



**Valley Cottage Elementary**

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### *Musically speaking ...*

March is music in our schools month and five 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 2<sup>nd</sup> our students will be performing at Clarkstown South High School at 2:00pm. 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: Brooke Castaldo, Lena Frappier, Kattie Mosley, Sarah Philip, Kaitlyn Rogers. 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*

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### **IXL to 1,000,000**

The 5th graders have set a goal of answering **1,000,000 correct IXL math questions** by the end of the school year. Students will spend some time at school practicing and are boosting their question total by working hard on their home computer, tablet, or cell phone app. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math practice across thousands of skills—all of which are aligned to New York Standards. Good luck 5th graders on this mammoth endeavor!

*Adam Beirlein, Gr.5 Teacher*

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### **March 2019 Events**

- 1 Friday, "A" day
  - Gr.4 Heroes and Cool Kids, 9-9:45am
- 5 School Bd Mtg, 7:30pm VCE
- 6 Assemblies: Uncle Brothers Band;  
Gr.K-2 9-9:45am; Gr.3-5 10-10:45am
  - March Forward Day, movement/exercise
- 8 Spirit Day: Wear your favorite sports/  
team clothing
  - PTA Dance-A-Thon,7pm
- 10 Daylight Savings (set clocks ahead 1 hr)
- 12 PTA Spring Picture retakes, snow date 3/13
- 13 PTA Mtg 7:30pm
- 19 School Bd Mtg, 7:30pm HS
- 21 Gr.1 and 1SE: Field Trip: Theatre Works,  
Tarrytown, 10:30-2pm
  - Gr.5 Workshops: Story Pirates
  - End 2<sup>nd</sup> Elementary Trimester
- 22 **Supt. Conference Day; No School for Students**
- 25 Assembly: Story Pirates; Gr.3-5 9-9:45am;  
Gr.K-2 10-10:45am
- 27 Last day for morning MATH STARS
  - Grade 4 Chorus Day, students to Nyack HS
- 28 Last day for morning ELA STARS
  - International Night, 7-8:30pm Snowdate  
3/29

## From the Library Media Center March 2019

### Rockland Read-In



On February 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated how much we love reading by participating in the Rockland Read-In. Schools count up minutes read and send to the School Library System. Our morning program began with Mrs. Cappiello reading to all the students 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. Our total minutes of reading that day exceeded 100,000. We have earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in reading minutes for a school our size twice before, and hope to do so again this year.

### 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 for display in the library.

Happy 115<sup>th</sup> Dr. Seuss. Oh the places we have gone reading your books!

Spring into Reading with a blooming book!

*Carolyn Travers, School Library Media Specialist*



### 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*

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