

CLEVELAND CONNECTION

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Principal's Corner

May flowers have finally arrived, now we're just waiting for some warmer temperatures. Hopefully, this month will bring them along with some sunshine!

We are excited to announce that we have a new head custodian, Julio DeJesus. Julio has worked for the schools for twenty-nine years and comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. His transition has been seamless and we couldn't be happier to have him here!

Speaking of staff, we have two retirements to announce this month. Mrs. Carol Nichols, our first grade teacher, will be retiring this year, along with Mrs. Haffey, our Special Education Teacher. We wish them both many happy and healthy years ahead.

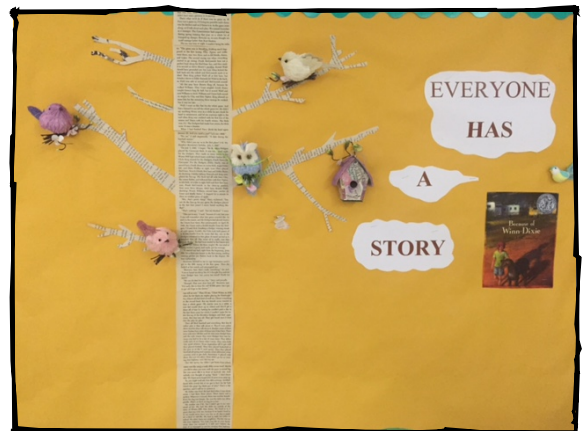
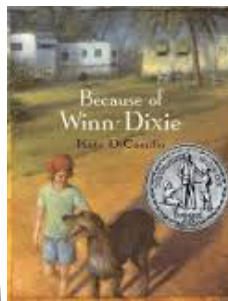
Students will be spending much of this month taking the PARCC /MCAS exams. These tests help both teachers and parents to improve student learning.

Hopefully, you had a chance to visit the Fine Arts Festival this month. We had many students from the Cleveland represented with both art work and instruments in the Band and Chorus. We are fortunate to have such talented students here at the Cleveland!

Thanks to all the parents that have volunteered for the upcoming field trips and field days that are planned. Without your help, we would not be able to offer so many wonderful opportunities to your children!

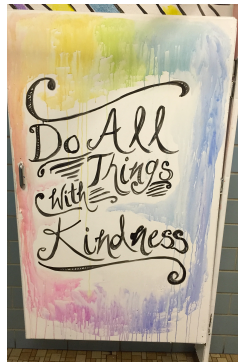
Cleveland Celebrates Literacy

Throughout the month of March and April the entire Cleveland community read the book, *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. It's a heartwarming story about a lonely girl who adopts a stray dog. Perhaps your children shared with you at home! The annual Share Our Books program included daily read-alouds of the book and culminated in a school-wide viewing of the movie adaptation of the book.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 16** - PTA Sponsored Orange Leaf Fundraiser
- **May 20** - 1/2 Day, 12:30 pm dismissal
- **May 24** - PTA Meeting, 7 pm, Cafeteria
- **May 30** - No School, Memorial Day



PAT ON THE BACK

This month's Pat on the Back goes to Mrs. Hartigan and Ms. Norton. Mrs. Hartigan is always willing to help out and pitch in and cover as a sub and Ms. Norton created a beautiful bulletin board in honor of Autism Awareness Month in April. Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Lynch for creating a beautiful reading bulletin board to celebrate the Cleveland March Reading Program.

PTA CORNER

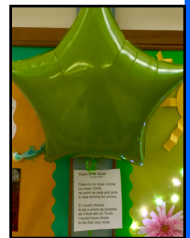
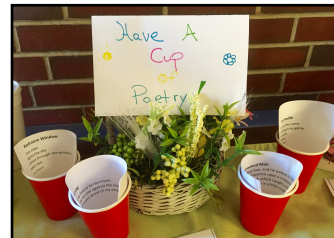
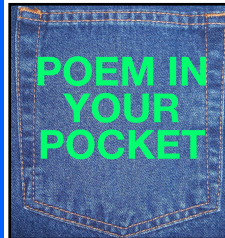
A Successful Year

It was a great school year filled with wonderful volunteerism and successful fundraising! Thanks to the entire Cleveland community for pitching in to make it all possible. A few notes for the remainder of the year:

- The before-school Yoga program was such a success the instructor agreed to run an additional 4-week mini session. This is a program we will certainly have next year. What a great way to start the school day!
- The Paint Nite fundraiser was a blast and raised almost \$600 for the school!
- The annual Buy-One-Get-One-Free Scholastic Book Fair will be running at the school the week of June 13th. Don't miss out on bargain shopping for your child's summer reading!
- The PTA is looking for volunteers for the 2016-2017 school year. Come to the next PTA meeting on 5/24 at 7 pm for more information!
- There is an Orange Leaf fundraiser on Monday, 5/16. Enjoy some ice cream and raise money for the Cleveland at the same time!

