The Cleveland Comet
News From Your Neighborhood School
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Principal's Corner

It seems hard to believe that spring has finally arrived at Cleveland School. This academic year has certainly flown by!

I am happy to report that our MCAS Rally, held on March 19th, 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:

- Maria "Beyonce" Breen
- Mrs. Donna Brown, for her amazing feats of singing and cheerleading.
- The Cleveland back-up dancers, including: Ms. Galvin, Mrs. Campagna, Mrs. O'Hear, Ms. Pelaggi, Mrs. Barry, Miss Sharon Howell, Mrs. Gover, Miss Worcester, Mr. Paul "Bubble" Horst, Mrs. Hughey, Mrs. Lynch, and Mrs. Kewriga.
- Thank you to Paula McMullen for the rally programs.
- Thank you to our PTA and Amy Sobchuk for the MCAS rally t-shirts! They were fantastic and everyone appreciated them—staff and students alike.
- Mr. Tony DeAngelis for his incredible magical talent.
- Mrs. Trede for the MCAS banner, signed by all third, fourth and fifth grade students, on display in our lobby.

Also, thanks to our interim superintendent Jeff Granatino for joining us on that day, as well as Ms. Eleanor Travers, School Committee member. 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 while completing their test. I am so proud of our Cleveland third, fourth, and fifth grade teachers and students for their continued dedication and hard work in raising our MCAS scores! Thank you!

We are now into the final stretch of MCAS Boot Camps, shifting our focus to Mathematics. We have eight weeks of Mathematics content materials, courtesy of the Math Consultant for Norwood Public Schools, Susan Looney. Students are now in their third week of Math preparation. The MCAS math tests will be from May 10th—28th.

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 19th—there will be no school at that time.

Thank you for your continued support. Happy Spring!

Scott Williams, Principal

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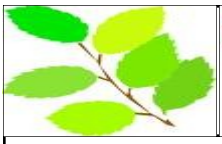
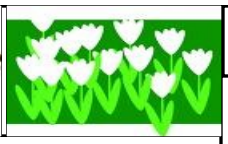




Art Update From Mrs. Trede

Congratulations to Harrison Leduc, Brendan Bartucca, Noelle Connelly, Alyssa Naumann, and Christina MacKenzie. Their art work has been chosen to be part of a state wide exhibit at the State Transportation Building in Boston. The display sponsored by the Massachusetts Art Education Association is titled K-6 Art Exhibit celebrating Youth Art Month. These children are among a select group of Norwood students representing our community.

This display can be viewed by the public from March 20- April 30, 2010 on the second floor of the State Transportation Building, located at 10 Park Plaza Boston, MA. The display is only viewable during the regular business office hours, Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. Hope you will be able to view it.

Save the date for the 13th Annual Norwood Public Schools Fine Arts Festival: Monday, April 12th and Tuesday, April 13th, 6:00 PM—8:30 at the Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols Street in Norwood. Come and enjoy art work, music, TV and drama created and performed by students in grades 1-12.

Cleveland School Important Dates

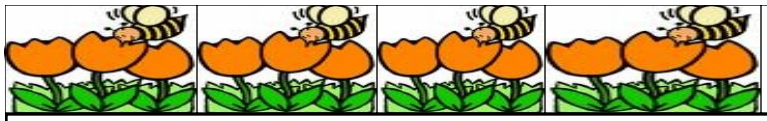
- *April 1st: Grade Five MCAS ELA*
- *April 2nd: Good Friday—No School.*
- *April 6th: Staff Meeting—3:15; PTA Meeting—7:00 Red Sox Opening Day!*
- *April 12th—Fine Arts Festival—All Week.*
- *April 13th: School Council Meeting, 3:15, Cleveland School Library.*
- *April 19th—April 23rd: Vacation Week—No School.*
- *April 26th: PTA Enrichment Program, Grades 3-5 (Geodomes); "Talking Cello Grades" 1-2.*

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: Permission slips will be mailed home after April vacation for the upcoming puberty lesson in Grade 5. Watch you mail. 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 a 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. The Norwood Health Department has helmets for sale for only $5. Protect your children!



An Open Letter from Cleveland School PTA President, Mrs. Amy Sobchuk

Dear Cleveland School Families,

The Cleveland PTA is currently in need of some fresh ideas and new faces. Many of the fundraisers, programs and events will not continue unless there are volunteers to run them.

This year the PTA has run the following fundraisers:

Calendar Ads	Monster Mash
My Grandma's Coffee Cake	Staff Basketball Tournament
Meadow Farms Gift Wrap	Membership
Pumpkin Patch	Book Fairs
Barnes and Nobles Day	Beaumont Photography
Valentine's Day Flowers	Game Night

With the funds raised we have been able to bring to the students the following enrichment assemblies:

Friendship Adventure on 9/25	Promise Land on 11/17
Loisa May Alcott on 1/22	Poetry in Motion on 3/16
Mallory Bagwell's: Geodome's on 4/26	

We also provided for you or your child:

- Back to School Ice Cream Social
- Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader? MCAS Awareness Night
- T-shirts for the MCAS rally
- Bus transportation for each grades yearly field trip,
- Math and Science Night
- Teacher stipends for small supplies,
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheons
- March Reading Activities
- Morrill Library summer reading awards

We need your ideas and help to keep the many programs that the children enjoy running. Please consider helping by volunteering your time to your child's school. I encourage you to come to our next meeting on April 6th, at 7:00. It is a great way to get involved in your school community, make new friends and help improve your child's education. These programs cannot continue without new support.

