



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

Happy New Year!

Best wishes to all Cleveland students, staff, and families for a healthy and prosperous 2011!

I hope you all had a peaceful, restful, relaxing holiday vacation. It is so important to take time to reenergize and visit with family and friends.

2011 has gotten off to a very busy start here at Cleveland School! Despite the heavy volume of snow and chilly temperatures outside, our staff and students are burning bright (and staying warm) inside the Cleveland walls!

We continue to work hard on our MCAS Boot Camp. We are now working on our open response practice in the third, fourth, and fifth grades. Fourth grade will also be focusing on long composition, and we will begin MCAS math practice strategies in February and March. If you could continue to work with your child at home regarding MCAS taking strategies, that will help in the spring when the real MCAS test is administered.

I would like to thank the Norwood High School performers, "The Madricals" who delighted us with a holiday performance on December 22nd! These talented group of performers graced the Cleveland stage, to the enjoyment of staff and students alike!

I would also like to thank Ms. Lariviere and Mr. Smith for a fantastic holiday concert, held at Cleveland School on December 15th. This was a joyous performance from all grade levels, as well as staff members! Thank you so much for adding to our holiday spirit!

We have an exciting upcoming enrichment assemblies for Cleveland students. Special thanks to our Cleveland PTA for sponsoring and funding these important programs! On Friday, January 14th, the *Revels Dance Troop* is performing for third, fourth and fifth grades. Cleveland children benefit so much from the wonderful programs that our PTA brings to our school.

I would like to thank Mr. Haffey and Mrs. Lockwood for bringing the science planetarium to Cleveland School on December 8th. Mr. Haffey and Mrs. Lockwood do so much work at Cleveland School to make science "come alive" for our children! Thank you Mr. Haffey and Mrs. Lockwood!

Erica Pitt, Dental Hygienist, will be coming to visit with Cleveland School second graders on January 24th.

Please remember that if you anticipate your son or daughter will be absent, please contact Cleveland School no later than 10:00.

Also, in honor of Martin Luther King day, there will be no school on Monday, January 17th.

I thank you for your continued support, and I wish you a wonderful new year, filled with joy, peace, health and prosperity!

Mr. Williams

Important Phone Numbers

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| Cleveland School | 781-762-6522 |
| Cleveland Fax | 781-255-7317 |
| Mr. Williams | 781-440-5951 |
| Mrs. Hankey | 781-440-5952 |
| Mrs. Canniff | 781-440-5953 |
| Mrs. O'Hear | 781-440-5957 |

News From Nurse Canniff

Please continue to encourage your children to use good hand-washing and cough etiquette to keep all communicable illnesses from spreading. I will be presenting hygiene and hand washing classes for the 5th grades this month. We try to have outside recess as often as possible. Please make sure that you dress your children appropriately. Coats, hats and mittens are a must when the weather is cold. Remind your children not to leave them in their backpacks but to take them out and wear them. It would also be a good idea to dress your children in layers so that they can remove excess clothing when the classrooms are warm and to send sneakers so that they can remove boots. Many of the children I see for illness leave home without breakfast. When children are hungry, it is difficult for them to concentrate and learn. Try to plan extra time for this most important meal of the day. If you have changed your telephone numbers for work, home or cell please update your emergency information with Mrs. Hankey. In case of an emergency, we need current numbers in order to reach you. Ms. Erica Pitt, our school dentist's hygienist, will be visiting the second grades in January for dental health classes.

Do not hesitate to call if you have questions regarding your child's health or to report any changes.

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**January
Important Dates at
Cleveland School**

- *January 11th—Cleveland School staff meeting 3:15.*
- *January 14th—PTA Enrichment Assembly—Revels Dance Troop Performance, Grades 3-5*
- *January 17th—Martin Luther King Day—No School.*
- *January 18th—Cleveland School Council, 4:00; PTA, 7:00 PM.*

On going at Cleveland:

*Staff Professional Development.
Norwood High School Tutors.
MCAS Boot Camp 3rd, 4th, 5th.*

2010-2011 Geography Bee

On December 17, the 5th grade students participated in the Geography Bee challenge. This annual event is one that 5th graders enjoy very much. In January, the Cleveland School Geography Bee finalist will complete a written exam that will be submitted to National Geographic. The score will determine if the finalist, Christina Reilly, continues on...perhaps to Washington, D.C. for the finals! We wish Christina good luck in this endeavor. We would also like to congratulate Danny Hoover for coming in second and Kevin Burke for coming in third in the Geography Bee. Finally, we wish to congratulate all the 5th graders for their thoughtful participation. Their knowledge of state, country and world geography was exceptional. You can see a slide show of the Geography Bee at the Cleveland School home page. Please click on "School Events."

5th Grade Teachers and Mrs. McMullen





Cleveland School Gentle Reminders:

We have a Lost and Found box in the cafeteria that is full. If your child is missing a jacket, glove, mitten, sweatshirt, etc., please stop in and check out the items we have found.

The first bell rings at 8:40 each morning. At that time students go to their classrooms and start their day. Although the "late bell" rings at 8:50 – your child misses out when he/she shows up at 8:50 and later. We have had a lot of children arriving between 8:50 and 9:00 am.

We are always updating student information. If you have any changes in your address, or any phone number, please be sure to notify the office so we can make the changes on your child's Emergency Card and also in our computer.

If you are planning to move out of the Cleveland district, please fill out paperwork in the office to ensure your child's records are forwarded to the new school in a timely fashion.

In the case of a substantial snowstorm, a Connect Ed call will be made by the Superintendent's office. You can also check Channels 4, 5, 7, Fox or local access channels 8, 12, 23, 34 for information about late openings or closings.

As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated in attending to these matters!

Library Holiday Book Giving Thank You

I would like to thank the Cleveland School parents, staff and community for their generous contributions to the Cleveland School Library. We were able to add some wonderful new books to the library that students and teachers will enjoy reading for years to come. The students will also enjoy seeing their nameplates at the front of the book. As always, I appreciate your support of the school library.

-Paula McMullen

