



# Cleveland Connection

## May 27, 2015



### 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:

- Don't forget the sunscreen for daily recess!
- 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, 2015.

We are pleased to share that we will not be losing any staff in September, but will have one maternity leave for next year. As a result of budget cuts, we will have three second grade classes.

Thanks to all the parents that have volunteered for the many field trips and outings planned for June!

*Mrs. Coppola*

Hannaford's generous donation to our school!



### PTA Corner.....

Our last Book Fair will take place June 9-11. It is a buy one-get-one+event. Please come by and pick up some books for summer reading!

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 reached 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 donate over \$500.00 for **Kids and Coins for Autism!** It has been a busy and fun year! Thanks for your help and support!

*Mrs. Barry*



### Pat on the Back ...

This month's  
pat

on the  
back+goes  
to :

**Paul Mullen** for blending in to the Cleveland family and doing his job with a smile! Also to **Catie O'Malley** and **Deb Bamber**, who keep our café running smoothly.



### Important Dates

- June 9—Kindergarten Step-Up Day
- June 9-11 Book Fair
- June 10—Fifth Grade Musical 6:30
- Book Fair 5:00-7:00
- Gr. 2 Trip to Zoo
- June 12— Gr. 1 Discovery Museum
- Gr. 5 Townwide Field Day
- June 15—Gr. 3 Trip to Concord
- June 17—Gr. 4 Trip to Aquarium
- June 19— Cleveland Field Day
- June 23— Gr. 5 Graduation/Cookout
- PTA-7:00PM
- June 25— DEAR-Drop Everything And Read
- June 24— Vocabulary Parade
- June 26— 1/2 Day-Last Day

# *First Grade Salutes the Flag.....*



The month of May has been a great time for learning in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade! We have especially enjoyed our reading and writing topic of Folktales and Fairytales. In reading, we have enjoyed listening to many traditional folktales and fairytales such as The Little Red Hen and The Three Little Pigs. But the students really enjoyed the many different versions of these tales such as the The Three Little Ninja Pigs and The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig. In writer's workshop, students have been writing their own version of a fairytale and have written some very creative stories!

In Math, we continue to strengthen their fact fluency. We would like students to recall addition and subtraction facts quickly to provide them with a good foundation with problem solving skills. First graders also continue to count combinations of coins. Please ask your child to count change to pay for small items at the store. This will be a life-long skill. Some classrooms have been focusing on two digit addition and place value and others have been focusing on geometry.

In science, we enjoyed learning about plants. We planted a sunflower seed and watched it grow. Students observed their teacher cut a green pepper and estimated the number of seeds to grow inside the plant. We discuss plant parts and what is needed for plants to grow. We learned about many different kinds of flowers as well.

In social studies, we continue to learn about map skills. Students should be able to know the name of the town and state and country and continent that they live in. In addition, we have enjoyed reading about many different community helpers. Police officers, fire fighters, doctors, veterinarians, and many other workers help to make our community a better place to live. In observance of Memorial Day, we learned about how this holiday came about and its customs. We hope to remember the soldiers that died defending our country.

We are looking forward to attend the Discovery Science Museum in Acton as our field trip. Other upcoming events are field day and our end of the year party!



Sahana Gokul and Saanvi Sasikumar displayed their Jr. Lego project at the Norwood Library

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

## Grade 3 is in Full Bloom!



Third graders have been blooming with writing as they have completed writing their biography paragraphs for their library research projects, and have also written several poems during writing workshop. On Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, grade 3 students enjoyed Poem in My Pocket Day, and Pay it Forward Day. For Pay it Forward Day, each third grader wrote a list of ideas on how they can promote even more acts of kindness at school as well as at home.

At this time, the third grade teachers would like to congratulate all of the students for doing an excellent job on the geology research projects.

*Jessica Saber, Abigail Kirby and Grace Hurley had a special ride to school with Paul Ronco via fire truck.*

This was the first time that this project-based learning project was done in conjunction with the Science Center teacher, Mrs. Lockwood, and it was very impressive to see how well the students worked collaboratively to research, create, and present their research projects to their classes. The geology unit has now been completed, and all of the students are very excited about the new unit, animals.

