

Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first month of school has flown by and it's hard to believe that fall is here. After such a warm start, it is nice to feel the cooler fall weather. We welcome all of our new families and returning families back to school. Please take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities to get involved in our school. Goodwin is such a strong and vibrant community. Our school and PTO welcome involvement with any time that you can give to our school. I would also like to thank the PTO for their continued support of our children and teachers. Their dedication to our school makes all the difference to us including that sense of community, engagement, and support through initiatives such as iPad use and robotics.

Mrs. Tami Motyl, our Kindergarten paraeducator, has been selected as the Mansfield Public School Paraeducator of the Year for 2016-2017. We are so pleased to see such a talented and dedicated professional recognized. Mrs. Motyl began her career here as a pre-school paraeducator 18 years ago and for the last two years has been in our Kindergarten with Mr. O'Donnell and now Mrs. Haggerty. What a great example of excellence at Goodwin! The staff and children love her and she loves her job.

Our SBAC results that we received at the beginning of this year, demonstrate that we continue to be an outstanding school where we show great gains in our children's knowledge and understanding of the grade level expectations. Congratulations to our teachers and families for giving our children the gift of learning.

Your children are another cause for celebration! The classrooms and halls are alive with energy and enthusiasm. We thank you for sharing them with us. It's going to be another great year.

Home & School Connection:

You may have heard that it is important for families to eat together at dinner time but other meals are important too. If you work evenings, maybe you could eat breakfast together or on a weekend, try a family picnic for lunch. Research shows that families who eat together tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior as they grow older.

Warmly,

Susan

Upcoming Events For October

- October 5—International Walk To School Day—Students meet Goodwin Staff members at Holinko Apts. at 8:30
- October 7—Grade 3 Fitness Hike—Mashamoquet State Park 9:15-2:45
- October 10 & 11—Columbus Day & Teacher Professional Day—No school
- Fire Safety Day
- October 19—Picture Retake Day 9:00-1:30
- October 25—Goodwin Town Meeting—2:30-3:30
- October 27—Grd 4 Field Trip to New Britain Museum of Art
- Please remember to sign up for Q-Notify <http://mansfieldct.org/qnotify> for parent notices, electronic backpack and for priority and emergency information.
- Please check our school website calendar for events, teacher emails,
- Please email office before 1:00 for parent pick up requests gnooffice@mansfieldct.org

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