



# Cleveland Connection

## October 30, 2014



### Principal's Corner

It has been a very busy month here at the Cleveland. We have been settling routines, making new friends, and adjusting to the transition of the new school year. Our Students have been busy sending letters to our Veterans and collecting food for the Norwood Food Pantry. Over 500 items were donated for the pantry and students were rewarded with a pajama day. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive school and community.

Paul Ronco has spent much of the month here teaching our children about fire safety. The boys and girls have had the opportunity to try on his safety gear and practice fire prevention tips. Thank you Paul for the tremendous amount of time that you have given to our school.

Each month, our school will be practicing a variety of safety procedures. Lockdowns, lockouts and fire drills will be held regularly to ensure that students remain safe given any special circumstance. 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 working as a team to educate them. Your support is greatly appreciated.

As the cold weather approaches, please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for recess. We will be going outside on the sunny days! If possible, it would be helpful if you could put your child's name on their clothing. We have a large number of items in the lost and found.

*Mrs. Coppola*



Cleveland celebrated "Walk-at School Day" with a walk around the school on October 8th. This second grade class was lead by parent, Mrs. Murphy and daughter Hannah.

### PTA Corner.....

Congratulations to ALL of the Cleveland School students. Our Box Top contest in October was a huge success and you raised over \$600 for your school. The classes that were awarded extra recess were...1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Ms. Brigham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Ms. Frye, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Ms. Palladino, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ms. Kilduff, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ms. Joyce. Keep the Box Tops coming in! We will be having another contest in February.

October was a busy month at the Cleveland PTA. We had a very successful Book Fair and The Monster Mash was a frightfully good time! Thanks to all who supported these and other recent fundraisers. We have much more for November! Family Game Night is on Friday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at the Cleveland school, Parents Bowling Night is Saturday, November 15th and a restaurant fundraiser at the Chateau on Wednesday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. Information on all of these events will be coming home in backpacks. Keep an eye out for Square One Art order forms coming soon and our annual Coffee Cakes fundraiser. Also please remember that Cleveland apparel orders are due 11/5.

**The next PTA meeting is on Tues Nov 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the School Café – all are welcome so please come join us!** We have a new Facebook page that anyone can visit to get more info on all of the various PTA activities: <https://www.facebook.com/faclevelandschoolpta>.

**Safety First...** When dropping off in the loop, please do not go around the car in front of you. Many times students/parents are getting instruments out of the trunk or back seat. Thanks for helping.

### Important Dates

- November 6– Conferences
- November 7– Early Release 12:30 Professional Development
- November 11– No School- Veterans Day
- November 26–Early Release 12:00 No lunch!
- November 27-28 Thanksgiving Recess

### Pat on the Back ...

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

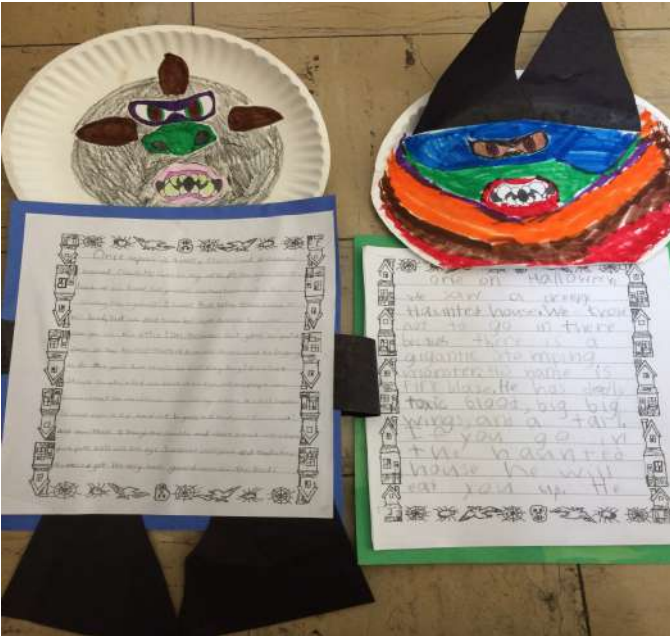
**Ms. Worcester** for organizing our Walk At School Day and promoting physical fitness! Also, thank you **Mrs. Naumann** for attending our many events this month and taking pictures.

