

The Cove Connection

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Cove School Auction and Social

Cove PTO's largest fundraising event is happening this month! I encourage everyone to join us on March 26th, from 7-11p.m., at the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club for a fun-filled evening. Your support of our PTO fundraisers benefits all Cove students by providing enrichment activities, performances, field trips and classroom materials.

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. Any time that you could provide to supporting us would be greatly appreciated.

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

News from the Fifth Grade

On Wednesday, March 17th, at 6:00p.m., the fifth grade classrooms will be open for viewing by all friends and

relatives of the fifth grade students, during our Spring Open House. At 7:00p.m. the entire fifth grade will be presenting their much-anticipated performance of "Lewis and Clark" under the direction of Mrs. Gross, Ms. Loguidice, and Ms. Cherry. The students have been preparing diligently for this performance for months. On Friday, March 19th, the fifth graders will be presenting an encore presentation of the play for the entire school.

On March 31st a naturalist from the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary will be visiting Cove to take the 5th graders on a walk around the school grounds in order to teach them about the "energy flow" that is happening right here in Beverly.

EEC Information

The Beverly Public Schools has an education enrichment program that is located in the Memorial Building. The acronym EEC stands for Education Enrichment Center.

Students in grades 2, 3, and 4 complete writing prompts and creative problem solving prompts, which are sent to be screened by a team, with representatives from each elementary school.

This process is done anonymously and work samples are numbered. Student names and school names are not included and work samples are reviewed blindly by the selection team. There are a very limited number of spaces available for this program and it is a fee-based program. Participating students go to the EEC program at the Memorial Building one day per week in grades 4 and 5, and one day every other week in grade 3. The parents of students who are recommended for EEC are notified by mid May. EEC offers enriching activities and is run by teachers Pam Fall and Dale Boutin. Please understand that we believe our teachers can challenge all of our learners in the classroom and that there are many talented students beyond those that are offered spaces. If your child does not attend this program, I hope that you will talk with them about their responsibility to complete some of the work they miss in class and also about being sensitive to the fact that other students who may not attend possess their own talents. It is also important for participating students to understand that, although we do our best to schedule school events on days when all students are present, there may be times when this is not possible and they may need to make a choice

between a school activity and EEC. EEC students are expected to be in their home school on MCAS testing days, but may be released after the testing time to go to EEC.

If your child does not participate in EEC and wonders why, please reassure him/her that it is not because they are not "smart." Remind your child that there are different ways to demonstrate strengths and that others see their gifts and talents. We want all students to feel confident in their abilities and appreciated for who they are.

MCAS

MCAS is upon us. Please make every attempt to have your child present each day. Students who miss an administered session will take the missed sections during our scheduled make-up days.

Please see the attached MCAS schedule.

What you can do to prepare your child for the MCAS:

- Be positive. If you appear nervous, your child will be nervous.
- Provide encouraging words.
- Remind your child that the test is important.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.
- Have your child dress in

comfortable clothing.

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.

This is important to remember, as MCAS will take place in many areas of our building.

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

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 see schedule
included in this
newsletter.

March 26: Cove School
Spirit Day, "Mad Hatter
Day," Wear a crazy or
funny hat.

March 26th: Cove's 17th
Annual Auction and Social,
7pm, Beverly Golf and
Tennis.

April 1st: Early Release
Day

April 2nd: Good Friday, No
School

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.