Did you know April is National Poetry Month?

Ms. Galvin, Cleveland's Reading Specialist produced a wonderful day called, "Poem in Your Pocket." Students and teachers carried poems around and shared them all day long! There were poems dangling from balloons all over our school. You never knew where you might run into one!



Poetry in Motion

Poetry came to life at the Cleveland when David Zucker visited our school on April 7th, thanks to the Cleveland PTA. Mr. Zucker's zany act included poems by A.A. Milne, Lewis Carroll, Langston Hughes, Shel Silverstein, Edgar Allen Poe and James Whitcomb Riley. His act included acting, mime, vocal gymnastics, humor, audience participation and a trunk full of costumes and puppets!



IMPORTANT BAND AND ORCHESTRA DATES

Please be advised of the following important dates for 4th and 5th grade band and orchestra members:

- **Monday, May 23rd - Cleveland In-School Concert for the Cleveland students at 9:30 a.m.**
Please wear nice clothes. Due to fire code restrictions, parents **are not** invited to this performance.
- **Tuesday, May 24th - All-Town Concert Rehearsal at the High School Auditorium**
4th Grade Bands - 3:30 - 4:15, 5th Grade Bands - 4:15 - 5:00, Honor Band - 5:00 - 5:30
All groups enter through door 14 (behind school) Attendance is imperative!
- **Wednesday May 25th - All-Town 4th and 5th Grade Spring Concert in High School Auditorium, 6:30 pm**
Please wear dressy clothes. Report to Cafeteria at 5:45 pm through door 14. Concert starts at 6:30 pm
This concert includes Honor Chorus, Honor Orchestra, Honor Band, All-Town 4th & 5th Grade Orchestra, All-Town 4th Grade Band and All-Town 5th Grade Band
- **Wednesday, June 1st - All-Town Strings including 3rd Grade Violin in High School Auditorium, 7:00 pm**

Please direct any Band questions to lsmith@norwood.k12.ma.us
and any Orchestra questions to abedard@norwood.k12.ma.us.

Notes from the Nurse

***** There have been several cases of strep throat, cold viruses and confirmed Influenza cases among students over the past couple of weeks. *****

In order to minimize spreading infections please practice good hand washing, cough etiquette and, most importantly, stay home from school when ill. This will decrease the spread of illness and assist your child in his/her recovery. Please rest, take lots of fluids and analgesia that your pediatrician has recommended for fever. If your child has a fever, they should stay home until he/she is 24 hours fever free without taking medicine that lowers a fever. You should see a doctor if the fever lasts 3 days, if fluids cannot be kept down, symptoms worsen or rapid/difficulty breathing. Go to www.mass.flu.gov/flu or www.cdc.gov/flu for more information and a guide for parents.



3rd Grade Physicals

All third graders should send a copy of their most recent physical to the school nurse. The form should be dated between September 2015 and September 2016 and signed by the MD or NP. If you have already sent your child's physical from 3rd grade, thank you! For those third graders whose physicals will be completed during the summer, you can mail a copy to Cleveland School, Attn: Mrs. Abely, School Nurse or hand deliver the week before school starts. Thank you for your assistance with this state mandated screen.

Warm Weather Reminders

Encourage fluids and sun protection during the remainder of the school year. You may send a water bottle to school. I encourage applying sunblock before school and using hats and long sleeves, when possible, for sun protection.

5th Grade Postural Screenings

Postural Screenings for 5th graders were completed in April. You will receive a follow up letter only if further evaluation is needed. Call Mrs. Abely with any questions.

Chronic Illness Reminder

If your child is having a flare up of symptoms from a chronic illness, please call or write a note to Mrs. Abely to assist with monitoring your child during the school day.

