

# The Cove Connection

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## Cove School Auction and Social

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Cove School PTO hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Cove School Auction and Social. Thank you to Auction Committee members Caryn Gallagher, Debbie Athanas, Diane Giardina and Andrea Pike for their time and energy towards creating a wonderful and successful night. Thank you, also, to all who graciously donated to and attended this event. The funds raised reach each and every student at the Cove School by supporting Arts & Enrichment activities, Field Trips, Field Day, our Reading Festival, Family Math and Science Nights, and much more.

## The Adventures of Lewis and Clark

On March 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the fifth grade presented their performance of, "The Adventures of Lewis and Clark," under the direction of Mrs. Gross, Ms.

Loguidice, and Ms. Cherry. Thank you to all the parents who shared their time with us and helped with costuming. A special thank you to Mr. Dave Singer for his help with the sound system and lighting. Parent support of the fifth grade performance plays a huge role in it's success.

## Specialist Happenings

### *Updates from the Music Room by Mrs. Gross, Music Teacher*

On March 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the **fifth grade** presented performances of the musical "The Adventures of Lewis and Clark." February and March were devoted to learning its songs, choreography, speaking parts, and the basics of preparing a staged show. Fifth grade students are now studying rock and roll music, with a particular focus on the music of The Beatles.

**Grade four** is now studying the music of slavery in the American south. Lessons

include West African song and dance, an introduction to some West African instruments, music of African-American slaves and the significance of those songs in their daily lives, and an opportunity to play in a drumming circle.

**Grade three** is studying songs of the sea. These include work songs of the sailors of old as well as songs made up aboard ships for entertainment. After April vacation, students will continue the instruction begun earlier this year in learning to play recorders.

**Grade two** recently enjoyed a unit on songs from the classic musical, "The Sound of Music." In the next few weeks we will be moving toward a special parent performance, which we hope to schedule for early May-details to follow!

**Grade one** enjoyed a unit on some of the songs from the musical, "Mary Poppins," and has recently been singing songs that tell stories. The first grade will present the school

Memorial Day program at the end of May, so the next several weeks will be spent reviewing and learning patriotic songs for that performance.

The **Kindergarten** has learned some African stories and songs (ask your child about “Abiyoyo!”), has explored the concepts of high and low, loud and soft, and is enjoying community dances in circles and longways sets. We will soon be focusing on patriotic songs for their Flag Day presentation in June.

### ***Updates from the Art Room by Ms. Cherry***

Ms. Cherry’s Art Studio has been very busy over the past few weeks and is looking forward to spring.

**Kindergarten** has just finished creating jungle gyms after talking about imagination. They learned how to use their first initials and make a block letter to take up the whole paper. After talking about what their favorite parts of the playground were, they created their own unique playgrounds. They are working really well with oil and pastels and mixing colors. We are reading a book on Van Gogh and are getting inspired by his sunflowers. We are practicing drawing our own flowers just like he did, with vibrant colors.

**1<sup>st</sup> graders** are busy glazing their pinch pots after adding texture to their clay with various clay tools. They are also having fun working on color mixing lessons with paint.

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade** is also glazing their clay pieces. They finished rolling slabs out of clay and creating initial tiles with patterns of texture. They also just completed fabulous flower collages using paint, cut paper, stencils they made and pastel.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade** is working on a complimentary color grid and a unit of color theory and color mixing. We are looking forward to working with clay right after that!

**4<sup>th</sup> graders** just finished a 3D fish project that came out excellent! These will be hanging in the art show! They used various sharpie designs and painted with watercolors on top, then stuffed them so they are three-dimensional. They are going to be working with clay very soon.

**5<sup>th</sup> graders** just finished their wonderful production of “The Adventures of Lewis and Clark,” where they worked hard on scenery and props. They are busy working on large pastel landscapes with a foreground, middle ground and background. They just finished their clay mugs with crazy animal features that are soon to be glazed.

### ***Updates from the Gym by Ms. Loguidice***

Physical Education classes have been working on a number of skills and games.

**Kindergarten** has finished gymnastics and will be working on building skills for T-ball.

**Grades one and two** have completed a unit on basketball and team-building games. They will now be working on building skills for T-ball.

**Grades three and four** finished a unit on hockey and are starting a fitness unit for the Presidential Challenge this month.

**Grade five** developed skills in teamwork and dance for “The Adventures of Lewis and Clark.” They are now beginning a fitness unit for the Presidential Challenge this month.

### ***Dates to Remember***

#### ***April 6<sup>th</sup>:***

6:00-6:30p.m.: Ms. Davison will discuss our literacy block format for grades 3, 4, and 5 in the library.

6:30p.m.: PTO Meeting with special guest, Dr. Marie Galinski

7:00p.m.: Mrs. Conway and Mrs. Roy will discuss the role of the Equity Coordinator at Cove School.

7:30p.m.: PTO General Meeting

#### ***April 8<sup>th</sup>:***

6:00-8:00p.m.: Family Math and Science Night for Grades 2 and 3. Join us for an evening of Hands-on Fun and an exciting chance to learn all about bugs and meet some surprising creatures!

#### ***April 14<sup>th</sup>:***

Title I Pre School Story Hour, 1:15, Cove School Library.

***April 15<sup>th</sup>:***

Open House for Grades  
PreK-4

- 6-6:30 p.m.:  
Grades PreK, K and  
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- 6:45-7:15 p.m.:  
Grades 2, 3 and 4

***April 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>:***

April Vacation, No School

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