



# The Cove School Connection

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## Notes from the Principal

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all!

December was a very busy month at the Cove School. I would like to thank Mrs. Gross and the fourth grade for their Holiday Program. The students did a fantastic job working together to send a message of peace and goodwill to all. The performance was enjoyed by students, staff and families.

Students in Miss Salley's second grade class celebrated Holidays Around the World, Mrs. Beaushesne's AM and PM Kindergarten classes sang holiday and wintersongs. Mrs. Scaparotti's class had a Winter Lights celebration with songs and poetry. Classrooms were bustling with activity this month!

Fifth grade has been working to create ways to help communicate and teach the Code of Conduct to our school community. Please look in this newsletter for our Code of Conduct. This will be presented to students this month. Also watch for a copy of our Cove School Contract for Success to come home for you to review and sign with your child. Classrooms have been talking about the word RESPECT. Many students have learned that this is one of my favorite words.

A special thank you to all who participated in Waste-Free Wednesday on December 10th. With the help of Lisa Lillelund, Mr. McGovern and the fifth grade, trash was weighed and cartons and bottles counted on December 3rd and 10th. Cove School was able to eliminate 72.8 lbs of trash and 29 cartons and bottles! Imagine the positive impact we could have on our environment if we make everyday a waste-free day.

**Visitor badges are required of all visitors before going into the academic wings and hallways. Please check-in with the office and sign the Visitor's Book before getting a badge. Please remember to sign-out and return your badge before leaving the building.**

**In order to refrain from disruptions to learning time, we ask that all items to be delivered to students, once school has started, be left in the office with Mrs. Guy. Please do not bypass the office and walk down to your child's class. Mrs. Guy will insure that students receive their items.**

**The weather is getting colder! Please make sure your child is sent to school with appropriate outerwear. We will go outside for recess in temperatures above 20 degrees. Wind-chill will be taken into consideration when we decide whether to go outside or not. Students will be expected to wear out to recess what they were sent to school wearing.**

**Please remember to label your child's outerwear, sweat-shirts, sweaters and lunchboxes. This will make it easier for us to return lost items to their owner.**

## 5th Grade Mural Project

Students will begin working on the fifth grade mural project beginning this month.

If you have offered to volunteer to help, you will be hearing from staff soon.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ms. Cicchetti at [lcicchetti@beverlyschools.org](mailto:lcicchetti@beverlyschools.org).

**NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION:** *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 under law.*

## Cove School Chronicle Needs Your Help!

We are in need of volunteers to help with the  
Cove School Chronicle.

Please contact Cheryl Norton or Amy Norton if  
you are interested in helping us keep this fun,  
student-generated, extra-curricular activity go-  
ing.

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

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

*Please remember to call in your child's absence. Press 5 from the main  
number and leave a brief message.*

### TRAFFIC AND PARKING LOT REMINDERS...

Safety is of the utmost importance at the Cove School. Please take time to review the Traffic Procedures on-line at the Cove School website. Also, please share the procedures with those who drop-off or pick-up your child from school.

### CHANGING OF THE SIGNS...

Please be aware that there will be a change in signage for spaces along the side of the building. The "15-minute" parking signs are being replaced with "Visitor Parking" signs. Also, I am asking that you not park on the corner just before the visitor parking. As will be indicated by the new sign, this area is for buses. This is not a parking or drop-off area. Cove School has a total of nine drop-offs and pick-ups throughout the course of the day. Parking a car in this area, at anytime of day, inhibits buses from safely dropping-off and picking-up students.

\*For safety reasons, please make sure that your child exits your car from the passenger side.

\*All cars need to stay in line within the circle unless otherwise directed.

\*Please keep speeds down. The school parking lot is an active pedestrian area.

\*Please be aware of where you park on Eisenhower Avenue. As you park, take into consideration driveways and walkways, as well as how much space has been left for traffic flow. Streets become narrow with the winter snow and cars parked on both sides of Eisenhower Ave. can make it difficult for buses and emergency vehicles to access Cove School.

# Cove School Cares

## Pennies for Fuel

Thank you to all who donated spare change to support the Beverly Bootstrap's "Gift of Heat" program.