Thanks so much!



# Things you might have missed!

## *Writing in Grade 2!*



It was so nice to meet all of our second grade families at open house. This month Firefighter Paul Ronco will be visiting each classroom to talk about fire safety. In reading we are completing an author study on Kevin Henkes. We are focusing on story elements, character traits and making connections. Our class will continue to practice addition and subtraction facts. Second graders are learning strategies for adding numbers quickly and efficiently. They have learned +10, +9 shortcut, doubles facts and doubles plus and minus 1! We will also be answering story problems by drawing, using number models and explaining our thinking. In writing we are focusing on sentence structure, and how writers use nouns, verbs, and adjectives to make our writing more exciting! We are writing 'Monster Tales'. These are fictional stories about monsters using many exciting nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

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

## *News from the Clifford Library:*

These two keyboarding websites are fun and educational! They encourage the use of the home row keys for efficient keyboarding practice. The websites are Dance Mat Typing at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr> and Typing Club at <http://www.typingclub.com/>.

**Annmarie Higgins, Librarian**



**A Family Affair!** The Monster Mash was once again a huge success for our students. The Barnett sisters, Riley, Reese and Paige, took first place in the costume contest with "Rock, Paper, Scissors".

## *Lost and Found.....*

- Please remind your children to look in the lost and found if they have misplaced clothing. Our box is already overflowing with fall apparel. If you are looking for something in particular, just send in a note and we'll check to see if it was turned in recently. Thanks for your help with this!

## *Thanks but.....*

- Thanks to all the parents that have volunteered their time and patience to monitor lunch recess, unfortunately, we will be using teachers to cover these duties in the future. We have made this decision due to concerns with school regulations and liability.



## *FIRST GRADE HAPPENINGS...*



**Mrs. Brigham's Class**

The first grade students are learning routines and settling in nicely. They have been learning many 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. Thank you for your support in completing the children’s reading logs.

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 facts. We are also beginning to learn about coins, what they look like and their value. Please continue to practice flashcards at home.

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.



**First graders line up for their first “Walk-at-School Day”.**

We have been learning about leaves, bats and pumpkins in preparation for Halloween. Mrs. Lockwood, our Science Specialist, brought in iso-pods! We will continue to learn about animals in the animal kingdom.

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 build their writing stamina.

There’s much excitement in the first grade as we approach the holiday season!

**The First Grade Teachers**

## *Fifth Grade Goes Tech!*



Fifth grade has been exciting in October. In writing, the students have been working on writing a letter to the Springfield Daily Star trying to persuade them to either expand a zoo or not. The letters are full of evidence and are very persuasive!

We finished our Weather unit in Science and have started learning about Energy. We are excited to visit the Planetarium in a few weeks.

The iPads are being used regularly in Reading with a great Spelling App that the kids are using. They love iPad Tuesday!

In Math the students have been using Chrome Books and iPads to enhance their understanding in the concepts being covered in class, including place value and decimals.

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



## *Reminders from Nurse Abely!*

**Excellent time to get your FLU SHOTS one and all! Let's protect ourselves and others not infect!**

In the Nurse's office we will be screening vision and hearing, starting this week! You will receive a note from the nurse's office in the mail **only if** your student did **not pass** the screening. Please Schedule follows up with an optometrist or (the vision clinic) as soon as possible and communicates findings with Mrs. Abely. 781-440-5953.

Operation Gratitude is under way this week! Children may donate their Halloween candy to be sent to active duty service members and wounded warriors! A great lesson on sharing and moderation of candy!

If your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader has had a physical this fall between September 2014 and November 2014 be sure to send a copy to Mrs. Abely. This is required by the State for next year. Thanks for your cooperation. Dental clinic appointments begin this month. You will receive a call from the nurse the day before your child is scheduled to attend. The appointments are all year through May, two students at a time will be driven by school van to the Norwood Town Hall. The hygienist determines the scheduled. I will mail home a notice after your child's appointment, at that time you may send payment to the nurse's office.

**Terri Abely RN BSN NSCN**



## *October Happenings in Grade 3*

Cleveland's third graders have settled into the school routine nicely, and have been working really hard at school. October has been such a busy month with so many exciting activities such as: Open House/ice cream social, the book fair, a classroom visit from Firefighter Paul, a walk to the Norwood Library, picture day, and hand washing with Mrs. Abely.

