

Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Families of Goodwin:

The week of May 2nd 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 were recognized nationally this year by the United States Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School, which puts us in the top 10% of all schools in the nation**. 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:

- Last month Goodwin School showed our appreciation to our paraprofessionals and custodians as well by providing them with a luncheon on china and linens to give them an opportunity to enjoy a more leisurely lunch. They do so much for our children and our staff everyday.
- We would like to thank **Mrs. Kozelka** for her hard work and dedication to our Books and Breakfast program. For four weeks, she started her day early and provided a light breakfast with a read aloud and book selections. She provided helpful hints to parents about selecting books and the feedback from parents was outstanding.
- Kudos as well to **Dr. Patwa**, for organizing our first annual talent show. The talent show was open to any 3rd and 4th grader who wanted to show their talents. It was very well attended and the range of talents was so enjoyable to see. It was a great night of entertainment for all. Thank you as well to two of parents, **Mrs. Tulman and Mrs. Welsh** who were instrumental in providing Dr. Patwa with the support she needed to organize such a large undertaking.
- **Principal Coffee and Conversation will take place on Friday, May 6th 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 the Smarter Balanced Assessments, buses, budget, or anything else that is on your mind.
- We are now part of a **textile recycling program**. You may have noticed big white boxes in our parking lot. Please bring any clothes, shoes, towels, sheets, comforters, STUFFED ANIMALS, purses, belts, etc and place them in the bins. All items must be bagged. They can be very beat up or torn and still be accepted. Those items that cannot be worn by others are turned into rags for chair cushions and other stuffing materials.

Upcoming Events

5/18-5/25—Walk To School Wednesday

5/6-PTO Exercise Class Fundraiser 7-8pm

5/12-Board of Ed. Meeting, Goodwin recognized as National Blue Ribbon Winner

5/13 -Grd 2 Field Trip To Sturbridge Village

5/14-Big Whale Bash 11:00-3:00

5/16-Kindergarten Parent Orientation—6:00-7:00

5/17-Grd K-2 Spring Concert 6:30-7:30

5/19—Grd 3 Field Trip to Sweeney School 9:00-11:00

5/20-Grd 4 Ropes Course with Adventure Learning Club

5/24—Grd 4 Students visit MMS 9:00-11:45

5/26-Grd 3 Field Trip to UCONN, Dodd Center, Dairy Bar

5/27—Grd 3 to Mystic Seaport 9:00-3:15