

CLEVELAND CONNECTION

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Principal's Corner

It's hard to believe that October has already come to an end! What a busy month it was here at the Cleveland! We started the month off with our fourth graders participating in a Fun and Fitness Day at Gillette Stadium. Students got the opportunity to exercise on the field, as well as listen to current players from the Revolution talk about health and fitness. The weather was perfect!

Our PTA sponsored their annual Ice Cream Social, Book Fair and pumpkin sale this month. It was well received by both students and parents alike. We appreciate all they do to help fund and support so many activities at our school.

On October 9th, we had our first "Pajama Day" to support Operation Gratitude. Students participated by bringing in money to defray the cost of sending collected Halloween candy to our troops overseas. Thanks for your support of this project!

We were fortunate enough to have the dental clinic here last week. This clinic gives students the opportunity to have their teeth examined and checked by Dr. Mark Stone. Students also received a new toothbrush as part of the program.

Last week, we had a ceremony to recognize the five Norwood High School students who painted our bus barriers. We also recognized Mrs. Denise Kiley, Mrs. Claire Gold and Cataldo Landscaping for all the time and effort they put into getting our "outdoor" classroom up and running. As Halloween drew near, we celebrated with a pumpkin decorating contest and the ever popular Monster Mash.

Looking ahead, we will be scheduling Parent Conferences on November 12th & 13th. Please make every effort to meet with your child's teacher. It is important that we work together to ensure student success. Thanks!



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Nov 6** - Family Game Night 6 - 8 pm
- **Nov 9** - Jake and Joe's Fundraiser
- **Nov 11** - No School - Veteran's Day
- **Nov 12** - Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Nov 13** - 1/2 Day 12:30 Dismissal
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- **Nov 24** - PTA Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Nov 25** - 1/2 Day 12:00 Dismissal - No lunch
- **Nov 26 & 27** - No School



PAT ON THE BACK

This month's Pat on the Back goes to **Ms.**

Galvin and Mrs. Landfield. We can always count on Ms. Galvin to be documenting all our school events with photos galore. Then, she takes the time to produce all those wonderful slide shows posted on the Cleveland website. Mrs. Landfield spent time decorating our new Outdoor Classroom for the Parent Open House. It made for such a warm and welcoming space for parents to visit that night. Thanks ladies!

PTA CORNER



October was a busy month for the Cleveland PTA. We had a very successful Ice Cream Social and Book Fair. The Monster Mash was a frightfully good time! Thanks to all who supported these and other recent fundraisers.

We have much more planned for November!

- Family Bingo Night is on Friday Nov 6th from 6-8PM at the Cleveland school.
- Parents Bowling Night is Saturday, November 14th from 7pm-10pm at the Norwood Sports Center
- There is a restaurant fundraiser at Jake and Joe's on Monday, Nov 9th.

Information on all of these events will be coming home in backpacks and can be found at the PTA Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/faclevelandschoolpta

The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 24th at 7 pm in the School Café - all are welcome so please come join us!.



Fundraising Success at the Book Fair!

MONSTER MASH FUN



ENRICHMENT AT THE CLEVELAND



Each year at the Cleveland School, the PTA generously sponsors monthly enrichment programs. This year started with a captivating and educational bubble show all about the science of bubbles called Bubbleology. It was a hit with both the students and the teachers!

Notes from the Nurse

4th Grade Physicals

I am still waiting for several 4th graders' physicals. Please send them in as soon as possible.

I am continuing vision and hearing screenings for 1st and 4th grades. You can assume your child has passed the screening if you do not receive a notice in the mail from me. If you do receive a letter, be sure to follow up with an appointment to the pediatrician or eye doctor and share the results with me. If you have questions or need assistance please contact Mrs. Abely at 781-440-5953 or email at tabely@norwood.k12.ma.us

Operation Gratitude

November 2nd - 6th the Cleveland School is collecting Halloween candy that students are willing to donate to send to service members overseas. These care packages will be sent along with a letter of appreciation from students in the next few weeks. Thank you for your assistance with this wonderful cause!

