



Valley Cottage Elementary

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Musically speaking ...



March is music in our schools month and six of our fifth graders are starting off with an excellent opportunity performing at the All-County Music festival. Every year the Rockland County Music Educators Association (RCMEA) hosts festivals for the best musicians in Rockland. The intermediate festival is for students from Rockland County schools in grades five and six. On March 3rd, our students will be performing at Pearl River High School at 4:00 pm. The best singers from all over Rockland County will come together to form a chorus of about 150 singers as well as the All-County Band and Orchestra.

Best of luck to our young musicians, we are so very proud of the following students who will be participating:

Haylie Christiano, Emely Corsino Rodriguez, Isabella Gall, Madeline Lively, Helena Sopin, and Natalie Tan. All of the preparation for this performance was done by our children outside of class and Mrs. Anderson wants to thank them for their dedication to Music in Our Schools!!!

Barbara Anderson, Music

Musically... looking ahead

We will have two springtime events in the land of music!

Monday, April 23rd is the Jimerson String Festival at Nyack High School, 7pm concert.

Wednesday, April 25th is the District Band Festival (grades 4-12) at Nyack High School, 7pm concert.

March 2018 Events

- 1 Thursday, "B" day
- International Night, 7-8:30pm Snowdate 3/2
- Liz Irwin visits Grades 1,3,4,5
- 2 March Forward: Count minutes of motion
- 6 Assemblies: Uncle Brothers Band, Gr.3-5 9-9:45; Gr. K-2 10-10:45
- Art Gallery Opening, Admin 5;430pm
- School Bd Mtg, 7:30pm VCE
- 9 **Supt. Conference Day, Schools Closed**
- 11 **Daylight Savings (move clocks ahead 1 hr)**
- 13 Heroes and Cool Kids visit Gr.5
- 16 Spirit Day: Wear green for St. Patrick's Day End 2nd Trimester
- PTA Dance-A-Thon,7pm
- 20 **Early Dismissal, 11:45am**, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- School Bd Mtg, 7:30pm MS
- 21 PTA Spring Picture retakes
- 22 Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 23 **Early Dismissal, 11:45am**, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Spirit Day: Sports Day
- Assembly: Story Pirates, Gr.K-2 9-9:45; Gr.3-5 10-10:45
- 28 Grade 4 Chorus Day, students to Nyack HS
- 30 **Spring Recess, Schools Closed thru April 8**

Kristen Johnsen, Band Teacher

From the Library Media Center

Rockland Read-In



On February 67th, all school participated in the Rockland Read-In which a day of pleasure reading for all students. Last year we came in first place for the first time since 2011. Schools count up minutes read and send to the School Library System. Our morning program began with Mrs. Cappiello reading *Everybody Cooks Rice*. at morning program. It was wonderful to see kids reading all over the building and thank you to our many parents and guest readers that joined in on the reading fun.

A Dr. Seuss Birthday



March is a time for a Seussical Celebration. Dr. Seuss' birthday is March 2. Kindergarten and First grades will celebrate by learning about the good Dr. and reading some of his many books. They will create some Seussical projects.

Happy 114th Dr. Seuss. Oh the places we have gone reading your books!



The library is participating in March Madness: Journey to Reading! In the display case outside of the library you can see the Sweet 16 books! Students in 4th and 5th grade are reading the books in the brackets and then we vote to see who will be the winner. Voting began this week and by March 2nd, we'll be down to 8 books.

Carolyn Travers, SLMS



Notes from the Nurse

Remember to notify voicemail at 353-7290 before the start of the school day if your child will be absent due to sickness. Voicemail is on 24/7.

Medical Doctor signature is required for all medications to be administered during the school day. This includes over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, etc.

During the cold winter months when it seems more people are sick, I would like to review basic guidelines to help you decide if you should keep your child home or send them to school.

Send to school:

Vague complaints of aches, pains or fatigue. Sniffles, a runny nose and a mild cough without a fever.

Keep home from school:

Any physical or emotional condition that would prevent him/her from participating comfortably in class.

A fever of 100° or more, coupled with a rash, ear ache, sore throat, sluggishness or nausea. Fever may signal a highly contagious infection. Keep home until fever free for 24 hours. Give Tylenol/Motrin or Advil.

A persistent, productive cough and wheezing coupled with a thick or constant nasal discharge. An undiagnosed rash, especially when there is a fever and behavioral change.

Pinkeye - in which there is a white or yellow discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep, eye pain and redness.

Head lice - Keep home until treated and all nits are removed.

Chicken Pox - Keep home until all blisters are scabbed over and dry.

Diarrhea or vomiting more than once or accompanied by fever, rash or general weakness.

Impetigo - Keep home for 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

Ringworm (contagious fungus infection) - Keep home until treatment is started. Ringworm on the scalp requires an oral medication. Ringworm on the body can be treated with a cream applied directly to the affected area and covered with a Band Aid.

Patti Kozar, RN, Professional School Nurse