



# NORTH CALDWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## *Board of Education Connections*

### **Snow Day Make Ups - Important Calendar Change**

As discussed in our last *NCBOE Connections*, due to the excess snow days, the District is required by state law to add two school days to the 2013-2014 calendar. After much discussion, the following changes have been made to the calendar:

- June 16, 17 and 18 (Monday through Wednesday) will now be full days
- June 19 (Thursday) will remain a one-session day
- June 20 (Friday) and June 23 (Monday) will be added as one-session days.

A revised calendar can be found on the [calendar link](http://www.ncboe.org) at [www.ncboe.org](http://www.ncboe.org)

We recognize that, whether the days were added during Spring Break, on a Saturday or at the end of the year, this was not going to be an ideal situation - each alternative from which we had to choose presented unique challenges. While the Board would have preferred not going into the week of June 23 and would have liked to coordinate the calendar with West Essex (which is not permitted to add days after graduation), adding days back during Spring Break proved not to be feasible for a variety of reasons, including the level of committed vacation plans by faculty, staff and parents.

### **Gould School Named a New Jersey Reward School**

Gould School was once again designated a Reward School by the State of New Jersey. A Reward School is a school with outstanding student achievement or growth over the past three years. Gould School was one of only fifty-seven (57) schools statewide to achieve this status. To become a Reward School, a school must achieve an overall proficiency rate of 90% for the entire school population over a number of years, and each subgroup within the student population must rank within the top 10% statewide.

Special thanks to the faculty and administration at both Gould and Grandview Schools for preparing our children and setting the foundation for this prestigious award!

### **Grandview School Celebrates Dr. Seuss' Birthday**

Teachers and Students at Grandview School gathered in the hallways on Monday, March 4, in a school-wide reading event to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday.





## Gould School Library Gets Updates

Using Gould School Book Fair profits, we have expanded our series section with a special section just for girls! Included on these new colorful book carts are Ellie McDoodle, English Roses and a favorite series in Gould School- The Winnie Years! 4th grade students Sofia Wissert, Nikki Sepe, Androulla Papatherapontas and Shayla Spitzer are pictured here selecting some books.



**Coming soon:** We are expanding our Science Fiction series as well! Stay tuned for some exciting new series that will get fans of the Hunger Games and Maze Runner series reading some cutting edge books!

## Classroom Highlights

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- The students in **Mrs. Kappock's** fourth grade reading classes have been busy reading different Greek Mythology stories and learning about allusions in mythology. They have also been finding themes, proverbs and adages that go along with the various reading passages. Some children have found this to be their "Achilles heel," while others have enjoyed the, "Odyssey." Personally, Mrs. Kappock thinks all of the fourth graders have the "Midas Touch."
- **Mr. Pierro's** 1st grade class videoconferenced with the Philadelphia Museum of Art, for a program called, *A is for Art Museum*. Afterwards, the students wrote a sentence about what they liked about the event and then created their own Alphabet pictures. You can read what the children learned at <http://padlet.com/wall/smiedjgif1/>.
- **Mrs. Burg's** Gould Art Students have been very busy this winter.
  - ALL GOULD STUDENTS are encouraged to enter the "Doodle 4 Google" contest and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. contests. Details can be picked up by students from the Art room and worked on in Open Art, home or both. Parents need to send in and sign permission slips for both. For more information, parents or students may check out <http://www.google.com/doodle4google> and [www.scholastic.com/MLKDay](http://www.scholastic.com/MLKDay).
  - 4th Graders are learning about Vincent Van Gogh and are using his works to inspire them to create paintings that have lots of TEXTURE and may use COMPLIMENTARY COLORS side-by-side for impact.
  - 5th Graders designed and created "FRACTION ROBOTS" that are a wonderful integration of ART, ART HISTORY, MATH (FRACTIONS), WRITING AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. Students learned about the works of important 20th Century artists Piet Mondrian, Ellsworth Kelly and Kenneth Noland and saw ways these artists influenced fashion, architecture and design, and we noted how each of these artists used math in their work. Next, students identified a world problem they would like to help solve. They created paper robots designed to help fix this world problem by cutting fractions of squares and circles and designing creative robots, while noting the fractions they were cutting. Students then calculated how to add the total number of fractions used and how to reduce to their simplest form. They then wrote a descriptive paragraph about how their robot will solve the world problem they identified.
  - 6th Graders illustrated some of their favorite IDIOMS and OXYMORONS in Art after learning about them in Language Arts, Reading and Art.

## Celebrating the 100th Day of School

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The Grandview School Kindergarten children enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school along with their teachers dressed as 100-year olds. Shown here are "Star of the Week"

students and their teachers.



The first grade classes celebrated the 100th Day of school on February 21st. The day provided a fun opportunity to explore the meaning and use of "one hundred" in different contexts. Activities included reading literature selections and participating in language arts and math activities. The children created a 100th day snack which they sorted, tallied and then enjoyed. The final activity of the day was having all the classes come together for a celebration where they shared their 100th Day Hats that they each created. The children were so excited to finally celebrate their 100th Day of School!



## Videoconferencing Technology Making a Difference at Gould School

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Students in all grades have been participating in interactive videoconferences via the Polycom HD unit in the Tech Lab. Where have our students been? Here are a few examples!

- Philadelphia Museum of Art
  - Medieval and Renaissance Art
  - Mythology
  - Matters of the Art: Valentine's Day with the PMA
- NASA
- New York Hall of Science
  - Sports Challenge
  - Journey Inside the Eye
- Mote Marine Laboratory
  - Mammals, Mammoths, Manatees!
  - Sea Turtles: Amazing Reptiles of the Sea
- Center for Puppetry Arts
  - Exploring Antarctica
- Baseball Hall of Fame
  - Statistics
- Football Hall of Fame
  - Relationship between a team's history, geography and it's NFL nickname
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
  - Great moments in Rock and Roll; how the music reflects and/or shapes important historical changes that impacted American society
- Cincinnati Art Museum
  - Bodies: Anatomy in Art
- The Paley Center for Media
  - Tooned into Animation

## District Calendar of Events

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NCBOE maintains a detailed calendar of events on the District web page that includes all school related programs and activities. Check out what is happening in our District by clicking [here](#).

## Upcoming Board of Education Meeting

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**March 18, 2014**  
**Grandview School Cafeteria**

The next North Caldwell Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Grandview School cafeteria. The agenda for the meeting will be available on March 14. You can also find the complete list of currently scheduled Board meetings by clicking [here](#).

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