

# Green Meadow News

April 10, 2008



Dear Parents and Caregivers;

Today we had our first day of **kindergarten screening** for next years' students. We will finish up tomorrow. For both of these days our **current kindergarteners do not have school.**

On next Thursday, April 17, 2008, Ms. Lilly has organized a **concert for the Grade 3** students and their friends and family. The program will be in the cafeteria from 8:40-9:15 AM. We will have a check in process in the foyer to make it easier for parents.

On the same day, the 17<sup>th</sup>, our recess teachers: Debbie Giordano, Florence Cerasuolo, Paula Meyer, Anne Newey, Rita Usher, Julie Veneziano, Veronica Voner, and Robert Murphy planned a **Spring Fling** for recess time for all students in Grades K-3. The students always have a great time with all the varied activities. The rain date is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate the hard work of the recess teachers in planning this fun event.

We would like to remind Grade 2 parents of an upcoming important date. The Grade 2 students will have their **Art show at Art Space** on May 13, 2008 from 5:00-8:00 P.M.. The show is focused on Art and The Circus and is always a WONDERFUL time when the students are so proud to show off their creative hard work.

With so many changes in the economy, we would like to remind parents that if your financial situation changes during the year, you can complete the **application for free or reduced lunch at any time.** Those students eligible for free or reduced lunch are also eligible for reduced rates for busing and activity fees at Fowler and Maynard High School and reduced rates for electricity. The application is available in the school office.

We collected the **piggy banks** that were in the classrooms as donations to the Giunta family. The collections came to \$219.90. The piggy bank in Ms. Craig's room broke open – it was so full because of the generosity of the students. We also added three classrooms later and those are not reflected in this total.

The **EXCEL Program** is offering special **April vacation activities** to Green Meadow students (K-3). Brochures have been sent home today. Please call Lois Cohen or Michelle King at 978-897-8021, if you have questions.

Our **Spring Auction** last Saturday was a great success. We appreciate ALL the parents who worked so hard in organizing this great event. We are also very grateful to all the people who came to the Auction and supported the effort. **The first results show that over \$22,000 was made – WOW!** Parents were so generous in supporting the work of our students. Everybody seemed to enjoy the magic of the night and we appreciate this great donation to the PTO. Kudos to Christine Morgan, the general chair, of the Auction. In a later newsletter we will give you more information about other people who helped.

We are celebrating **Poem In Your Pocket Week** next week. Students and adults should keep a poem in their pocket all week. The Title I staff will be randomly visiting classrooms to share the poems the students have. The poems do not have to be original poems but can be copied from a book.

Sincerely,

Bernadette McLaughlin  
Principal

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