

The Cove Connection

Cove Elementary School
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Recess

Cove School is looking to improve indoor and outdoor recess and we need your help.

We are looking for games to add to our classroom collections. Please consider donating your old games and puzzles or consider purchasing new ones. Suggestions include: Candy Land, Connect Four, Trouble, Uno, Sorry, Battleship, Yahtzee, and card games.

We are also looking for parents who would like to volunteer their time to coordinate games or other activities during our recess time. Activities could include beading, knitting, teaching indoor and outdoor games to the students, and refereeing soccer and basketball games during outdoor recess. We are also open to other suggestions of activities you may be interested in

facilitating with students. Our recess schedule runs from 11:00-1:00. We ask that those interested be available for the two-hour span of time, which includes all grade levels, at least one day/week.

If you are interested in helping us please contact Stacy Bucyk.

Electronics and Toys

Personal electronics, including iPods, MP3 players, and cell phones, as well as toys, are not allowed in school. Items that are needed for after school activities must be turned off during the day and left in student backpacks. Students found using these items during the school day will have them confiscated and parents will be asked to retrieve the items in the office. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

The Adventures of Lewis and Clark

"It was 1804, not a day before..." The fifth grade show, *The Adventures of Lewis and Clark*, is in production and is sure to be an exciting discovery for all. Our performance is scheduled for March 17th at 7 p.m., with a snow date of March 18th.

Title I Story Hour

Please join us for our PreK Story Hour, sponsored by the Title I program, on February 24th at 1:15 in our library. The theme will be "Numbers: Big and Small" Reading about Math. Each child who attends will receive a free book.

Polar Plunge

Thank you to all who participated in the Polar Plunge as part of the Cove School Team. The Cove School Polar Plunge Team raised over \$3,000.00 for the Beverly Affordable Housing Coalition and River House.

Congratulations to Meg Sullivan for raising the highest amount of money among students from across the city.

If you have pictures of our Plungers, please send them in so we can add them to our display in the front lobby.

Mrs. Conway's Counselor's Corner

Cove Community

The 5th Grade Student Council wishes to thank all of the students and families who participated in Hearts for Heat to benefit the Beverly Bootstrap's Pennies For Fuel Program. \$1,472.00 was raised in this effort to help local citizens afford heat this winter!

Be on the lookout for a notice for a fundraiser to support Haiti coming in March.

At our January Community Meeting, the Student Council read the book, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today," to the Cove Community. Our Cove "Kindness Bucket" now graces the wall outside my office. It was constructed by student volunteers under the supervision of our art teacher, Kayli Cherry. When students are "caught in an act of kindness" or as we like to say, "filling someone's bucket," a staff member can complete a heart with that student's name and good deed to be placed in the bucket.

Bullying and Harassment

There has been a tremendous amount of media coverage recently about bullying in local schools. As a reminder, the Beverly Public Schools has a no tolerance policy for bullying and harassment. In order to support this policy, each school has staff members appointed and trained as "Equity Coordinators" to investigate and remediate bullying or harassment at the building level. Margy Roy, kindergarten teacher, and I are the Equity Coordinators for Cove School.

In September, Mrs. Roy and I visited each of the classrooms to discuss our bullying and harassment policy as well as to let students know what to do if they are bullied or harassed. Not every negative or unkind interaction between students constitutes bullying. Bullying is defined as hurtful behavior that happens **more than once**. It can be name-calling, physical behavior, rumors or being excluded from a group. Often times, physical behavior is a pure disciplinary matter handled directly by the building principal.

The disciplinary outcome of an "Equity Investigation" is always confidential. This means that students and parents do not have an opportunity know all that is being done to stop bullying by a specific student. Responses to bullying behavior may include a discussion and a corrective action, such as separating the bully from the victim. On the other hand, in the

most serious of situations, a student may be suspended or take part in an administrative hearing at the district level or within the juvenile court system. All children need to feel safe coming to Cove School. If your child tells you (s)he is being bullied, encourage your child to speak to Mrs. Roy or me. As a parent, you can also contact us to share your concerns regarding a situation.

Children's Clothes

Mrs. Cravatis, our school nurse, is in need of children's clothing of all sizes. If you have extra clothing, which you no longer need, please consider sending it into school for students who may need a change of clothing during the school day.

Wuzzy Bear

Wuzzy Bear has been introduced to the Kindergarten classrooms. He comes from the health office. His role is to assist with health promotion. Wuzzy is a magical bear that brings a quick health lesson to the children. He will talk about issues like bellyaches, chapped lips, colds, allergies, etc. He magically appears in the classroom with a special letter to the students.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

All visitors must check-in with the office before entering the academic

wings. We try very hard to limit distractions to student learning by asking parents to not enter learning areas between the hours of 7:50am and 2:00pm. Parents should not be entering classrooms, once students have arrived, to speak with the teachers. Once students arrive in the classrooms, the teachers are responsible for starting the academic day. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please contact them via voice mail or email. Teachers return messages as quickly as they are able. Please contact the office with issues that require immediate assistance.

Items that your child needs should be left in the office. Items will be delivered to the classroom or picked up in the main office by your child.

At dismissal we ask that parents not walk down to classrooms for pick-up as this interferes with our dismissal procedures. Please wait in the front foyer or outside the building for your child.

REMINDERS

Supervision of students is not available until 7:35 a.m. Please do not drop your child off before then.

Our school day begins promptly at 7:55 a.m. Students not in their classrooms at this time will be marked tardy.

It is important for students to arrive at school on time.

Students should be entering the building no later than 7:50. If your child arrives after 7:50 a.m., please send them in the front door. There is no outside supervision past 7:50.

Excessive absences and tardies are reported to Emily Rockwell, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance. Please refer to the Elementary Student Handbook, pages 18-20, for the policies regarding attendance.

Please remember to call your child's absence into school by 8:00 a.m. Press 5 from the main number and leave a brief message.

Traffic in our parking lot continues to be an area of concern. Please remember that the circle is for drop-off only. Children should not be dropped off in the parking lot and crossing into traffic. This is a safety issue. Parking and drop off is not allowed in any areas that have yellow lines. Also, cars should not park at the end of Eisenhower Avenue or near the fire hydrant. Cars parked in these areas make it difficult for the buses to exit our parking lot.

Please do not park behind and block cars in our parking lot. We have many district level employees that also work in other buildings. Blocking cars in the lot impedes our staff's ability to leave when necessary.

Please visit coveschool.net to view our traffic

procedures.

Cove Community Code

*In words and actions, show kindness and respect of people and property.

*Walk and move safely.

*Keep hands, feet, and all other objects to yourself.

*Do your best!

Dates to Remember

February 24th: Title I Story Hour for PreK, 1:15. Cove Library

February 26th: Cove Spirit Day: Crazy Sock Day!

March 9th: Early Release Day

March 10th: School Council

March 12th: Second Trimester Ends

March 17th: Fifth Grade Performance, "Adventures of Lewis and Clark," 7pm
Fifth Grade Open House, 6pm

March 18th: Snowdate for Fifth Grade Open House and Performance

March 19th: Report Cards go home.

MCAS begins March 23rd.
Please visit the Cove School website under beverlyschools.org for our testing schedule.

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