



Goodwin Elementary Announcements & Events

Notices for 4/1/16

- ***Smarter Balanced Assessments Information from Superintendent, Kelly Lyman***
- ***Good News from Goodwin April Newsletter***
- ***Mansfield Public Library's Book Sale Sat. April 2nd & Sun. April 3rd***
- ***MMS Presents "The Lion King" Friday, April 1st, Saturday, April 2nd, & Sunday April 3rd***
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- ***Mansfield Little League Girls Softball Registration Information***
- ***WAM United Soccer Little Kicks Program Registration information***



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April 1, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

For nearly 30 years public schools in Connecticut have administered state developed assessments to evaluate student learning and support continuous improvement in local schools. These required assessments include the Connecticut Mastery Test and the Smarter Balanced Assessments. There have been many changes to these assessments in the past few years, and some even in the past few months. The current assessments include:

Connecticut Mastery Test in Science for students in grades 5, 8 and 10

- This assessment measures student knowledge expected by CT State Standards in life, physical, and earth sciences and includes science process as well as content knowledge.
- Assessments are administered in a traditional paper and pencil format.
- The Connecticut State Board of Education recently adopted new standards in science and expects districts to gradually implement these new standards. The State assessment will not change until districts have had the opportunity to revise curriculum.

Smarter Balanced Assessments in Language Arts and Mathematics for students in grades 3-8

- These assessments measure skills and application of skills in language arts and mathematics expected by Connecticut Core Standards.
- Assessments are administered in a computer format allowing for questions to be adapted to student responses and are untimed.
- The computer format allows for more accommodations than paper and pencil tests for students with identified learning or language needs.
- Results from Smarter Balanced Assessments allow for growth reporting allowing parents and schools to monitor annual growth by individual student.
- The language arts assessment was significantly reduced for 2015-16 resulting in less time necessary for the assessment and even less time than was needed by the previous Connecticut Mastery Test in Language Arts.
- Schools develop their own testing schedules with multiple, short testing sessions designed to address the developmental needs of students.
- Connecticut eleventh graders now take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) in lieu of other state assessments. The SAT has been redesigned to more closely assess what is learned and experienced in high school classrooms. This creates greater alignment between the grade 3-8 assessments (Smarter Balanced Assessments) and the SAT. Experience with Smarter Balanced Assessment questions may breed familiarity with the new SAT questions.
- Mansfield children performed very well on the Smarter Balanced Assessments in 2014-15. Two of our schools were recognized as among the top ten percent of schools in the state. Our two other schools performed as well or better but were not eligible for recognition because the participation rate in those schools was below the required 95 percent.

The elementary school testing schedule for grades three and four is:

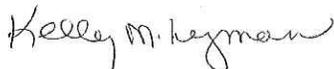
- Tuesday, May 3rd: 9:30 to 10:30am
- Wednesday, May 4th: 9:30 to 10:30am
- Friday, May 6th: 9:30 to 10:50am
- Tuesday, May 10th: 9:30 to 10:30am
- Wednesday, May 11th: 9:30 to 10:30am

The middle school testing schedule is May 2nd – 10th:

- Grades 5 & 6: 9:00 – 10:30am
- Grades 7 & 8: 10:30am – 12:00pm

Please know that we will do our best to reduce anxiety about these assessments while also providing students some practice experience to create familiarity with the test and the computer format. Should you have any questions about the assessments, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,



