

Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Families of Goodwin:

The week of May 4th is **National Teacher Appreciation Week**. This is a nice opportunity for parents and students to recognize the hard work and dedication of our teaching staff. We have a highly dedicated and professional staff, which not only shows in our state scores, but also is evident every day in our classrooms. It is through their hard work that **we are recognized by the CT State Department of Education as an exemplary school, which puts us in the top 15% of all schools in the state**. Perhaps you could take a moment to write a note or say some words of appreciation to the teacher or have your child draw a picture.

As you can see by our May calendar, this is a very busy time of year at school. The activity calendar is beginning to fill up and the anticipation toward many events is mounting. However, it is important to remember that although students have many activities at this time of the year, they need to maintain good study habits, complete all homework, spend time outdoors, and get good rest.

More Good News from Goodwin:

- Our Blue Ribbon Application has been completed and we await their decision in August. We received notification of two minor revisions which were a matter of unchecking a box. The only other comment was that it was well written. I want to once again thank all those who put many long hours into fact finding, writing, and editing and revising our application.
- We would like to thank **Mrs. Core** for her hard work and dedication to our staff during Mrs. Hodge's absence. We welcome back **Mrs. Hodge** on May 11th and **Mrs. Ruiz** on June 1st. We are so excited to have almost all of our permanent staff back with us! **Mrs. Sroka** will return in the fall and we want to thank **Ms. Welz** for her time and dedication as well.
- Some of our children wrote a wonderful play and had a school-wide performance last week. Congratulations to **Mrs. Titchen** and her thespians!
- **Principal Coffee and Conversation will take place on Friday, May 8 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. We will provide coffee and pastry and discuss the Smarter Balanced Assessments, buses, budget, or discuss anything else that is on your mind.

Upcoming Events

5/1-Sock Hop 6-8pm

5/1 Grade 3 Field Trip to Lucky Strikes -Bowling

5/5 -PTO meeting 6:30

5/19-Grade 3 Field Trip-Sweeney School

5/20-Grd 3 & 4 Spring Concert 7-8 pm-date change

5/14-Grd K-2 Spring Concert 7-8pm

5/16 -Whale Bash 11-3pm

5/21-Grd 2 Field Trip to Sturbridge Village 9:15-3:15

5/21-Kindergarten Student Visitation-by scheduled appt.

5/22-Grd 3 Field Trip to Mystic Seaport

5/28-Grd 3 Field Trip w/ Sweeny UCONN Campus

5/29-Grade 4 visits MMS