

Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Goodwin Families:

In keeping with my newsletters of this year, I will highlight some of our wonderful school highlights:

We are so fortunate to have many of our teaching staff support our profession through student teachers. This not only continues the legacy of excellent teaching here at Goodwin but allows our own staff to reflect upon their own teaching practices as well. It is truly a win-win situation. The CT Code of Professional Responsibilities for Teachers includes “the commitment to the teachers, the teaching profession and the community.” I am very proud to share with you that the following teachers will have student teachers this spring semester: Mrs. Jankowski, Mrs. LaMarre, Mr. Dean, Mrs. Pagoni, and Mrs. Hodge. Additionally, Dr. Patwa has a doctoral practicum student while Mrs. Quinn and Mrs. Pagoni continue to oversee our two reading and writing interns. Like a teaching hospital, Goodwin continues to set the stage for excellence.

Dr. Patwa has been asked to be an advisory member of CT State Department of Education’s School Psychology Guidelines Revision Advisory (SPGR) which are reviewing and revising the Guidelines for the Practice of School Psychology.

I have been asked to sit on the CT Association of Schools (CAS) Early Childhood Committee. I look forward to getting more involved in CAS again and working with the wonderful professionals there.

Once again, we are holding our Principal’s Coffee and Conversation’s from 8:45 to 9:15 on one Friday of the month. Please consider joining me for a cup of something warm and a breakfast pastry. Join me on Friday, February 12th in the Conference Room to talk about Smarter Balanced Assessments and or anything else that is on your mind. I look forward to seeing you.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our extremely supportive PTO for all they do for our school. While I was unable to attend the sold out Harlem Wizards event, all reports were that it was a wonderful community builder as well as a great fundraiser. The amount of work that goes into an event like that should always be commended. Also, thank you to Mr. Dean and the PTO for holding two Trestle Tree nights which raised \$850 to purchase new cross country ski equipment! Now we just need snow. Please remember that our Whale Bash will be coming up before you know it and it takes many hands to make light work. They need your support as does Goodwin families and students. Please reach out to the PTO to give of your time. They are in the starting phases of this right now.

Upcoming Events

2/9-Green Thumbs club

2/12—Grade 4 Bolton Ice Palace, ice skating field trip

1/28-2/25-Afterschool Homework club-Tues. & Thurs.

1/29-3/18-PTO sponsored After School Lego Tech club-Fridays

2/12-Coffee and Conversation 8:45—9:15

2/15—2/16—No School

2/25—Goodwin’s Town Meeting– 2:30

Please be sure your child has the appropriate attire for our daily 30 minute recess. Students must wear snow pants, coats, hats, boots and gloves to enjoy sledding or be able to play in the snow during recess, otherwise they need to stay on the blacktop.