Spring Health News

Remember spring allergy season is upon us. If your child suffers from an allergy to pollen that requires medication (even over the counter medication) during the school day, please have your pediatrician or nurse practitioner fax orders to Mrs. Abely at 781-551-2718. Please note, you will need to sign the doctor's order form, as well. Please deliver that medication, in it's original container/packaging, to the nurse's office.

The ticks are already out this spring. Don't they know it snowed? Go to the Massachusetts Department of Public health website for helpful information- www.mass.gov/MosquitoesAndTicks. Most importantly, be checking daily for ticks on your children, pets and yourself, especially after spending time outdoors. If you have been exposed to a tick and you feel flu like symptoms or a rash call your doctor.



If your child is injured and they require a splint, cast, crutches or other orthopedic support, please bring a doctor's note to school with any activity restrictions and the length of time to be implemented, if known. A call to the nurse at 781-440-5953 or a note to give an update of injury, if pain medicine was given or any other pertinent information is very helpful and important. This certainly helps your child heal quickly and minimizes further injury.

Students need to be healthy in order to learn. Students also need to learn to be healthy.

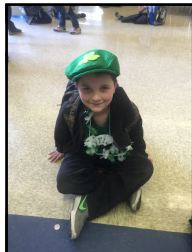
First Grade Happenings

First Grade has been very busy!

- *First Graders have been very busy learning during the month of March and April! We would especially like to thank you for your help on the animal research projects. The students proudly read their reports in class and displayed the “stuffed” animals on the bulletin boards. They were very impressive!
- *Also, in Reading and Writing, we are enjoying learning about poetry. We will be reading all types of poems on “Keep a Poem in your Pocket Day” at the end of the month. Another aspect of reading that we have really enjoyed was reading aloud Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo for our Share Our Books program. The students loved listening to this amazing story of a dog as a lonely child’s best friend. We also watched the movie with the entire school in order to compare and contrast the movie and book.
- *In Math, we have been using models and strategies to add and subtract tens and ones. Students have also enjoyed playing math games using the new EnVisions math program such as the Fact Fluency game which helps students to master their basic facts and “Helping Hands” which provided extra practice in adding two numbers using a hundreds chart. Please continue to use the EnVisions or Sumdog games at home.
- *In Science, we explored magnets and electricity and sound. They enjoyed learning about the push and pull of the attraction of magnets doing the Magnetic Sailboats. The students also loved the hands on activities with the batteries and light bulbs!! Lastly, the making of the Kazoos with the paper towel tubes was a great way to explore the question, “How do we build a sound making device from basic materials?”

Please make sure you send your child with the appropriate attire for the ever changing weather. Also, please continue to read to and have your child read each night and complete the reading log to be turned in on Monday.

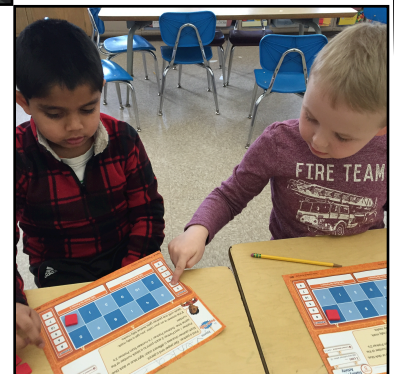
Our first graders will continue to learn about many fantastic topics during the month of May!



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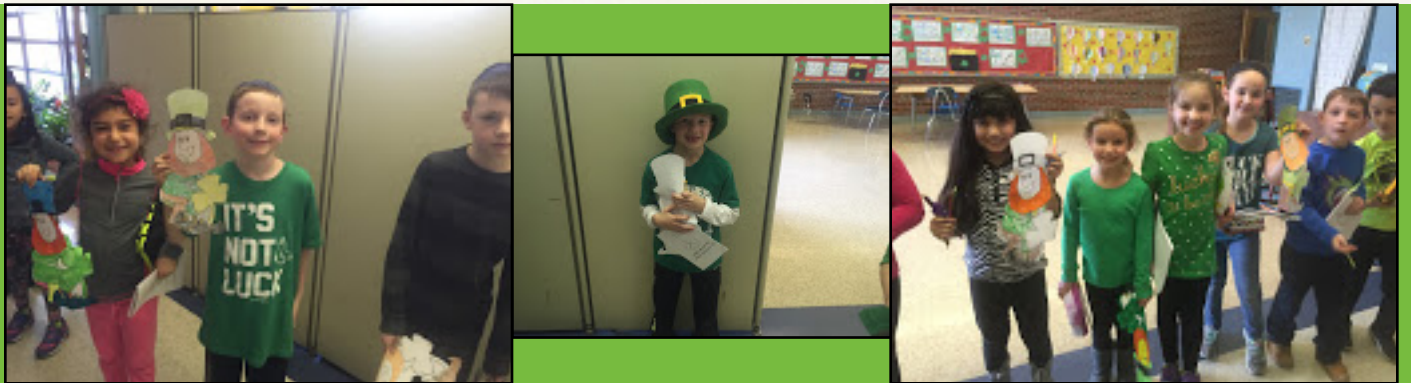


