

Good News from Goodwin

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Dear families of Goodwin:

This month marks the half way point through winter. January and February marked some bitterly cold days. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately. It is also cold and flu season. We have been taking precautions here at school with our custodians disinfecting door handles, desks and other common surfaces daily on top of their regular maintenance of our school.

Goodwin School Community welcomes Dr. Richard Kisiel as our new interim Superintendent. We are excited to share our incredible school with him. Along the same lines, we want to say goodbye to Mrs. Hodge and Mrs. Sroka goodbye for now and wish them well with the addition to their families and a big welcome back to Mrs. Jankowski and Mrs. Haggerty. In case you haven't heard, we have been nominated as one of four schools in the state of CT as a National Blue Ribbon School! We have formed a Blue Ribbon Committee to compile all the data and write the narratives for our school which is all due March 20th to the CT State Department of Education. We will find out this summer if we have been selected. Thank you to Cassandra Martineau, Judy Quinn, Janet LeMarre, Terry Fers, Kelly Allen, Sally Clark, Anne Wiant-Rudd, Janet Pagoni, Rick O'Donnell, Christina Thompson, Shamim Patwa, Barbara Mellone and Veronica Barcelona for volunteering to be on this committee. Many hands make light work. With such a short deadline, we will need all the help we can get.

I would also like to have a **Principal Coffee and Conversation on Friday, March 6th from 8:30 to 9:00 am** in the conference room. This would be a time for you to come in and chat, ask questions, or listen to what is happening in our school. This first meeting we can talk about the Blue Ribbon Committee and the Smarter Balance Assessments as well as anything else that is on your mind.

STORYTIME Want to spend time with your child, build his/her reading skills, and help him/her to love books? You can do all three when you read to him/her. Here are some suggestions. **Read Regularly.** Try to read to your child every day. You might aim for 10-15 minutes of bedtime reading for a peaceful end to the day. Bring along a book, and read to him/her during a siblings sports practice. Or curl up together with a book when you get home from work. More ideas next month.

Warmly, Susan

Upcoming Events

2/25-4/8 Comic Book Club Wed. 3:35 –5:00 for registered students

3/3-4/9 Homework Club Tues. & Thurs 3:35-5:00 for registered students

3/4-3/25 Books & Breakfast for registered students 7:45-8:45am

3/11 PTO meeting 6:30

3/12 Goodwin Town Meeting 2:30

3/20 Tri-School Basketball Tournament @ E.O.Smith 6:30-8:00

3/26 First Grade Writing Celebration 6:30-7:30

Please be sure your child is ready for recess:

Students must wear snow pants, coats, hats, boots and gloves to enjoy sledding or be able to play in the snow during recess.