Sue’s News  
April 18, 2013

It is nice to feel spring upon us!

We have had a very eventful and very uniquely exciting stretch here at The Grove. I thought I would share my thoughts with few photos today.

From flushing toilets to help the kids flush out ancient history, Joe was the man of many talents. Joe brought in and shared a collection of ancient artifacts. It is a museum quality collection that Joe and Cindy have been holding onto, as the owners seek out the right museum for the collection to live. It was a rare and special opportunity for the kids. It was the perfect addition to what they are currently studying.

Joe to the rescue! Last Thursday we had no power at school due to an accident that brought down power lines and 7,000 Mansfield folks we left in the dark. We had enough light for the kids to work, and Joe kept the toilets flushing for us!
A huge thank you to all the families and friends that came here last Saturday for the Spring Clean Up Work Day. It was a beautiful day. The work was hard and everyone rolled up their sleeves, dug in, and got it done! And so so much got done. Our outside space is ready now to burst into bloom! Thank you.

Jon and Sarah Landry brought their teaching skills to Oak Grove and shared some fun activities with the students. There was lots of laughter and many new skills were learned. Thank you for sharing your vacation time with all of us!

The 9-12 Class enjoyed their annual Nutmeg Book Award Luncheon last Friday. Parents joined their children for presentations on the various Nutmeg Book Nominations as well as other books. After, lunch was served and the food was all themed around the many books that were shared. It was a great celebration of reading!
Derek Waldron, our music special here, wrote and recorded a beautiful tribute regarding the events in Boston on Monday. Channel 3 television came to Oak Grove yesterday to interview Derek, and the piece ran on the 5:30 news. He did a beautiful job as always. We are so proud of Derek and feel blessed that he is involved in teaching our children. He teaches in the classroom and he teaches through example.

I Will Run, A Tribute - In Memory of the Boston Marathon - 2013 - Derek Waldron
(click to listen)

The piece that aired on Channel 3 will be posted on the Video section of their website (www.wfsb.com) by early this evening. WFSB Interview (click to listen)
A few housekeeping items...

• Please remember that the deadline is quickly approaching for contracts for the 2013-14 school year. Get your contracts in as soon as possible. We are in full-on enrollment time and we need to know everyone’s plans!

• If you are interested in the afterschool Soccer Club, please sign up with Cindy. It starts on May 6th and will run for the Mondays following from 3:45-4:45.

• Monday May 6th will also be our next Muffin Monday, so please plan on staying after drop off for a cuppa cuppa and a muffin.

• Wednesday May 8th at 5:30 is the next PA meeting. Daycare will be provided.

• Our new web site will launch the week we return from break!!

I wish everyone a restful April vacation next week.

In peace,
Sue