**A Visit
from the
MSPCA**



SECOND GRADE UPDATES

It's been a busy month in second grade. Students have been working very hard on their nonfiction reading and writing skills. Throughout the month, students have been reading a variety of nonfiction texts including informational books, biographies and magazines. While reading, students have been applying skills such as wondering, gathering facts and identifying new learning. During writing time, students spent the month researching an animal of their choice and engaging in the steps of the writing process. Students used their note-taking organizer to record facts after reading a book about their animal, and then wrote a draft. Students did a wonderful job taking their notes and turning them into complete sentences. Students then took time to revise and edit their writing and eventually complete a final copy. Now the students have their own bound animal book! In the next few weeks they will be sharing it with first graders and then the books will go home for families to enjoy! We are so proud of all their efforts! During math, students have been using strategies to solve 3-digit addition and subtraction problems, with and without regrouping. Through teacher support and hands-on lessons, students have had numerous opportunities to practice in the classroom. It's hard to believe we're in the final stretch of the school year! We will continue to challenge your children and keep them motivated throughout the remainder to the year with fun and engaging lessons! Enjoy the nice weather!

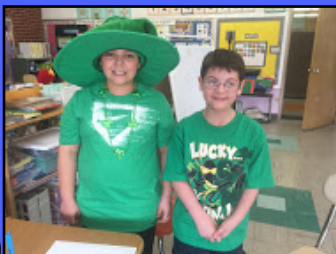
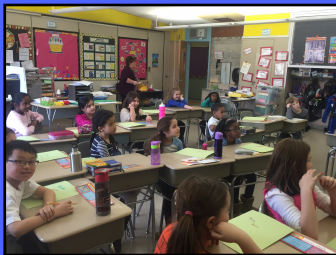


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March Recap

The month of March was off to an exciting start in third grade as each class enjoyed having a guest reader for Dr. Seuss's birthday. The Third Grade classes would like to thank Mrs. Coppola, Mrs. Abely, and Dr. Manaday for reading a book to their classes. As part of the Read Across America school challenge, Third Graders did their part in taking some movement breaks with GoNoodle.com. At this time, the Third Grade Teachers would like to thank all families who attended a parent teacher conference.



Grade 3 Marches into Cooperative Learning

- *In Math, third graders continued to develop their math fact fluency in multiplication and division, as well as practiced their fluency in basic addition and subtraction facts. In March, each class worked on Topic 12, which is "Understand Fractions as Numbers."
- *In Writing, each class worked on writing for different purposes. Fiction writing, comic strips, and opinion writing are just some examples of some of the writing that was worked on by the third graders
- *In Reading, each class worked on various reading focus lessons which to help students develop test-taking strategies. The students read a variety of texts of various genres, and practiced reading strategies such as rereading a text, reading questions and prompts before reading a text, and citing evidence from a text to respond to a prompt. When reading various texts, students have also been encouraged to think about the genre of the text, as well as consider the author's purpose and viewpoint.
- *As students have continued learning about the early history of Massachusetts in social studies, they have been learning about the events leading up to the American Revolution, including the Boston Tea Party, the Boston Massacre, and the first shot heard around the world.
- *In Science, each class has culminated the Energy unit, which means that Mrs. Lockwood will be teaching the remaining Grade 3 Science Center units for the school year. She has already kicked off the geology unit, and each third grade class is very excited about the geology research project. In each class, the students have begun to work cooperatively in small groups to research earthquake hazards. After the research has been completed, each group will prepare a final project, in school, which will be presented to the rest of the class. This project-based learning activity, empowers students to work with others cooperatively with each teacher acting as a facilitator in the class. As technology is a main tool for doing this project, a Symbaloo link has been set up so that information is readily available for the Third graders to access as they work on their research. (You can visit the Symbaloo site at: http://edu.symbaloo.com/shared/AAAAAq40PJoAA41_HGGeAgw==)

