

# Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I write to let you know that Goodwin Elementary School has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2015. The announcement was made today, September 29th at 11:00 a.m. by Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education. We are only one of four schools recognized in the state of Connecticut. Earlier in 2015, we were nominated by former Commissioner of Education, Stephen Pryor. A committee consisting of 18 Goodwin stakeholders including teachers, para-educators, secretaries, parents, and support staff spent many hundreds of hours over the course of a few months researching, composing, drafting and editing the 26 page application which ultimately led to our receiving this prestigious award. If you would like to see the video announcement, you can view it at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html> We will be formally recognized in Washington, DC on November 9 and 10th.

This is not just a celebration of Goodwin Elementary School but of all of the schools in Mansfield. Mansfield has continuously held education to be a priority and it is being recognized nationally. One of Mansfield's greatest strengths is its dedicated professional staff. We believe that each student's academic success and emotional health is a shared responsibility and we value a deeply reflective practice. Every member of our school communities is committed to a high quality education for each child. We know you have entrusted your children to us and the partnership between home and school is the key to creating life-long learners and caring world citizens. This collaborative and nurturing partnership is what allows us to know and care for the whole child.

At Goodwin, we continuously note how your children care and watch out for one another. They are kind, thoughtful, and inclusive. It is heartwarming and they are what make Goodwin so great! Your children are a constant cause for celebration! Congratulations to Dorothy C. Goodwin staff and the entire Mansfield community on this well earned award.

Warmly,  
Susan

## Upcoming Events For October

- Please check our school website calendar for events, teacher emails, PTO email
- Please remember to sign up for Q-Notify <http://mansfieldct.org/qnotify> for parent notices, electronic backpack and for priority and emergency information.
- Please remember to call or email the school office if your child is to be absent/tardy
- Please email office before 1:00 for parent pick up requests
- Office Email: [gnoffice@mansfieldct.org](mailto:gnoffice@mansfieldct.org)
- 10/7-Walk To School Day
- 10/9-Fire Prevention Day
- 10/19-School Picture Retakes
- 10/22-Goodwin's Town Meeting

Children who have cold/flu symptoms need to be fever free for 24 hours, without fever reducing medication, before returning to school.

Children who have stomach flu/diarrhea/vomiting symptoms need to be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.