Kelly M. Lyman

Good News from Goodwin

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APRIL 2016

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

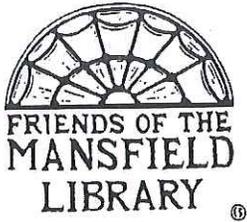
4/14-Board of Ed meeting 7:30

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



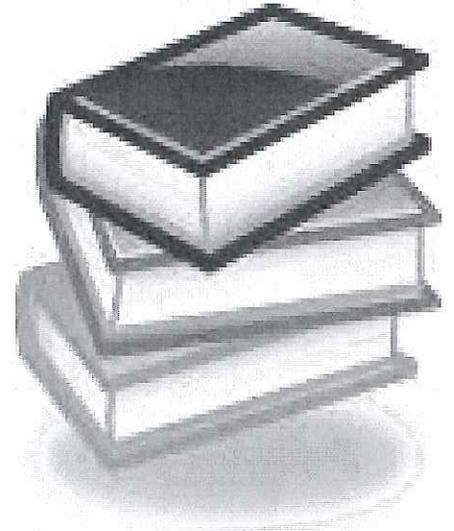
Book Sale

Sat. April 2

9 am - 4 pm

Sun. April 3

9 am - 3 pm



MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
54 WARRENVILLE RD. (RTE 89)
MANSFIELD CENTER, CT

Donations accepted year round at the employee entrance to the library, until two weeks before the sale

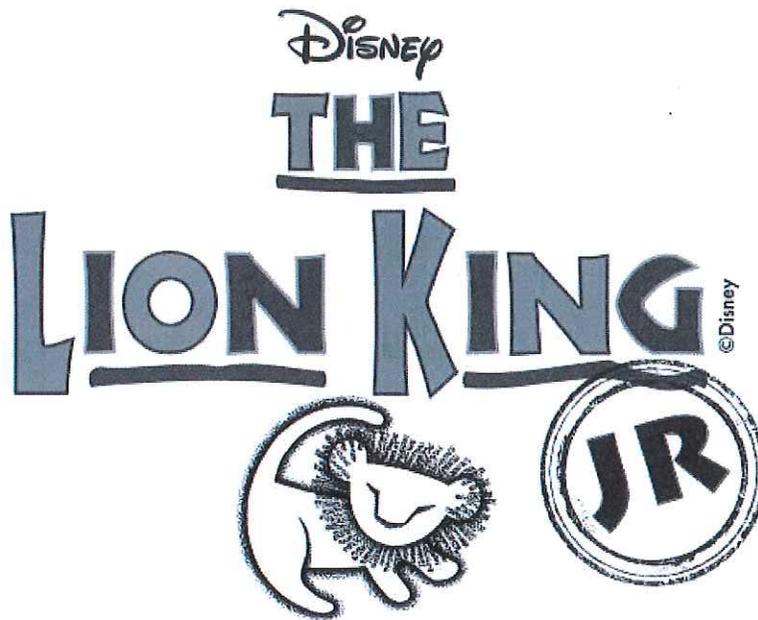
Large selection of adult and children's hardcovers and paperbacks plus DVDs, CDs, videos, audiobooks, puzzles, cassettes

Hardcovers - \$1
Oversize Paperbacks - \$1
Pocket Paperbacks - 50 cents

Additional books put out regularly throughout the sale

Mansfield Middle School

Presents



Music & Lyrics by
Elton John & Tim Rice

Additional Music & Lyrics by
Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer

Book by
Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Based on the Broadway production directed by
Julie Taymor

Friday, April 1st at 7pm

Saturday, April 2nd at 7pm

Sunday, April 3rd at 1pm

**All tickets are \$7 and are available
at the show & in the MMS office**

Music Adapted & Arranged and
Additional Music & Lyrics and
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by **Will Van Dyke**

"It's a Small World" written by **Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman**

Disney's *The Lion King JR.* is presented through special arrangement with
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Music Theatre International.

421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019

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Coffee and Conversation

with Susan Muirhead-Principal

Join her Friday, April 8th from 8:45 -9:15am in our conference room for coffee and discussion.

Volunteers Needed for the Spring Book Fair!!



The **Goodwin Spring Book Fair** will be held April 12-15. Volunteers are needed to set up, pack up and run the book fair during the day and evening. Please consider helping for an hour or two.