The month of March brought two generous donations to Cleveland School's third graders. Earlier in the month, Mr. Siegel, from the Norwood Lodge of Elks, presented each third grader with a student dictionary. At the end of the month, cabbage plants were donated to Grade 3 by the Bonnie Plant Company, and each student was able to bring home a cabbage plant to grow at home. <http://bonniecabbageprogram.com/about/>

Cleveland's Third Graders are very thankful for these generous donations, and feel fortunate to have such wonderful community support!



As the days grow warmer, all third graders are encouraged to bring water bottles to school. Now that the days are longer, and schedules become more hectic with concerts, sporting events, dance recitals, and other activities, the Third Grade teachers would like to remind families the importance of Third Graders completing all homework assignments, reading for the monthly reading log, and practicing math facts.

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Fourth Grade News



We have been very busy in Fourth Grade and we enjoyed a much deserved Spring Break. We have begun the first round of PARCC testing. Please make sure your child has a good breakfast and gets plenty of sleep.

In Language Arts, we continue to write and work on text structures and comparing texts. We are writing in all curriculum areas in math, science and social studies. In reading, we are working on reading strategies to help students understand more complex texts. Our vocabulary tree continues to grow as our children increase their understanding of character trait vocabulary words! This year we are also showcasing student sentences using these new vocabulary words. Come visit the

Fourth Grade Wing to see our tree and sentences.

In Math, we finished our units on fractions and decimals and are now working on measurement and geometry. We are all pleased at how well the children are doing with our new math program. We continue to put an emphasis on math vocabulary.

We just completed our Science unit on Energy and have started a new unit on Geology. Our Science units were changed this year, so even though we completed our unit on Forces we will be still be having our annual "Chuck-a-Duck" activity. We will be sending home information soon.

We were lucky to have Luna Moths hatch in our classrooms. Children have learned about this amazing species and will be able to compare what they learned about these moths with our Painted Lady butterflies that will visit us later this year.

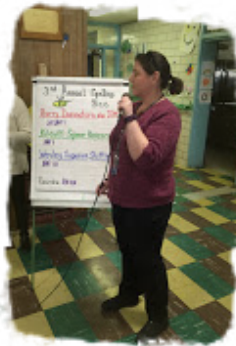
We had our Third Annual Spelling Bee. All of the children worked hard all month improving their

spelling skills. One team from each classroom moved forward to represent their class. The teams that represented us were: The Barry Dominators aka JEMS, The Kilduff Space Unicorns and The Wesley Superior Skittles.

Congratulations to the Barrys who won this year's Bee! We were proud of all of our students and hope they enjoyed this learning experience.

In Open Circle, we continue to work with the children on social competency skills such as problem solving. We continue to help children with dealing with stressful situations such as test taking by using both Open Circle lessons and exercising through GoNoodle.

In Social Studies we continue to learn about the regions of the United States and our friendly neighbors Mexico and Canada. Perhaps you will be visiting one of these regions on vacation. If you do please send the Wesley's a postcard for their Postcard Challenge!





FIFTH GRADE NEWS



March sure came in like a lion this year! Even though the weather was a little rocky, the fifth grade enjoyed a day at Moose Hill in Sharon, MA. We learned about the process of making maple syrup and more about Colonial Life. Students dressed up in Colonial outfits, wrote with quills, and even turned sheep wool into yarn! Everyone enjoyed their taste of fresh, homemade maple syrup. What a fun trip!

The fifth grade students put on a wonderful "restaurant" in the Cleveland School cafeteria. They were very polite waiters, waitresses, hosts, hostesses, greeters, table bussers, and pastry chefs. They worked so hard at practices and on the big night. Everyone looked and acted very professional at the Cleveland Cafe! Nice job fifth grade!

Fifth graders love working on the Chromebooks. They worked on Quizlet, a website providing learning tools for students, including flashcards, study and game modes. The students worked with a partner to study for an upcoming Science Quiz on Quizlet. They loved doing cooperative work with technology!

We are looking forward to a fun, busy, and warm spring!

5th GRADE MARCH MADNESS