If you can't make it, but want to help out please call me at 781-762-0773 or email me at masobchuk@norwoodlight.com. **PTA elections are in May and ALL POSITIONS are available.**

Sincerely,

Amy Sobchuk
Cleveland School PTA President

Cleveland Computer Club Update

The Cleveland Computer Club will be holding its first meeting this academic year on Friday April 9th from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. There are 19 fifth grade students signed up for the eight sessions. We are looking forward to sharing interesting computer activities that your child can do at home, too. We will also try to reserve some time at the end of each session so that students can practice keyboarding skills. We will introduce students to keyboarding websites that can be accessed at home as well as at school. We look forward to working with your children, and hope that they have a great time.

Mrs. Campagna and Mrs. McMullen

Fourth Grade News

The fourth graders have been quite busy completing and sharing their BIG6 state reports. The posters are amazing and the result of months of research and much hard work by the students. On St. Patrick's Day, we had a wonderful State Luncheon, where we shared some of the delicious state recipes and enjoyed a "taste" of the various state regions. Meanwhile, the fourth graders have worked very diligently on their MCAS Long Composition and MCAS English and Language Arts testing. A big thank you for having the children well rested and fed for these important tests.

April will be a busy month as the students work on sharpening their mathematics skills for the upcoming MCAS math testing in April and May. Boot camps will continue, to address concepts where the students still need practice. Thank you for all the help and support the families are providing at home!

Support the Norwood Girl Scouts!

The Cleveland Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 74247 want your unneeded keys! Working with "Keyforhope.org," the girls are collecting orphaned keys. An Avon scrap metal company melts the keys and donates the value as food to the Norwood Food Pantry. Unwanted keys, as well as other small metal pieces (pet tags, can tab tops, tokens, etc.) are accepted. Keep keys out of the landfill by emptying those junk drawers, and join us in collecting a Key For H.O.P.E (Help Other People Everywhere). A bucket is located in the Cleveland School lobby. Thank you for your support in this worthwhile cause!

Team Spot Light: First Grade

Mrs. Georgoulopoulos's career started at the Cleveland School when she attended the Cleveland kindergarten to fifth grade. Her two sons are also following in her footsteps. They too, are attending the Cleveland. She has been teaching at the Cleveland School for 10 years. Mrs. Georgoulopoulos attended Curry College and received her degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Psychology. She has always loved working with children. She was a camp counselor for three years. She was also a permanent substitute in Norwood for two years. By raising two boys of her own, Mrs.Georgoulopoulos is able to experience the growth and development of children. She feels fortunate to be part of the Cleveland family for so many years!

Mrs. Brigham has 15 years of teaching experience, and twelve years have been here at the Cleveland school. She started teaching at Cleveland in the 5th grade and also taught 3rd grade for many years. In 2005, she started teaching 1st grade and especially enjoys watching the young ones blossom and develop as readers. She enjoys working with children, as every day is different and exciting. Mrs. Brigham grew up In Michigan. She attended Macomb Community College and then transferred to the University of Florida where she earned her degree in Elementary Education. While teaching in Tampa, FL, Mrs. Brigham had the wonderful opportunity to visit Boston and Norwood. She loved the busy city of Boston and the community spirit of Norwood. Shortly after, she moved to Norwood and now lives in Walpole with her husband and three daughters. Mrs. Brigham received her Masters Degree in Literacy and Language from Lesley College. Mary feels that it is a great privilege to work here at the Cleveland with the amazing support of parents and her colleagues.

Mrs. Baker received her undergraduate degree in Psychology with a minor in Child Advocacy from Hobart and William Smith Colleges. She spent a semester abroad in New Zealand focusing on education practice and philosophy. After graduating and spending some time in Pediatric Neuropsychology research at Dana-Farber and Children's Hospital she decided to make the switch to teaching. She then earned her Masters Degree focusing on Students with Moderate Disabilities. This is her fourth year of teaching in Norwood. She has taught 3rd, 5th and 1st grade all here at the Cleveland. Mrs. Baker enjoys teaching to a variety of students at all different levels and finding what helps a student learn in the best way possible. In first grade it has been so fun for her to watch the huge growth from the first day of school to now. Every day brings a new and interesting adventure in First Grade! Mrs. Baker lives in Natick with her 1 ½ year old daughter and husband.

Mrs. Glaser has been a first grade teacher at the Cleveland School for the last seven years. Before teaching at the Cleveland School she was home for a few years taking care of her two children and completing her certification in elementary education. Prior to this she worked eleven years at Republic Plumbing Supply Company working in their showroom. Mrs. Glaser has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Post-Baccalaureate in elementary education from Framingham State College. She received her Professional License in 2007. Mrs. Glaser has student taught in other grades, but she really enjoys teaching first grade. Seeing children develop their reading skills is one of her most rewarding experiences as a first grade teacher. Aside from teaching Mrs. Glaser enjoys art, drawing and spending time with her family.