

Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

There are so many wonderful things happening at Goodwin to share with you this month.

- ⇒ On October, Mrs. Titchen once again worked with our fire department to have our annual egg drop. Students, staff and parents had such a great opportunity to see all of the critical thinking and creativity of our young scientists. I want to take this opportunity to thank our very supportive fire department for coming to our aid each and every year. They truly are such an important part of our community in so many ways. If you see them, please thank them on behalf of the Goodwin School Community. We couldn't do it without them.
- ⇒ Through the kindness of the LoTurco family, our Enrichment program received a gift of \$1500 from the Alice M. O'Brien Foundation. The monies will be used for expanding our wonderful enrichment program. Thanks to Mrs. Titchen for her incredible dedication to our children.
- ⇒ We are pleased that we have UCONN interns in our building again this year. Mr. Dean, Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. LeMarre, Mrs. Sroka, and Mrs. Pagoni have student teachers and we have math and writing interns working with Mrs. Ruiz and Mrs. Pagoni as well. We welcomed Miss Deschenes to our community this year as a fourth grade teacher; Mrs. Wallace as our new library specialist; Mrs. Luberto as our library aide; and Mrs. Burgess to our SWEIT program.
- ⇒ Our Principal Coffee and Conversations have begun again. It was nice to see new and veteran parents at our last meeting in September. Our next meeting, will be on December 9th. All parents are welcome to come and just chat about any issues, concerns or wonderful things that are going on at Goodwin. Please mark your calendars and join me at 8:45—9:30 in the Conference Room at Goodwin.
- ⇒ Mr. Dean has once again designed an incredible maze of physical activities in our gymnasium. The time, effort and energy that goes into this is unparalleled. The children have fun while they are working very hard in so many areas of physical development along with critical thinking skills and collaboration. We are very lucky to have a teacher with such dedication and skill working with our children in PE.
- ⇒ The students in Mr. Weyel and Mrs. Sroka's classes have been studying the different types of communities such as family, class, school, town, etc. Students studied the varying components that build a successful community. They learned all aspects of community including needs versus wants. Their classroom turned into a wonderful reflection of their learning with a community created on the floor of their class. They created, collaborated, and thought critically about being a part of the many communities. It was a joy to see.

It's been a great year so far. I am looking forward to the Heritage Potluck on the 17th and the Thanksgiving Feast on the 18th.

Upcoming Events For November

11/13- World Kindness Day—Goodwin Ambassadors will be collecting food items starting October 31st.

11/17—Heritage Potluck Dinner 6:00-7:30

11/18— Students and Staff Thanksgiving Feast—students and staff will be served dinner at 11:45

11/21—Book Fair— open 8:30-4:00

11/22—Book Fair—open 8:30-12:30

11/23—Book Fair - open 8:30-10:30

11/21-11/23—Early Dismissal—students dismiss at 12:45

11/21—11/23—Parent Teacher Conferences:

- Monday Day time 1-4 Please contact your child's teacher to schedule an appointment.
- Tuesday Evening 4-7. Please contact your child's teacher to schedule an appointment.

11/30 - Goodwin's Town Meeting—2:30