In math, third graders have completed the geometry unit, and are working on reviewing multiplication and division facts. Students are also working on reviewing different types of graphs. In social studies, third graders continue to learn about the events leading up to the American Revolution, and are looking to this year's field trip to the Concord Museum on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

In reading, the students shared their April poetry projects, and were assigned a mystery bag book project which is due on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition to working on the book project, and reading 15-20 minutes each night for the May reading log.

Lastly, as the days grow warmer, we would like to remind all third graders to bring water bottles to school, wear sunscreen, and be prepared for playing outside for recess in the nice weather.

Have a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend!

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





# Fourth Grade Happenings



Jake LeBlanc and Georgia Davey celebrating Cinco de Mayo!

In Math our students have been working on our Geometry Unit. They have learned all about how to classify polygons, how to measure and identify angles with and without a protractor, and have explored symmetrical designs. We also learned/reviewed customary and metric units of measurement. Area and perimeter were also topics discussed this month.

In Social Studies we continue to study the economy, land and culture of each region in the United States. Our children are working hard learning the capitals and location of each of our states. By the end of June they will know them all! We continue to learn about our friendly neighbors to our north and south. This month we celebrated Cinco de Mayo and learned how this holiday is celebrated in Mexico.

In Language Arts we continue to work on improving our writing skills in many forms. Using our Character Trait Vocabulary Tree incentive we encourage our students to use descriptive language in their writing. Our students have been participating in our Spelling Bee Challenge this month working hard to become the team that will represent their class in our Second Annual Spelling Bee to be held this month. We are impressed with how much their spelling has improved!

In Science the children are witnessing the metamorphosis of a Painted Lady Butterfly from egg to adult. They will be able to compare this metamorphosis to what they learned about our Luna Moths last month. We are also in our Forces Unit where we are learning all about simple machines and looking forward to Chuck a Duck next month!

Although the end of the year is near, there is still much learning to take place. Please encourage your child to read every night and to study, study, study.

Dillon Vautour and Joe Devingo dance the day away!



Cameron Badger, Michael Ganley, Daniel Hachey and Joseph Devingo.

*Ms. Barry, Ms. Kilduff and Mrs. Wesley*

## *Notes from Nurse Abely!*

### **'Tis the season of fun in the sun!!**

Wearing sun block and reapplying every 2 hours is an important step for protecting children from the harmful rays of the sun ... Also wearing light protective clothing, hats, sunglasses can protect the skin and eyes.....It's important to drink lots of fluids during the warm weather (children especially have a difficult time regulating their body temperatures) feel free to send a water bottle to school for your child

These healthy behaviors have a better chance of becoming lifelong habits if everyone in the family participates. (Like wearing helmets while bike riding and seatbelts in the car)

### **Ticks.....**

Ticks are everywhere and can carry disease. Protective measures include:

- Using EPA-approved repellents and follow directions on the label.
- Consider wearing long pants, sleeves and socks to reduce exposed skin.
- Check your children and pets after spending time outdoors (particularly warm, moist areas, head, armpits, and groin) ticks expel an anesthetic- like substance when walking and attaching. So we don't feel it.
- Wearing light colors make it easier to spot ticks.
- Carefully remove tick with a tweezers pulling straight out, be sure you have removed the entire tick, cleanse with an antiseptic or soap and water.

Call your doctor if you see a rash, feel like you have the flu, especially if you've been exposed to a tick.

### **MARC.....**

These guidelines are from the Mass Dept of Public Health:

Professor Meghan McCoy of the Dept of Psychology at Bridgewater State College is the coordinator of (MARC Mass Aggression Reduction Center). She works with schools, communities, and students, and has done research in bullying behavior, cyber bullying, gender differences with aggression and misconceptions students have regarding the internet. I highly recommend checking out the website articles, in order to be informed and proactive assisting your children in this new world of 24/7 connectedness.

