continue to travel across the United States learning about our different regions. We are also learning about our friendly neighbor to the south, Mexico. As we continue to learn about their culture, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo. The children learned the true historical meaning of this holiday as well as how this holiday is celebrated.

Although MCAS is over, the year is not. We still have many things to learn and experience. Please help your child by having them study for tests and complete homework. We know that this is a busy time of year, but we want their fourth grade experience to be the best it can be. Fourth and goal means we finish the game; the game is over on June 24th!

Mrs. Barry, Ms. Kilduff and Mrs. Wesley

Notes from Nurse Abely!

Now that summer has arrived – please be sure to apply sun block, provide hats and supply drinks so your children will be protected from the sun and warm temperatures. Please check your children daily for ticks, especially the warm places on the body – scalp, underarm, between legs, etc.

The TLC List (Tender Loving Care List)

For those students already on the list – please sign the forms being sent home. It is important that this information is available to Staff before students return to school in the fall. By signing and returning the TLC form, a list will be compiled for the staff on a need to know basis. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Abely at 781-440-5953.



Medication Forms

Keira O'Donnell, Jenna Naumann, Paul Sheehan and Luis Rodriguez explore whale bones at a recent assembly.

Forms will be sent home reminding parents to pick up their child's medication in the nurses' office on either Tuesday, 6/24 or Wednesday, 6/25....after this time, medication will be discarded. Medication forms for next year will be available, or you can download them from the Norwood Public School website. Please have your child's doctor fill out medication orders, sign the orders, and then make sure the orders are sent to the school. Even over the counter medication must have a doctor's order. You can either bring in the order or have it faxed directly to the nurse's office at 781-551-2718.

4th Grade Physicals

All fourth grade students and new students are required to send a copy of a current physical to the nurse's office by October 1, 2014. The physical should be performed within the last year – between September 2013 and September 2014.

Have a Restful, Safe and Enjoyable Summer !