Congratulations to the new Student Council Members!

Thank you to all of the students who campaigned for this year's Student Council.
The following students were elected:

Grade 5: Quinn Burgess, Brooke Duffy, Jackson Kiley, Niko Faller, Ben McDougall and Cameron Badger

Grade 4: Michaela Reen, Nevin Kelley, Giacomo Serratore, Paige Barnett, Kyle Willis, Aiva Bailey

We are looking forward to a great year of servicing our school!



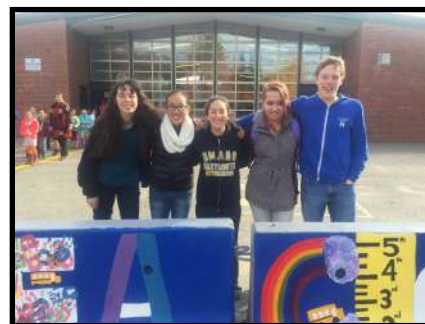
Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Thanks to all students who decorated pumpkins and entered them into our annual decorating contest. All entries were used to help decorate at the Monster Mash. We continue to be impressed with the creativity of our children!



Garden and Mural Ceremony

A Tribute to Norwood Citizens Beautifying our School





First Grade Happenings



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 fluently adding and subtracting within 10. We are using many different strategies to solve equations, such as, counting on, using a number line, using doubles and near doubles. We are also beginning to learn about coins, what they look like and their value.

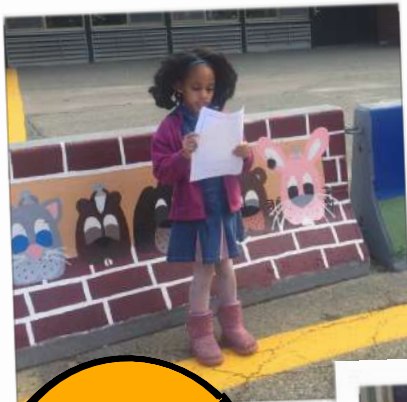
✧ Students have been writing about “small moments”, or personal experiences in their lives to share with their classmates. They are learning to stretch out the sounds of words to improve their writing and spelling skills, as well as build their writing stamina. We have also been exploring seasonal non-fiction topics such as bats and pumpkins.

✧ In social studies we learned about Christopher Columbus and his role in discovering America and they have been working on mapping skills by creating a map of their bedroom.

✧ Mr Haffey and Mrs. Lockwood, our Science Specialists, brought in isopods! We will continue to learn about animals in the animal kingdom.

✧ To prepare for Halloween, Officer Murphy and McGruff, the Safety Dog, came in to teach us about Halloween safety tips and reminders.

Hope everyone had a safe and happy Halloween!



Even our youngest students contributed at our barrier ceremony

Do you recognize these Monser Mash 1st graders????



Halloween Safety with Officer Murphy and McGruff

SECOND GRADE UPDATES

October has been a busy month in second grade! Students are now settled in and working on building independence with routines and activities. Students have been doing an excellent job during the Reader's Workshop block this month. Not only have we been building up our reading stamina, but students are taking part in various Author Studies. While reading books by Kevin Henkes and Cynthia Rylant, students are busy identifying the characters, setting and plot of fiction stories and always checking for understanding. Throughout the month, we have also shown growth with our writing skills. Students are continuing to work on correct sentence structure and using that to write fiction stories. Students are now finished with their Monster Tales and they're on display in the cafeteria! Finally, math is always a busy time in the classrooms. We have just begun Topic 3: Adding within 100 Using Strategies. Students are using manipulatives, games, technology and teacher modeling to practice various strategies for adding two digit numbers. We are all very impressed with the students' efforts in this area. We hope everyone had a safe and happy Halloween!





