

Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Families of Goodwin:

While we had a very mild winter, it is still great to be welcoming spring! The trees are already budding and some of the spring flowers are up like crocuses and daffodils. These are always a welcome signs. I hope you get out side as much as possible with the weather warming up. Outdoors and away from electronics is always the healthiest choice for children and adults alike.

More Good News from Goodwin:

- We recognized four of our very dedicated school volunteers on March 7th at the Aqua Turf. We have so many wonderful people who volunteer each year that we have begun a new tradition to recognize four of them each year at the CT Association of Schools annual Volunteer banquet. This year we were pleased to recognize, **Kristen Ricci, Kristen Zadnik, Kathleen Peirsman, and Julie Klimkiewicz**. Please look for their names on a plaque by the Blue Ribbon Plaque.
- We would like to congratulate all of our third grade students and their teachers, **Mrs. Haggerty, Mrs. Jankowski, and Mrs. Geary** for all the dedication and hard work that went into having a very successful Wax Museum. I hope that you had a chance to come to the school if you have a third grader to speak with our students and find out about the person of their choice. I had great conversations with Albert Einstein, Betsy Ross, Sally Ride, Amelia Earhart, and so many other famous people who had an impact on our world.
- Our third graders went bowling with the other two Elementary schools for a wonderful district wide event. Thank you to **Mr. Dean** for planning all of this and making user our students get the best PE program around.
- **Principal Coffee and Conversation will take place on Friday, April 8th from 8:45 to 9:15 am** in my office. 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 Common Core Standards, Smarter Balance Assessments, budget, or answer questions to anything else that is on your mind.
- Finally, if you did not have the chance to come to our Sock Hop last Friday, it was a well attended and fun affair. Please make sure you mark your calendars for next year. I had a great time seeing all of our students have so much fun in our gymnasium. Thank you once again to our incredible **PTO** for arranging this along with the clothing swap. A great time was had by all.

Helpful Home/School Connections:

- Getting started on homework: When your child comes home form school, they might want to jump right into doing homework or take some time to unwind before jumping in. Have them try each method for a week or two and jot down how they feel on a calendar each day how they feel about starting their homework. "Great!"; "Hard today : or a happy face or sad face. After doing it both ways, have your child review the calendar to see which one worked best for them.

Upcoming Events

4//8-Yearbook orders are due

4/11-Arts Day

4/11-4/15-Book Fair

4/12-Goodwin Ambassadors PTO talent show 6:00-8:00

4/14-Board of Ed meeting 7:30

4/18-4/22-Spring Vacation

4/27- Science Fair—6:30-7:30

4/28—Goodwin's Town Meeting—Volunteer Tribute 2:30

4/28—Grade 3 & 4 Spring Concert 6:30-7:30