

The Cove Connection

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Winter weather is upon us, although fairly mild to this point. Students go out for recess on most days. There are conditions that will cause us to have indoor recess, including icy conditions, temperatures dropping below 20 degrees, wind chill factor, rain or snow. When temperatures are questionable, we use local, online sites that provide regularly updated weather reports. During the winter months, students should have jackets, hats, and gloves.

Please label your child's clothing, hats, gloves, and lunchboxes. We have a large amount of lost and found items. Labeling your child's clothing makes it possible for us to return lost items. If your child is missing clothing or a lunchbox, please check the lost and found boxes located in the cafeteria. Clothing left after December 23rd will be donated.

Congratulations to the Cove fifth grade for coming in first place in the Y's Step It

Up Program. Fifth grade students from the five elementary schools participated over a five-week period with a goal of increasing their physical activity by keeping track of the number of steps they took in a week. The YMCA of Beverly provided each student with a pedometer and tracking sheets. Cove students accrued the highest number of steps, 8,059,184, in the five-week period. Mrs. Russo's class took top honors for the highest number of steps accrued by a single class, 4,992,407. Collectively, the fifth grade classes from all the elementary school reached 21,462,078 steps! The trophy is displayed in the foyer.

Thank you to Mrs. Gross for writing the Cove Community Song. The whole school, at our monthly Community Meetings, sings this song.

Our website is up and running. Go to coveschool.net to check out our newly designed site. Thank you to Lauren Erwin and the PTO!

As we are in the gift-giving season, and parents are considering gifts for staff, please know that there is a limitation on the amount or cost of a gift that can be given to public employees. The State Ethics Commission sets laws regarding Gratuities. Through this law, the State Ethics Commission maintains a limit of \$50 for gratuities or gifts. Teachers and staff of a public school fall under this gift limitation as part of the state ethics laws. Parents pooling money worth more than \$50 falls into this as well. Any gifts provided to public employees, whether collectively or individually, must not exceed \$50. Thank you for your attention to this.

A Happy, healthy and safe holiday and winter vacation to all!

STAR Student

A Recognition Program, new this school year, is the Cove STAR Student Program. Each month teachers will have the opportunity to nominate a maximum of two children

per class as STAR students. A STAR Student is one who is outstanding in his or her demonstration of Respect, Right Choices, and Responsibility. STAR Students will be announced and receive a certificate at our Cove Community Meetings. In addition, STAR Students will be treated to a special lunch with Mrs. Bucyk and will receive a Cove STAR Student water bottle. Students who are elected as a STAR Student, and miss the special lunch, will be able to attend the next scheduled lunch with Mrs. Bucyk. No STAR Student will miss the opportunity to have lunch with Mrs. Bucyk.

Wellness Policy

Our district Wellness Policy dictates that only foods from approved kitchens can be served during school hours. Please do not send in homemade treats for your child's class. Treats brought in for your child's class must be delivered in the original packaging and must include an ingredients list. Home-baked goods cannot be brought into school for your child's class.

Beverly Boot Straps and Salvation Army Food Drives

Thank you to all who participated in our food drives to support families in need.

Dates to Remember

December 16th: Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:00. No PM Kindergarten classes. Lunch served.

December 18th: "Show Your Stripes Day" Wear clothes with stripes.

December 21st: Launch Program Card Sale, 1:30-2:30, Cove lobby

December 21st: All-City Strings Concert at Briscoe Middle School.

December 22nd: Fourth grade Holiday Program for School

December 23rd: Fourth grade Holiday Program for Parents.

December 24th through January 1st: Winter Vacation

January 4th: Welcome Back!

Our Cove Community Code

1. In words and actions, show kindness and respect of people and property.
2. Walk and move safely.
3. Keep hands, feet, and all other objects to yourself.
4. Do your best!

Our Cove Community Song

Cove School-
Kindness in our caring
Cove School-
Respectful in our sharing
Cove School-
My community
And I pledge to do my very best.

There'll be peace and quiet in the halls, I know,
Walking, moving, safely everywhere I go.
Each person's space respected, each one valued,
With a happy, healthy, helpful attitude!

Notice of Non-Discrimination

All educational and non-academic programs, activities and employment opportunities at Beverly Public Schools are offered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, and any other class or characteristic protected by law.

