

The Cove Connection

Cove Elementary School
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Welcome Back! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. Staff have been busy getting ready for the opening of school. Many thanks go to Keith McGovern, Richie Nimblett, and their staff for great job cleaning the building over the summer. A lot of work has been done inside and outside of the building, including:

- ◆ Freshly painted hallways
- ◆ Updating the D-Wing girl's bathroom to provide a diaper changing station which meets NAEYC Accreditation standards
- ◆ Landscaping
- ◆ Freshly painted lines in the parking lot
- ◆ New layer of safety wood chips in the structure area
- ◆ PTO has worked with SalemCyberspace to develop a new user-friendly, informative website. This website will be up and running by the end of September.

I would also like to thank the Giardina and Bauomel families for their work, throughout the summer, on the children's Garden. This Garden is a beautiful addition to the landscaping

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around the building and will enhance the enrichment and curricular opportunities of the students in our building.

We are very excited to have full-time specialists in the areas of music, physical education, and art. We will continue to share library/media specialists with other schools within the district.

Cove School will have many new staff members this year. Please take the time to welcome and introduce yourself to the following staff:

Kayli Cherry, Art Teacher
Tina Loguidici, Physical Education Teacher
Stephanie Bejchlicht, Speech and Language Pathologist
Cathy Davison, Reading Coach/Reading Teacher
Pam Prichard, Title I Math Teacher
Alison Gilgun, Grade One Teacher
Stacey Alexander, Grade Two Teacher
Kara MacLean, Grade Five Teacher
Gina Cairns, Paraprofessional
Amy Sellenes, Paraprofessional
Liza Miklah, Paraprofessional

Cove School has been designated a Title I school this year. With this designation comes additional support in the areas of math and reading.

Within this packet is valuable information regarding school district policies and procedures, documents that require completion, and PTO information. I ask that you please take the time to read through all of the information thoroughly. Please complete all documentation and return to school no later than the end of this week. It is imperative that we have all updated health information on your child and a completed Emergency Card to insure for the welfare and safety of your child(ren).

I wish you all a wonderful school year and I look forward to working with you and the staff on behalf of our students to provide a successful and enriching school experience for all.

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 playdate 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.

Dress Code

Students are expected to ***dress appropriately*** for an ***educational environment***. Your child must bring sneakers or other safe footwear to

participate in recess and gym activities. We ask that all tops (tanks included) have at least an inch shoulder strap and that parents closely monitor any slogan or graphics that may be depicted on the tops. Additionally, we ask that skirts and shorts are no shorter than the child's arms when placed by their side.

As the warmer weather approaches, please keep in mind that Flip-flops and sandals without heel straps are unsafe for Gym class and recess. I consider "Heelies" to be a safety hazard and ask that students not wear them to school.

Please make sure you are aware of what your child wears to school.

We accumulate a large number of lost and found items throughout the school year. Unclaimed clothing is donated to local shelters. To insure that missing items are returned to your child, please make sure lunchboxes, backpacks, materials, and outerwear is labeled.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

All visitors must check-in with the office before entering the learning areas within our building. We try very hard to limit distractions to student learning by asking parents to not enter learning areas once school has started. Items that your child needs will be delivered to the classroom or picked up in the main office by your child. This is particularly important as many areas of the building are utilized for MCAS testing.

This includes dismissal time. We ask that parents not walk down to your child's classroom for pick-up as this interferes with our dismissal procedures. Please wait in the front foyer or outside the building for your child.

REMINDER

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

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

It is important for students to arrive at school on time. We have been experiencing a large number of tardy arrivals. Traffic begins to back-up in the drop off area by 7:50 a.m. Arrive on time – before 7:50 a.m. – and avoid the traffic. Your child will be happy to start his/her day on a good note. If your child arrives after 7:50 a.m., please send them in the front door.

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.

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.

Study Island

Library

Dates to Remember