

Green Meadow News

February 7, 2008



Dear Parents and Caregivers;

Tomorrow we will have an **Early Release** which means dismissal is at 11:25 A.M. (11:15 for Kindergarten). During the afternoon we will be working with a consultant on improving our writing program. We have been working on improving our writing program last year and this year and it has resulted in an enriched writing program. Students not only are writing more but there are higher expectations that the writing has more depth – providing details, using correct grammar, capitalization and punctuation.

Many of you probably already know that we have experienced **many maladies over the last few weeks**. There have been days when 10% of our students have been absent. February vacation is coming at a good time. During that week we are going to ‘open’ up the building and hopefully have the germs leave and fresh air revitalize us.

During **February vacation** (February 18th -22nd) the office will be open on February 19, 20, 21st till 2:00 P.M.. The answering machine will be on 24/7.

Next week will be a busy week with **Valentine’s Day celebrations**. The third grade will share their Dragon Project by participating in the **Chinese New Year parade**. They will go around the inside of the school ONE TIME starting at 2:00 P.M. on February 15, 2008. Each third grade teacher will have a sign out sheet if a parent wants to dismiss his/her child after the parade.

Our **School Council** will meet on Monday from 6:30-8:00 P.M. in the conference room at school. The public is invited to attend.

We will have the regular **PTO meeting** on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.. Please join us if you can.

On Wednesday, February 13, 2008 third grade parents are invited to attend a **presentation on the MCAS from 6:30-7:30 P.M.** Dr. Daniel Mayer, Assistant Superintendent, will provide an overview of the MCAS test and the results we have experienced. Third grade teachers will talk specifically about the third grade assessment.

There will be **no newsletter next Thursday**.

The parent groups at Maynard High School are sponsoring **Kids Nite Out** on Feb.14th from 5:30-8:00 PM at the high school for children in grades K-5. There will be pizza, snacks and drinks, a movie, a Valentine craft and games. All of this will be supervised by adults who have gone through a background check process and high school students. The cost is \$20 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child. Registration forms went out in backpack folders last week or you can stop by the high school during business hours or call MaryEllen McCarthy 978 897-4979. Pre-registration is required so there is enough food and supplies for everyone.

Sincerely,

Bernadette McLaughlin
Principal

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