Third Graders are Multiplying into November

During October, Cleveland's third graders have been working in Topic 2 in math and have been learning the basic multiplication facts for 0, 1, 2, 5, 9, and 10. At school, third graders have been learning the patterns for the various multiplication tables, such as "Any factor multiplied by one, will have a product of that factor." Not only have the students been practicing multiplication math facts at school, but many of them have begun to learn the facts for memory. It's really important that all third graders practice memorizing multiplication facts at home. Some ways to do this include: using flash cards and playing online games such as Funbrain.com or Multiplication.com.

In reading, third graders have been very excited about sharing their fairytale book projects with their classmates. At school, the students have been working in the fiction unit, by reviewing character traits, and have been examining how book characters change from the beginning to the end of a book. Some mentor texts used to practice this skill include: Julius, Baby of the World by Kevin Henkes, and The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch.

Third graders have been developing their writing skills in writer's workshop by learning ways to write a personal narrative. They have already learned that thinking about a special person, place, or object is a wonderful way to generate ideas for writing a personal narrative story. All third graders should remember that using correct punctuation and capitalization in everyday writing is a really important part of the writing process. Families can reinforce the importance of using good writing skills, by editing and proofreading with your third grader on all written homework assignments and projects.

In social studies, all grade 3 classes have been sailing along in the Pilgrim unit. So far, the students have been learning about the difficult living conditions on the Mayflower, as well as how life was for the first Pilgrim settlers. In science, the Forces test will be taken during the week of November 2nd. Third graders are looking forward to the next unit which will be the solar system.

At this time, we would like to thank all parents and room parents for your assistance with the recent Halloween celebrations. We would also like to remind you, that now that the weather is cooler, all third graders should be dressed warmly, so that they are prepared to go outside for recess.

See you at parent conferences on Thursday, November 12th or Friday, November 13th.

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



In writer's workshop, third graders wrote biographies about their classmates.

Great Things are Happening in 4th 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. Not only did we learn about the planets, but we exercised as well. It was an "out of this world experience!"

Talking about exercise...we participated in the first New England Revolution 4th Grade Fitness Day at Gillette Stadium. Their goal was to promote a healthier lifestyle for children. Guest speakers were both players and coaches who inspired our children to make better choices. One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity to go onto the field and exercise. We all had a great time, and the weather was perfect!

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"

4TH GRADERS AROUND THE CLEVELAND



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 worked on Addition and Subtraction Problem Solving using models and alternate algorithms. Students learned different ways to solve problems, visualize problems, demonstrate

equations in models, and explain their thinking.

In Social Studies we continue to work on our map skills, learning how to read longitude and latitude. Soon we will be using all of these skills for our enrichment program, "X" Marks the Spot!

Technology continues to be used in all of our classrooms. The children are learning how to use the iPads and Chromebooks. We are learning how to use Google Drive to create, edit, and share documents. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful technology!





FIFTH GRADE NEWS

★October has flown by in grade 5!! We started the month with our annual walk to school! It was a crisp morning for a fun walk around the Cleveland neighborhood.

★Thank you for supporting the fifth graders by buying your pumpkin from the pumpkin sale! What a fun night for pumpkins and ice cream!

★We ended our Science unit on weather by watching weather videos sent to the fifth grade from friends all over the country! It was fun to see first hand what weather was like outside of Norwood. This was a great addition to our special visit from Danielle Vollmar at the end of September. Quizlet is up and running for Science! Be sure to check it out! Did you see the "Wake Up Call" and the Cleveland School "Shout Out" on Channel 5 news? Be sure to look it up on their website. The fifth graders are famous!

★Last week the fifth grade really enjoyed the Bubbleology assembly. Bubbles can be fun for all ages. It was great to see how big and small bubbles can be.

★Many of the fifth graders had a spook-tacular time at the Monster Mash last Friday. The costumes were so creative. It was fun to see so many kids at their last Monster Mash. It was fun to watch the great dancers as well! There's clearly some talent amongst these kids!

