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Principal's Corner

It seems hard to believe that spring has finally arrived at Cleveland School—after such a long, harsh winter. This academic year has certainly flown by!

I am happy to report that our MCAS Rally, held on March 18th, was a resounding success! This event was featured in “The Norwood Transcript” and will also be televised on the Norwood Public Cable station. I have so many people to publically thank for the success of this event:

- Ms. Nora Galvin for organizing the day’s festivities.
- Mrs. Breen for lending her musical talents.
- Thank you to Paula McMullen for the rally programs.
- Thank you to Mrs. Trede for creating our MCAS Banner. This is on display in our front lobby.
- Mrs. Barry, our director for the fourth and fifth grade participants.
- Ms. LaRiviere for her support with sound

engineering.

- Mrs. Hughey, our coordinator and liaison for the High School motivational speakers.
- Our Norwood High School motivational speakers: Harriet Kiwanuka, Ryan Plasko, and Adam Sicklick.
- All of the fifth and fourth grade actors who participated in the rally.
- Our Cleveland staff members who performed and danced: Mrs. Barry, Ms. Pelaggi, Ms. Elacqua, Mrs. Kewriga, Mrs. O’Hear, Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Horst, and Ms. Galvin.

Also, thanks to our Superintendent Jim Hayden for joining us on that day, as well as Mr. Mark Joseph, School Committee chairperson. We appreciate your support!

The spring administration of the English Language Arts MCAS test continues in grades three, four, and five. Our students have been focused and have risen to the challenge! Classroom teachers have reported that students are using the “Boot Camp” strategies that were practiced for 6 months, and that their stamina has

dramatically improved. I’m so proud of Cleveland students for working so hard during this testing time! We are now into the final stretch of MCAS Boot Camps, shifting our focus to Mathematics. MCAS math tests will be from May 10th—24th.

If you are planning on moving this year, please let us know as soon as your relocation plans are confirmed. This will facilitate a smooth transition of a student’s personnel files, including academic and health records. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that April vacation will be held during the week of April 18th—there will be no school at that time.

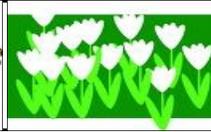
I wish you all a happy Passover and Easter.

Thank you for your continued support. Happy Spring!

Scott Williams, Principal

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Art Update From Mrs. Trede

The Norwood Public Schools' will be presenting its 14th Annual Fines Art Festival on Monday and Tuesday, April 11th and 12th at the Apollo Function Facilities. The festival is a celebration of the Arts. Exceptional Artwork from grades 1-12 will be on display reflecting the district's diverse and rich program. There will be performances by Norwood's outstanding drama and musical ensembles. Norwood's Television program will present wonderful student created public service announcements, videos, and documentaries. Presentation of the Fine Arts Advocate of the Year and Albie Awards, will take place on Tuesday evening. The festival is free and open to the public from 6:00-8:30pm at Apollo, 615 Washington St, Norwood, MA 02062

Five students from the Cleveland are participating in the Massachusetts Art Education Association's "Elementary and Middle School Art- Preschool through Grade 6" exhibit. Olivia Pungitore, (grade 3), Alyssa Naumann, Shane Foley, Victoria Mullen and Druv Patels' (Grade 5) art work will be on view from April 11th to May 6th. This art display is located on the second floor of the State Transportation Building, 8 Park Plaza, Boston, MA. The hours of this wonderful display are Monday through Friday 9 am.-5 pm., and three Saturdays, April 16, 23, 30, 12:00 noon -4 pm. Closed Sundays.

Cleveland School Important Dates

- April 4th: Election Day
- April 5th and 6th: PTA Enrichment Assembly, "Voyager Education," Grades One and Two.
- April 5th: Cleveland School Staff Meeting, 3:10.
- April 7th: Fifth Grade Talent Show.
- April 14th—Poem In Your Pocket; Violin Instrumental Honors Concert, Coakley Middle School, 7:00 PM.
- Vacation: April 18th—22nd—NO SCHOOL.
- April 26th: School Council 4:00, PTA 7:00.

Cleveland School scholarship applications are now available in the lobby for any graduating student that attended Cleveland.

News From Nurse Canniff

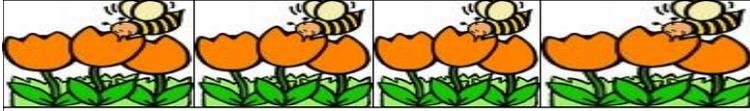
Puberty Lesson: Miss Worcester will be sending permission slips for the upcoming puberty lesson in Grade 5 after April vacation. Watch for this important information. Please call me if you have any questions after the letter arrives.

Physicals: I will be sending out notices to the 3rd Graders regarding the need for a physical exam for 4th grade. These exams are due October 1st. So please make your appointments early.

Allergy: Spring has finally arrived, along with the allergy season. Please make sure if your child has allergies and may sometimes require medication that you have contacted me, filled out the medication administration forms and made arrangements to keep a supply of their medication in school.

