

# Green Meadow News

January 10, 2008



Dear Parents and Caregivers;

Next week is a very busy week at school. We will be having **kindergarten registration on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-12:00 and on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 P.M.. Children are eligible for kindergarten if they are 5 by September 1, 2008. Parents need to bring the following in order to complete the registration process: up to date immunizations, a physical no older than one year before the start of school and proof of residency. In addition to these necessary materials, you will need to complete a registration packet with emergency contact information. If you would like to pick up the packet early to complete at home, please drop by the office and we will give you one to complete at home. Today we are sending home a flyer which details the process and also tells the dates we will hold Kindergarten Screening. The process has 3 steps: you complete the paper work and give it to us; you come and visit the classroom (parents only) and then there is a kindergarten screening for your child. Your child is not officially enrolled in kindergarten until we have all the required paper work completed. Please feel free to call school if you have any questions. At the time of kindergarten registration there will also be registration for EXCEL – the fee based before and after school program.

During the week of January 14<sup>th</sup> all of our students (K-3) will have the second round of **DIBELS testing**. We are excited to see their progress since September and to see if the interventions we are using are working.

Tomorrow our Kindergarten will have a special presentation of the **Gerwick Puppets**. On next Wednesday and Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup> Grade 1 students will have a program on Magnets here at school with the Discovery Museum staff. Both of these activities were planned by the Enrichment Committee and are funded by the PTO through your support of the fund raising efforts.

The **Maynard Biggest Loser group** is starting a new group. It costs \$50.00 to join and runs for eight weeks. Last round the top 3 winners shared \$1,850.00. The initial weigh in will be on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M.. If you would like more information please call Emily Jacobsen at 978-760-3246.

Thank you for your great support of the **Box Tops program**. The PTO received a check for **\$1,046.48** which is a great return for your efforts. We want to thank Sharon Ray and Vikki Denaro for their tireless efforts in this fund raiser.

Please remember that we are still **collecting blankets for the Maynard Food Pantry**.

## Please note the following dates:

January 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Gerwick Puppets – Kindergarten
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dibels Training
January 15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>		Kindergarten Registration
January 16 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>		Discovery Museum – Grade 1
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Preschool Information Night 7:00-8:00 PM
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Committee Meeting
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	-	No School – Martin Luther King’s Birthday
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	No School – Professional Day for Teachers
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	STAR/EXCEL Writing Party 6:00 PM
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Term 2 Ends
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Report Cards go home
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Pre School Winter Celebration
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Early Release

A list of the **upcoming Enrichment events** scheduled for 2008 is on the back of this newsletter. Additional programs will be scheduled for several of the grades. The Enrichment Committee is looking for parents to help plan events for the remainder of this year and the next school year. If interested, please join us for the next Enrichment meeting on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.M. at school.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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