In reading, third graders have been culminating the traditional literature unit, and have begun to have focus lessons on character traits, and have focused on how a book character changes from the beginning, middle, and of a story. In math, third graders have begun unit 1 which includes telling time to the nearest minute and will soon be starting to learn about elapsed time. It will be very helpful to assist your third grader in practicing reading an analog clock to the nearest five minute and 1 minute intervals. If your third grader doesn't know how to tell time on an analog clock, a wristwatch makes a perfect birthday or holiday gift. Once again, we would like to stress for all students to continue to practice the basic addition and subtraction facts at home.

In science, third graders have enjoyed lessons about gears, pulleys, Lego levers, and gyroplanes. Each class will soon be wrapping up the forces unit by taking the first Science Center unit test, and will then be moving on to the next science unit which will be about Earth and the Solar System. In social studies, each class has begun to learn about the early history of Massachusetts, which will include lessons about the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag. For this unit, third graders will be using the grade 3 Massachusetts textbook as well as supplementary trade books as they learn about the early days of Massachusetts and the early residents of our state.

In third grade writing occurs throughout each school day during activities such as Quick Writes, reading responses, graphic organizers, retellings, compare/contrasts, etc. In addition, third graders are currently working on writing a personal narrative, and are going through several steps that will teach them how to develop a well written personal narrative essay.

At this time, the third grade teachers would like to thank you for all of your help with homework, and for returning information back to school in a timely manner. We would also like to thank Mrs. Jean Todesca and her staff at the Norwood Library for planning the field trips for the Cleveland third graders. Not only did the students learn a wealth of information about the Norwood Library, each student had an opportunity to apply for a library card. As the temperatures become colder, please remember to send your third grader dressed warmly so that he/she may go outside for recess. Lastly, we are looking forward to see you for the upcoming parent conferences on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

## *Great Things Are Happening in Fourth Grade....*

It's hard to believe that October has come to an end. We have been very busy in Fourth Grade. In Science we wrapped up our Earth and Solar System Unit by having the children complete a mini-research cereal box project on one of the planets. We then embarked on a Planet Walk so that the children could understand the distance each planet is from the sun. We were lucky this year that we had fantastic weather for our journey. Along the way the children shared information that they had learned about each planet. This was a great way to exercise for the October Fitness Challenge. It was an "out of this world experience!"

We celebrated "Observation Month" to enhance our writing program. Each week the fourth grade teachers dressed up in wacky outfits. The children needed to "observe" what was wrong with us and they needed to tell us "how to fix our appearance" so that we would be more appropriately dressed for school. This included using graphic organizers, friendly letters, illustrations, and of course, a sense of humor. The children impressed us with their ability to write with details and write creatively, while at the same time, using correct writing formats and grammar. There was much laughter in the Fourth Grade Wing this month.

In Math, we have been working on gaining familiarity with factors and multiples. The children have learned some new ways to determine if a number can be divisible by another number by following some divisibility rules. Ask your child to show you how this works. Please continue to encourage your child to memorize their facts. By the end of



**A Frightful Night!** Kathryn McGonagle, Hayley Flynn and Hailey Libby all enjoyed the Monster Mash!



the year, they should know all tables through the 12's. All the fourth grade has been working on Addition and Subtraction Problem Solving using models and alternate algorithms. Students are learning different ways to solve problems, visualize problems, demonstrate equations in models, and explain their thinking.

Technology is being used in all of our classrooms. The children are learning how to use the IPADS and Chrome-books. We are learning how to use Google Drive to create, edit, and share documents. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful technology!

This year we enjoyed celebrating both Halloween and our first Purple People Eater Day. It is a celebration that allows all children to participate regardless of their beliefs. We created our

own comic books using the famous song, "Purple People Eater", by Sheb Wooley. The children wrote the lyrics to this song using correct punctuation, capitalization, and quotations. As a grade we were challenged by Mrs. Coppola to perform a song/dance for the whole school. We gladly accepted the challenge and had a great time! We were a sea of purple and pajamas!

## *Cleveland Photo Gallery*



Ella Rexhepi and Katie Gaspa enjoying the Monster Mash. Vivienne Gough lost her head at the Monster Mash!!

