

# Green Meadow News

January 31, 2008



Dear Parents and Caregivers;

For the **next two Fridays**, tomorrow and February 8, 2008 we will have **early release days**. On both of those days the students will be dismissed at 11:25 (11:15 for kindergarten). During the afternoon the staff will be working on improving our reading/writing program. One of the offerings tomorrow is a workshop being done by Sharon Santillo on Picturing Writing which combines writing and art. Mrs. Santillo is a trained instructor through this program at University of New Hampshire. Aren't we lucky to have her!

On **February 8<sup>th</sup>** we will work with Bill Atwood a consultant who has worked with us before on improving our writing program.

We would like to **thank some of the PTO members** for all their efforts. Cindy Langlois, mother of Olivia Saperstein planned the very successful Gerwick Puppets performance for all the kindergarten students. Linda Thayer, mother of Owen did a great job of organizing the Magnet program through the Discovery Museum for all first graders. We also appreciate Donna and Stephen Synan, parents of Julia and Sarah for all their hard work in keeping our driveway sign up to date – through the snow and all.

**Grade 3** has decided that their **Curriculum Night** will be on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM. It will be an evening for parents only. The evening will be focused on the MCAS tests. There will be an overview of the tests and then you will review the expectations that are in place. The program will be in the cafeteria.

The **Maynard Education Foundation (MEF)** is excited to sponsor its **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Maynard** on Sunday, March 2, 2008, 4 PM to 7 PM at the Maynard Lodge of Elks, 34 Powdermill Road, Maynard. This year's major sponsors are Middlesex Savings Bank and Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation.

At this "**not to be missed**" event, the general public will enjoy exceptional samples of food specialties from local food establishments in the Maynard, Acton, Concord, Stow, Hudson, Marlborough area. There will be a cash bar, jazz band and door prizes. Tickets are available for \$30.00 in advance by calling Jim McCann (978) 897-3148, Trish Signet (978) 835-7379 or Mary Brannelly (978) 897-8340. Tickets may also be purchased at Middlesex Savings, 17 Nason Street, Maynard (978 897-3232 – ask for Paula Copley) or by going to MEF's website [www.maynardeducation.org](http://www.maynardeducation.org). Tickets will be available on a first come first serve basis or at the door for \$35/each.

The Maynard Education Foundation's mission is to financially support innovation in teaching for Maynard teachers. Our goal is to create funds that will allow MEF to provide annual grants to teaching professionals. As we begin our 8<sup>th</sup> year, we have raised over \$175,000 and have awarded grants totaling in excess of \$85,000 to Maynard educators. These grants have been utilized for Innovation and Discovery endeavors that benefit Maynard children in the classroom. It is crucial that our students be supported to increase their competitive advantage so they are prepared for the challenges of the twenty-first century.

You can purchase tickets now to this food extravaganza. It continues to be more successful each year! You'll have an opportunity to taste wonderful food selections from many local food establishments visit with old and new friends and support the Maynard Education Foundation!

**ReACT** is a Maynard based non-profit offering low cost workshops in classic theatre such as Shakespeare to all students in grades 1-12. They will be holding a **free Family Preview Event** on Monday, February 11th at the Fowler School in Maynard from 5:30-7pm, where parents and students can stop by to meet the instructors, play games, learn a song and ask questions about out ReACT's exciting new summer theatre programs and April vacation week workshop. Call Sara at 978-897-4736 with questions. ReACT is supported in part by a grant from the Maynard Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Today we are sending out some **February dates** for you to keep for future reference. Please keep them handy.

- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - 11:25 AM Early Release (11:15 Kindergarten)
- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 School Council Meeting
- Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> - Erika Whitworth "Archaeological Dig" Grade 2
- Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - Erika Whitworth "Archaeological Dig" Grade 2
- Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - 11:25 AM Early Release (11:15 Kindergarten)
- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:45 Team Leader Meeting
- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting 7:00 PM in Library
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - 3:00-5:00 PM Picturing Writing
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-7:30 PM Grade 3 Curriculum Night
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Grade 3 Song Zu – 9:00-1:00 PM
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 PM Grade 3 Dragon Parade
- Feb. 18-24<sup>th</sup> - Winter Vacation
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> - 3:00-5:00 PM Picturing Writing
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - Bingo for Books 6:00 PM (STAR and EXCEL)

Sincerely,

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Principal

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