Some key points were:

- Students did not realize the information they put on line about themselves, or that friends put out was public and permanent (www. Stands for World Wide Web) which does not sound private.)
- Students/and parents need to be aware of the differences between conflict, bullying, and acceptable teasing. (This can be difficult to distinguish when using the internet as you do not have the benefit of seeing facial expressions, and other non verbal cues that impact interactions.
- The executive function part of the brain has not been developed in young students, or teenagers. (They do not think through the impact of what they say, especially on line)There can also be unintended bullying on line, through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
- Students with cell phones are more susceptible to bullying than those without.
- Resiliency is important to foster in our students.
- One of the most important limits a parent should make for their children is no I-phone or computers in the bedroom at night. And 1 hour before bed no screen time( as the screen decreases one's ability to get adequate sleep )

*Have a Restful, Safe and Enjoyable Summer !*



## *Grade Five.....On The Road Again.....*

What a busy month fifth grade has had. We all had a fantastic time on the Duck Boats- what a beautiful day! We learned a lot about the history of the city of Boston. The drivers on each boat were informative and witty! We shared many laughs. Most of the students even got to drive the Duck Boat in the Charles River!



Spc. Paul Bouchard, our pen pal who was stationed in Afghanistan, came to the Cleveland to visit with the fifth graders. He brought a slide show of his tour of duty and the students were amazed at what his job as an engineer in the Army entails. He gave each student a pencil, which they loved!



PARCC and Science MCAS are behind us. Students worked diligently throughout both tests. We're now ready for our final five weeks of uninterrupted learning time.

We are looking forward to an exciting end of the year. We have so many fun activities planned

to send the fifth graders off to the Middle School in style!

*Mrs. Bissanti, Mrs. Curran and Mrs. Joyce*



## *NEWS FROM GRADE TWO!*



May has been a great month in Second Grade! Each second grade class went to read their poetry to the residents at either Charlwell House or Sunrise. The residents were thrilled to have such polite and friendly visitors. The residents shared their own poetry and the second graders read and delivered their poetry. It was a memorable day for everyone involved. We just finished our math unit in graph-

ing and will move on to geometry next! We have a lot of fun events coming up in second grade and for the Cleveland School as a whole. Please keep an eye out for any notices coming home.

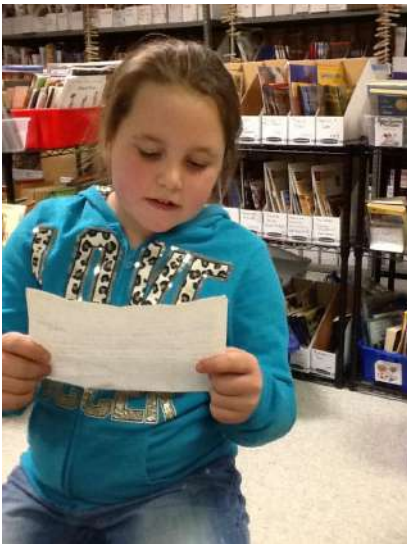
*Mrs. Frye, Mrs. Hughey, Ms. Landfield and Ms. Baker*



Colleen Hachey, Bridget Connelly, Ava O'Neil,  
Lily Swederskas and Carolynne Norwood celebrate reading!



Grade 2 students Natalie Charles, Jack Dwyer,  
Jayda DeFelice, Colleen Denehy and Mikaiya  
Lisenby all shared facts about gorillas and Ivan.



Jayda Semler  
shared her poetry on  
Poem in my Pocket Day!



The **One and Only Ivan** visited the Cleveland School to help celebrate Read Across America month! These second graders were happy to share some of their bananas!



Mark and Cameron taking a break!



Hannah and Annie doing the dirty work!



Members of the Student Council helped the students from the Norfolk Aggie plant lettuce in our new outdoor garden!



Annie and Patrick getting the job done!



Olivia and Kylie digging up the dirt!



Teacher of the Year nominees, Nancy Landfield and Gail Howell, were recognized at the Masonic Lodge recently for their dedication to teaching! Yeah Cleveland!





