

Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year as a Blue Ribbon School, I will continue to highlight the accomplishments and events of our school in each newsletter. There are so many wonderful things that have continued to happen at Goodwin that I can share with you this month.

- ☼ Mrs. Pagoni and I were able to travel to Washington, DC to accept our award, flag and banner for the National Blue Ribbon Award. We spent November 10th and 11th hearing various inspirational speakers, interacting with other Blue Ribbon Schools throughout the US and finally receiving our award where we danced across the stage and accepted on behalf of the Goodwin School. The staff have made plans to continue our celebration throughout the year.
- ☼ Mrs. Pagoni and Mrs. Geary were presenters at the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) conference in Minneapolis, MN with Dr. Doug Kaufman from UCONN. Their workshop was titled *Whole School Literacy: How to Create a Program in Which All Teachers, Administrators, and Staff Share Their Reading and Writing Lives with Children*.
- ☼ Once again, our PTO has outdone themselves with the well attended Harvest Fair. Our own custodians, Jodi and Lisa dressed up and handed out goodies as well! Thank you to all who made this happen on Halloween for our children.
- ☼ The Heritage Potluck was so well attended and the foods from around the world were delicious. There were close to 200 people who participated and the conversations were warm and welcoming to all. Our Superintendent, Kelly Lyman attended as well. This was a great undertaking by our own Enrichment teacher, Nancy Titchen and the PTO.
- ☼ The following day, we had our annual Thanksgiving Feast with all students and staff being served a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal. The food was delicious and made lovingly by our food service staff, Linda Spencer and Judy Campbell. Parents came and served over 250 students and staff inside of one hour. Thank you as well to Goodwin's Cheryl Courteau who worked hard to decorate and organize the set up of our dinner tables.
- ☼ Finally, Cheryl Courteau who has been with Goodwin for seven years has retired effective the end of November. She is a great loss to our school but we wish her well in this new chapter of her life.

May you have a wonderful time with your family over this winter break and enjoy the time, laughter, love and space to enjoy one another that is so rare in today's world.

Warmly,

Susan

Upcoming Events For December

- Dec. 17—Town Meeting 2:30
- Dec. 17— Yoga Night 7-8:00
- Dec. 24— Jan 3— no school, winter break
- RECESS— Please be sure your child has warm outerwear. Your child needs snow pants, boots, gloves, hat and a winter coat to sled and play in the snow.
- FLU SYMPTOMS—early onset of exhaustion and fever of 100, headache, coughing and body aches. Symptoms can last 4-7 days. Fatigue can last longer.

Students with Flu symptoms are contagious and need to be symptom free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol, Advil or cold/flu medicine before returning to school.

Children need to be 24 hour symptom free from stomach virus'. Vomiting, diarrhea, nausea and stomach cramps are symptoms of a stomach virus.