Thank you to all who donated items for The Inn Between Shelter. We were able to fill an entire car with the donations for families in need. The Inn Between Shelter was very appreciative.

# Recognitions

## Wild About Reading

On October 30th, Cove School recognized students who participated in the Beverly Public Library's summer reading program during an assembly on storytelling, presented by Donna Wetmore and funded through the P.T.O. Students received a certificate for their participation.

## Students recognized:

### Grade 1

Hunter Gagnon, Olivia Coletti, Tessa Hautula, Emily Baumel, Noah Alli, Erin Kilcoyne, India Ingemi, Jolie Ingemi, Jackson Erwin, Kimberly Way, Nate Hollesen, Isabella Cabrera, Leilani Jones, Peter Gause

### Grade 2

Katelyn Singer, Dylan Buell, Eva Beqiri, Mark Bedetti

### Grade 3

Cindy Le, Kristina Kastrinakis, Giana Mette, Emily Bucco, Jackie Carr, Alex Rand

### Grade 4

Sam Gause, Alexis Alli, Brian McPherson, Kyle Valentine, Kadrianna Letts, Lexus Bettencourt, Peter Coluntino, Sophia Hautula, Colin Hawkes, Alexis Sutyak, Andrew Johnstone, Anh Kline, David Cassie, Collin Carbone, Maya Genetelli

### Grade 5

Danielle Bertaux, Emma Taylor, Frank Buttiglieri

Congratulations to all!

# Classroom Happenings

The Rainbow Team, a.k.a. Mrs. Scaparotti's and Mrs. Guidi's Kindergarten, spent the month of December learning about the Winter Solstice and why people use lights during their December festivities. The children were busy making holiday light decorations like Hannukah menorahs, Kwanza kinaras, Christmas candles, and a variety of stars that demonstrate our need for light during the shorter days and longer nights of winter.

## PIRATES! – ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Ahoy and avast, ye lubbers! The fifth grade show, *Pirates!*, is in production and looks to be a rollicking good time. Our performances are scheduled for March, which is approaching very quickly.

I am looking for fifth grade parents who are interested in coordinating and assisting with the task of costuming. This important aspect of the show, THE final essential element that transforms our students into actors, is something that Mrs. Athanas, Ms. Cicchetti, and I cannot manage in addition to the large responsibility and many associated tasks of preparing and directing the show. You don't need to be able to sew; if you can cut and glue or make lists or shop or face paint or safety pin or tie... we would love to have your help! If you are willing to lend us a hand, please e-mail ([kgross@beverlyschools.org](mailto:kgross@beverlyschools.org)) or call me (978-921-6121, ext. 244) and give me your e-mail address (group e-mails make this task so much easier for me to coordinate!) and the times that you are available (during the school day, after school, and the particular days of the week that are good for you). Thank you for your help and support!

Mrs. Gross, Music Teacher

## HEALTH NOTES from Mrs. Simard

The health room has been a busy place lately. Children either have bad colds, strep throat, or are vomiting. Please don't forget to wash your hands as well as reinforce handwashing with your children. Studies have shown HANDWASHING is THE most important thing you can do to prevent the spread of germs and illness. I will be doing this lesson with first graders soon, and remind everyone that uses my bathroom, but that doesn't reach much of our huge population. Also when sneezing or coughing we are all trying to encourage the children to use their elbow rather than their hands since hands pass so many items around in school.

I still need more 4<sup>th</sup> grade physicals, and for those who forgot last year, 5<sup>th</sup> graders will need them in order to have a smooth transition into middle school (you should have gotten a notice from me).

Lastly, please don't forget head lice prevention lasts all year long! It happens after the holiday break, winter vacation, and spring break too, although we see the most in the fall. Please screen your children preferably every two weeks, or if they are scratching in a good light, or by a window when sunny. Tip their heads forward and check the back of the neck at the hair line for small white/grayish eggs, and especially behind the ears, they can go anywhere, but like those vascular areas best.

## *Classroom Happenings*

Mrs. Smith's class planted bulbs around the front of the school. We are excited to see the beautiful blooms come springtime.

Thank you Mrs. Smith's class! Also, thank you to Caryn Gallagher for donating the bulbs!

## **Our Code of Conduct**

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!



