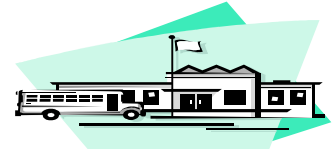


# Green Meadow News

January 17, 2008



Dear Parents and Caregivers;

Before the holiday we had our gingerbread house raffle. We made **\$100.00 for the Maynard Food Pantry**. The lucky winner of the gingerbread house was **Thomas Early**. We appreciate all the people who took chances.

We also appreciate all the people who donated blankets. We got about 30 wonderful blankets and brought them over to the Maynard Food Pantry. We will continue the blanket drive for awhile longer. **A big thanks to all those who donated blankets and a big thank you to Peter Gubala from John's Cleaners** who cleaned all the blankets.

Last week we sent out a flyer that gives some information about **School Councils**. We have a very active School Council. The group consists of teachers, parents and community members. We meet the first Monday of each month from 6:30-8:00 P.M. in the office conference room. The public is invited to attend each meeting. We are currently looking for a community member which means the person can not be a parent at our school. If you know of somebody who may be interested, please have them call me or give me their name and I will call them.

**Please remember that we do not have school on next Monday and Tuesday**. On Monday school will be closed because of the holiday celebrating Martin Luther King's birthday. On Tuesday we have a professional day for teachers and there will be no school for students. The teachers will be involved in a reading workshop with the IDEAL consultants.

Today we are starting to send home **MCAS homework to the third graders**. We have packets which replicate items used in previous MCAS tests. Grade 3 students will do the Reading MCAS beginning March 24<sup>th</sup> and will do the Math MCAS beginning May 12<sup>th</sup>.

A preschool screening will be held at Green Meadow School on Friday, January 25, 2008. During this time there will be special educators available to screen your child to determine if your child may have any special learning needs that require further evaluation. **Appointments are necessary**. Parents who have concerns about their preschooler's development are urged to schedule an appointment. If you have any questions and/or you would like to make an appointment for your child, please call the Maynard Public Schools Department of Student Services at (978) 897-2138.

There was a **mistake in the January calendar** in last week's newsletter. Report cards will go home on March 14, 2008. The date on the newsletter was for schools in the district that have 4 marking periods. We grade our students over three trimesters.

Sharon Santillo, our Art teacher, wanted people to know that Massachusetts residents are free at the **Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology and the Harvard Museum of Natural History** at certain times. They are free on Sundays from 9:00 A.M. till noon and on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00 P.M. from September through May.

Our **Casual For A Cause** until February vacation is for a contribution to the Maynard Food Pantry.

We are also continuing our **Pennies for Peace collection**. Our jar is about half full.

Sincerely,

Bernadette McLaughlin  
Principal

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