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Principal's Corner

It seems hard to believe that spring has finally arrived at Cleveland School (although, with the mild winter and recent temperatures in the 80's, it has felt like spring has been here for awhile already)!

I am happy to report that our MCAS Rally, held on March 16th, was a resounding success! Local newspaper reporters and photographers from *The Norwood Transcript*, *The Norwood Record* and *The Patch* were all on hand to capture this spectacular event. Special thanks goes to:

- Ms. Nora Galvin for organizing the day's festivities.
- Mrs. Breen for lending her talents on stage.
- Mrs. Bissanti for the MCAS rally programs and organizing the fifth grade participants.
- Ms. LaRiviere for her support with sound engineering.
- Mrs. Hughey and Mrs. Campagna for assisting with set up.
- Mrs. Palladino, Mrs. Catalano, and Miss Howell for their help with the

third grade participants.

- All of the fifth grade participants

Also, thanks to our Superintendent Jim Hayden and Assistant Superintendent Wyeth for joining us on that day. We appreciate your support!

This event can be found on the Cleveland School website, under the "Events" section. Be sure to check out the rally online!

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 improved. Students are taking their time and not rushing. 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 is next month. Please refer to page 2 for specific dates!**

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 there is no School on Good Friday, April 6th. April vacation will be held during the week of April 16th—there will be no school at that time.

Please check out page two for important upcoming dates and events at Cleveland in April.

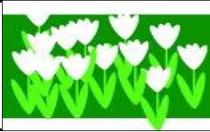
I wish you all a happy Passover and Easter.

Thank you for your continued support. Happy Spring!

Scott Williams, Principal

Important Phone Numbers

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Mr. Williams	781-440-5951
Mrs. Hankey	781-440-5952
Mrs. Canniff	781-440-5953
Mrs. O'Hear	781-440-5957



Important Dates

News From Nurse Canniff

Postural screening: Postural screening in Grade 5 has been completed and referral letters have been mailed to parents of any child with significant findings. Please return them as soon as your physician completes the exam.

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 skate board. Knee pads and elbow pads are easy to wear and add more protection. I have a few helmets in my office if your child needs one. Remember bike helmets do expire and weaken with age and wear. Any helmet that was involved in an accident or older than 5 years should be replaced. As your child grows their helmets need to be replaced to fit properly.

Spring Cleaning: In addition to your regular spring cleaning chores, consider adding some that will make your home a little safer for your kids, such as cleaning out your medicine cabinet, changing batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, checking product recalls, and looking for broken toys, etc.

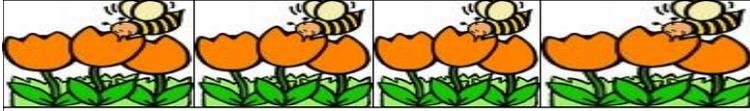
- Thursday, April 5th– PTA Enrichment Program, “Mr. G” All grades, 1:30.
- Thursday, April 5th— Cleveland School Talent Show, 6:30 PM.
- Friday, April 6th—No School, Good Friday.
- Tuesday, April 10th– Miss Money visits Cleveland School, All Grades.
- Thursday, April 12th: Mr. Williams Mohawk Day!
- April 16th—20th: No School, Spring Recess
- Monday, April 23rd: Schools Reopen
- Tuesday, April 24th: Cleveland School Council, 4:00; PTA 7:00 PM

Cleveland School scholarship applications are now available in the Cleveland lobby (and in the High School Guidance Office) for any graduating student that attended Cleveland. They are due back to Mr. Williams by May 4th. If you are planning on going on a field trip, please be sure to have completed a CORI form if you have not already done so.

MCAS DATES! Please Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, May 8th: MCAS Grade 3 Math (Session 1)
 Wednesday, May 9th: MCAS Grade 4 Math (Session 1)
 Thursday, May 10th: MCAS Grade 5 Math (Session 1)
 Monday, May 14th: MCAS Grade 5 Science (Session 1)
 Tuesday, May 15th: MCAS Grade 3 Math (Session 2)

Wednesday, May 16th: Grade 5 Science (Session 2)
 Thursday, May 17th: Grade 4 Math (Session 2)
 Friday, May 18th: Grade 5 Math (Session 2)



PTA News

GL Scrip (Gift Card Fundraiser) is an exciting 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.

