

The Cove Connection

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- *Walk and move safely.
- *Keep hands, feet, and all other objects to yourself.
- *Do your best!

It has been a very exciting and busy September at the Cove School. Students at all grade levels have been getting into their daily routines and working hard. We, as a whole school, had our first Cove Community Meeting, organized and facilitated by Cove's Equity Coordinators, Mrs. Conway and Mrs. Roy. Cove Community Meetings will happen on a monthly basis with a specific theme for students. For September we talked about citizenship and what it means to be a good citizen. At our October Community Meeting, students who demonstrated the qualities of citizenship will be acknowledged. Our Cove Community Code is discussed at each meeting and posted throughout the building.

Cove Community Code

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

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News from Kindergarten:

Kindergarten students have started the year with a bang! They are getting to know each other and the routines of their classrooms. They are all such happy, eager learners. We are transitioning into Autumn-mode, discovering how the air is cooler by graphing the daily temperature, the leaves are changing color – a science investigation about how things change from season to season, and squirrels are gathering acorns for the long winter! We are looking forward to learning more about the world around us in October.

News from First Grade:

First graders have been very busy adjusting to a new school routine and getting to know one

another. We have written interviews about our classmates. We have graphed our favorite colors, seasons, and foods. We have made charts tallying the number of boys and girls in our classrooms. We have even graphed our methods of transportation to school each day.

Now that we have comfortably settled into our year together, we are looking forward to beginning book groups. Soon we all will be engaged in reading and writing about books which are just right for each of us. We can hardly wait!

News from Second Grade:

Second graders have been busy working on learning daily routines. They are developing the skills necessary to choose a book that is just right for their reading level. All children are encouraged to keep reading at home to help increase reading fluency which will help increase reading comprehension. Students are now visiting the library and are responsible for bringing the books home and back to

school. In math we are using games to reinforce skills taught. Mapping skills have been introduced. Students are working on either balancing and weighing or soils for their science units. Students are using our new SmartBoards as an exciting interactive medium to enhance their experiences. They are learning about new programs in the media center. Students are now responsible for taking home and returning their homework on time.

News from Third Grade:

Third grade has been a beehive of activity since the beginning of the year. The children have enjoyed reading and responding to "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs". We have begun the year in math with a number of review activities. For our study of Massachusetts, the children made booklets showing our state symbols. Did you know the "Fluffernutter" is being considered as our state's sandwich? Please continue to check their agendas each night and monitor their homework. We want to build good habits early.

News from Fourth Grade:

Fourth grade is off to a great start! We are lucky to have Integrated Art and Music this year with Ms. Cherry and Mrs. Gross. During this class time we integrate what we have learned in Social Studies and Science to the arts. So far we have been working on United States geography and mapping skills. Our

next project will be constructing solar powered mini cars. In math, the fourth graders have had fun working with geometry and constructing designs with compasses and geometric templates. We have also been working on addition and subtraction of multi-digit numbers, as well as data analysis. In addition to all of this, we are focusing on the Cove Community Code. This is going to be a great year!

News from Fifth Grade:

The fifth grade's annual Invention Convention takes place on Wednesday, October 28th. Parents are invited to join us from 9am-10am to view student inventions. The Green Team has started our recycling efforts by supporting the recycling of milk containers during lunch. In the morning, the Green Team is emptying paper bins throughout the building. Band lessons began the week of September 18th. Cove School's Student Council began meeting in September. The Student Council, facilitated by Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Conway, is made up of fifth grade students. Throughout the course of the school year, the Student Council will work on Cove School initiatives and community service projects.

News from the Art Room:

I am so happy to be here at Cove and work in this amazing school! We are busy starting all of our projects this year...In kindergarten, we have been

reading, "My Many Colored Days," by Dr. Seuss and illustrating our own books! Our first graders are busy reading, "A Swim Through the Sea," and talking about what is above and below the ocean surface. They have created some beautiful paintings. The second grade is busy creating quilt squares designed after their favorite summer memory. Third grade is working on Eric Carle collage creatures after creating their own textured paper with paint. Fourth graders are enjoying making fall trees out of the letter "Y" which leaves great negative space to add watercolor. The fifth grade is learning about body proportions and creating superheroes to save the world. Thanks to everyone who has made the beginning of the year so great! Ms. Cherry

Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World!

Celebrate literacy with our Scholastic "Read Around the World" Book Fair during the week of October 19th-23rd! Parents, guardians, and grandparents are encouraged to come along during their child's scheduled class visit. For your convenience, the book fair will also be open during our first-ever Family Event on the evening of Tuesday, October 20th, starting at 5:30p.m. Check your backpack mail for more details coming soon. Hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact bookfairmoms@yahoo.com.

Office Information

Please make sure that your child is aware of afterschool plans prior to coming to school. With the large population of students in our building, we cannot be responsible for communicating play date information or pick-up changes, especially calls made at the end of the day. We understand that circumstances may lead to changes in routines due to emergencies. If there is a situation, which requires an unexpected change, please contact the main office and speak with Mrs. Guy. Do not leave emergency messages on teacher voice mails, as they are limited on the time they have to check voicemails during the school 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.

MomBall

Congratulations to the Cove School MomBall Team for their undefeated weekend of play and championship win. The trophy is proudly displayed in the Cove School Office. Thank you to our MomBall team for their enthusiastic participation and support of Cove School: Kelly Anderson, Michelle Belmonte, Cindy Carbone, Karen Caron, Elise Donahue, Carla Dropo, Lauren Erwin, Judy

Gilbride, Dawn Gross, Barbara Healy, Lisa Hamor, Liz Hollesen, Lisa Hubbard, Deb Kline, Cindy Moscariello, Carole Nearis, Gwen Purtell, Deb Schnabel, Kristen Wiltse.

Wellness Policy

Our school 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 that are brought in for your child's class must be delivered in the original packaging and must include an ingredients list.

Library

The library and media center are open from 7:35-7:55 each morning for students in grades 3, 4 & 5. This provides students with a quiet space to read, complete schoolwork, and return and checkout books. Students are also able to access Study Island during this time. Parent volunteers are available to assist students.

Reminder

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

School Lunch Reminder

The cost for school lunch is \$2.50. If your child is just purchasing milk, the cost is \$.65

Dates to Remember

- October 17th 9am-11am: Children's Garden Kick-Off Celebration
- October 19th-23rd: Scholastic Book Fair
- October 20th: Book Fair opens at 5:30pm
- 6:30pm-7:15pm: Literacy Presentation for parents of Grade 1 and Grade 2 students
- 7:30pm: PTO meeting
- October 28th: Fifth Grade Invention Convention, 9am-10am
- October 30th: PTO Family Fun Night Halloween Party, 7pm
- November 3rd: No School, Election Day
- November 12th: No School, Veteran's Day

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.