Sun Sense: The sun is getting stronger and it is not too early to think about sunscreen. Your children will be spending more time under the sun at ball games, outside play at recess and home, and during April vacation. To protect yourself and your family: Spend only limited time in the sun between 10 am and 4 pm. Wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Cover up with a hat, sunglasses and long sleeve shirt when out in the sun.

Helmet Law: Massachusetts law requires that a bicycle helmet be worn by any person 16 years of age or under who is riding as an operator or passenger on a bicycle, in line skates, a scooter, or a skateboard. The Norwood Health Department has helmets for sale for only \$5. Protect your children!



PTA News

GL Scrip is an exciting new way to raise money for the Cleveland School. By shopping with gift cards for everyday purchases like food, clothing, and entertainment, you can raise money that will be used to help lower the cost of field trips, add new books to our library and fund enrichment activities for our children.

What is GL Scrip? GL Scrip offers gift cards for hundreds of retailers all over the country. By purchasing these gift cards through the Cleveland School, a percentage of the face value of the gift card is donated to our school. You purchase the gift cards at full face value from the Cleveland and the Cleveland purchases the gift cards at a discount from GL Scrip. The discount from two to fifteen percent or more is the school's revenue.

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything. Organization members produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. By simply planning ahead on everyday purchases like groceries, gas, restaurants, clothes, entertainment and home repair, our families can earn money for the Cleveland School.

The Cleveland PTA is pleased to offer this program at our school. Look for information in your child's folder right before April vacation.

Second Grade Character Day

Another successful Character Day was held on Tuesday, March 15th in the Cleveland Cafeteria. Parents and families were introduced to the likes of the Cat in the Hat, Gooney Bird Greene, Cam Jansen, Fancy Nancy, Lilly, Jack, and Mr. Putter. In celebration of all the effort grade two students put towards identifying and understanding all the elements of fiction, students had the opportunity to choose one of their favorite characters and design a poster and costume to present on Character Day. As families filled the cafeteria, students took on their character's persona and spoke to families about their character's likes and dislikes, friends and family, and story adventures. The smiles, laughter, and conversation said it all...everyone was impressed! The second grade teachers would like to thank all the families who helped support their child in this endeavor. It wouldn't have been so successful without your time and help! Thank you! Please be sure to check out the slideshow of this wonderful day on the school's website.

Cleveland Fifth Grade Talent Show

Come see the talent within our school walls. The 5th grade students have once again organized the Cleveland School Talent Show. Students are going to be showing off their talents on April 7th. The show starts at 6:30. Don't miss it. Students have been preparing their various singing and dancing acts. There will also be joke telling and a classic comedy skit. We will have pianists, a violist and a drummer showing off their talents. There are also students showing off their ballet, gymnastics and Irish Step. The acts will be judged on how well the act did, how entertaining and how difficult. The 5th grade students will be collecting for the Norwood Food Pantry the week of April 4 through April 8. We will also be accepting can and nonperishable donations at the show. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Please come and let the Cleveland students entertain you.

Fourth Grade Happenings

The fourth grade recently held their State Luncheon. The students have been working very hard researching states for their Big 6 Project. As part of this project, each child researched foods that represent their state. They not only shared their food with the entire fourth grade, but also explained the connection of the food to their particular state. The food was delicious and many of our students were brave enough to try new foods! We want to thank all the fourth grade families who helped prepare this food, and for the many parent volunteers who were on hand to help us that day. Mrs. Wesley's class has been collecting postcards from all over the United States. They have been challenged to see if they can collect at least one postcard from each state. So far the class has done a great job. We have received postcards, not only from the United States, but from several other countries too! But, if the children are to meet their goal – we need your help. We do not have postcards from the following states: Montana, Nevada, Kansas, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Ohio. If you are planning a trip to any of these states, or you know someone who would be willing to send us a postcard, we would appreciate it. Postcards can be sent to: Mrs. Wesley's Fourth Grade Class, 33 George Willett Parkway, Norwood, MA 02062. Also, Mrs. Wesley's class does a project in May that uses buttons. If you have any buttons that you would like to recycle, please send them to her.

Poem In Your Pocket—TV Turn Off

We are celebrating ***Poem in Your Pocket Day*** on Thursday, April 14th as part of National Poetry Month. We are asking teachers, staff members and students to find a favorite poem and carry it with them to share and read aloud on April 14th. The poem can be funny or serious, long or short. Ask your child to share the poem they picked. You can also participate by choosing a poem and sharing it with your family. The Cleveland school will kick off our tenth ***Turn Off Week*** on Monday, April 24th. We are asking students and families to “unplug” from their televisions, videos and computer games. It's a great opportunity to slow down and enjoy non-screen activities. There will be daily drawings and prizes. More details to follow.

Below is a helpful link on the importance of Facebook Internet Privacy and Safety:

<http://chronicle.com/blogs/profhacker/six-steps-for-checking-your-facebook-privacy/30402>