Art News

The Norwood Public Schools' will be presenting its 15th Annual Fine Arts Festival on Monday and Tuesday, April 9th and 10th. Come enjoy Artwork, Music, TV, and Drama created and performed by Norwood students, grades 1-12. 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 6:00-8:00pm at the Apollo Function Facilities; 615 Washington St, Norwood, MA 02062. The Cleveland school has 76 works of art on display.

Second Grade Character Day

It was another successful Character Day for our grade two students! Families and friends had the opportunity to meet and talk with Gooney Bird Greene, Mr. Putter, Judy Moody, Flat Stanley, Lilly, Hermione Granger and many more beloved fictional characters. As part of our study of fiction stories, students chose a favorite character and designed a poster, created a costume and presented their information during Character Day.

Students have worked extremely hard throughout the school year to identify and understand the key elements of fiction: character, setting and plot. In particular they have completed many activities and had numerous discussions with teachers and peers about the traits these characters possess. In addition, through read alouds and guided reading group work, students now have a solid understanding of how characters develop throughout a story.

The final products for this big event were amazing! Anyone who stopped by the cafeteria would have thought they were stepping into a book. A big thank you to family members for supporting their child by helping him/her with their project and by attending Character Day. Your participation shows the students that you care about their learning, especially reading! We are so proud of our students! To view photos from this day please go to the Cleveland School website.

Cleveland Fifth Grade Talent Show

Don't miss the annual Cleveland School Talent Show: Thursday April 5th, from 6:30—8:30 PM, in the Cleveland Cafeteria. Watch your classmates play instruments, sing, dance, and more! The cost of admission is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Snacks and beverages will be for sale at our concession stand. All proceeds to benefit the fifth grade year-end activities in June. This night always promises to be exciting and fun-filled, with many talented Cleveland children performing for our entertainment! Be sure not to miss it!

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH OUR POSTCARD CHALLENGE!

Mrs. Wesley's class is trying to collect postcards from every state in the United States. The following are the states that we need: Idaho, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Kentucky. If you are traveling to these states, or know someone who could send us a postcard that would be great. Our address is: Mrs. Wesley's Fourth Grade Class, 33 George Willett Parkway, Norwood, MA 02062.

Poem In Your Pocket; Check Out Cleveland 's Website

We are celebrating Poem in Your Pocket Day on Thursday, April 26th 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 26th. 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.

Did you know that our school website features many slideshows and videos of events happening at the Cleveland? Go to the Cleveland School's homepage and then click on School Events in the left Sidebar. Enjoy!

Music News

The Cleveland School Spring Instrumental Concert will take place on Monday, April 30th at the Coakley Middle School Auditorium. The concert will start at 6:30 PM and will feature students in grades 3-5. The Orchestra, 4th Grade Band, Fifth Grade Band, and third grade recorders will be performing a variety of musical selections. Be on the lookout for notices coming home detailing the specifics for each group's performance.

BEGGING FOR BALLS

The Cleveland PTA is organizing a ball drive to supply additional playground equipment for the children to use at recess. Items that the PTA are looking for:

- Soccer Balls
- Playground Balls
- Four Square Balls
- Footballs
- Basketballs
- Wiffleballs (no bats, please)
- Hula Hoops
- Jump Ropes
- Chinese Jump Ropes
- Chalk
- Two Basketball nets (for empty rims)
- Tennis Balls

There are two ways to help support our efforts:

1. Purchase any item or combination of items listed above
2. Send in gently used balls that you already have at home and we will inflate if need be and inspect for any safety concerns.

These items provide wonderful activities and entertainment that will aid in promoting exercise and fun social interactions.

Please, no baseballs, softballs, or golf balls.

There will be containers in the lobby of the school starting April 5th. The last day for drop off will be April 30th. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Feel free to contact Gina Naumann at William.naumann@verizon.net with any questions.