*Please check all time slots you would be available and return the bottom of this form to your child's teacher by **Thursday, April 7** OR email Julie Klimkiewicz at julesklim@hotmail.com with your availability. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

Set Up: Monday, April 11 3:30 _____

Tuesday, April 12

Wed., April 13

Thurs., April 14

8:30-10:30 _____

8:30-10:30 _____

8:30-10:30 _____

10:30-1:00 _____

10:30-1:00 _____

10:30-1:00 _____

6:00-8:00 _____

3:00-4:00 _____

3:00-4:00 _____

Friday, April 15

****If you cannot volunteer for a full time slot**

8:30-10:30 _____

but would still like to help out, please write

10:30-1:00 _____

down your availability (day/time) _____

3:00-4:00 _____

Pack up: Friday, April 15 4:00 _____

Celebrate Earth Day with Jonathan the Husky!



**Brought to you by Town of Mansfield Early
Childhood Services and UConn's AΦΩ**

**Come on down for some fresh air and
outdoor family fun!**



When: Saturday, April 16, 11-2 (rain date Sunday April 17)

What: Obstacle Course, Games & Crafts, Face Painting!

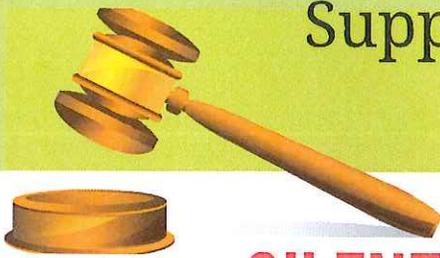
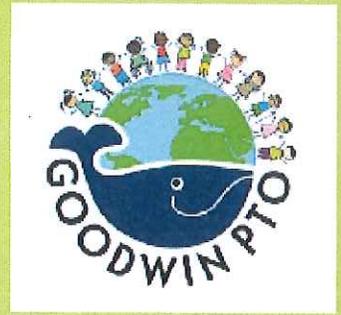
Where: Merrow Meadow Park, 13 Merrow Road,
Mansfield (across from Mansfield Academy of Dance)

Who: Everyone!

Jonathan will be there from 12-1 PM. Please bring a picnic to share with your family!

Calling All Parents!

Support the PTO



February 26, 2016

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

The Goodwin PTO is gearing up for our annual silent auction to take place during the Big Whale Bash on May 14. We are already calling on local businesses and large corporations to donate to our auction. We know Goodwin parents are skilled in many ways. What can YOU donate?

IDEAS TO GET YOU THINKING

READY TO
DONATE?

HAVE A
QUESTION?

KNOW SOMEONE
WE SHOULD
CONTACT?

Contact:

Kristen Ricci

kristen.ricci@gmail.com

860-336-7969

Own a business? Donate!

- ▶ discounted service
- ▶ a product, a service, a meal

Know a skill, trade, or hobby? Donate!

- ▶ personal training, yoga instruction
- ▶ gardening
- ▶ cooking
- ▶ canning
- ▶ photography session
- ▶ lawn care
- ▶ plumbing
- ▶ electrical work
- ▶ gutter cleaning
- ▶ handyman (or woman) services

Have some time? Donate!

- ▶ babysitting
- ▶ fall cleanup
- ▶ preparing meals for someone's freezer
- ▶ home organizing or cleaning

Other ideas? Donate!



Mansfield Public Schools

Preschool Screening for 3 and 4 year olds.

May 25th, 26th and 27th, 2016

**Mansfield Public Library
Buchanan Auditorium
54 Warrenville Rd.
Mansfield Center Ct.**

Contact the office to set up an appointment.

860-429-6316

Your child must be at least 3 by September 1, 2016

MANSFIELD GIRLS SOFTBALL



**REGISTER ONLINE:
MANSFIELDLL.ORG**



Team age groups:

Rookies (Farm): Ages 6-7
Minor League: Ages 8-10
Major League: Ages 11-12
Junior League: Ages 13-14

Check it out!

**JUNIORS TEAM SEASON
BEGINS AFTER MMS
SOFTBALL SEASON ENDS.**

What you'll learn this season...

- ♦ Rookies and Minors teams learn "the fundamentals" - throwing, catching, fielding, pitching, batting and base running.
- ♦ Majors and Juniors teams improve fundamentals and learn advanced skills; position specific, base running, game situations and competing as a team.

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AGES 3 TO GRADE 2.

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BASIC SOCCER SKILLS, CONCEPTS,
AND RULES OF THE GAME.

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