

# Green Meadow News

September 6, 2007



Dear Parents and Caregivers;

Please remember to **send back all the forms** we sent out last week and they should be completed in black ink. If your child was on free or reduced lunch last year, that carries over until October 1<sup>st</sup> of this school year BUT we need a new completed form to have it continue through this year.

This week we are sending out the **PTO volunteer form**. Please complete and return it so the PTO will be able to coordinate the volunteers.

As you see from looking around the outside, **construction** is still going on and will continue for the next few weeks. We will not have boilers until mid October and although it is not a problem yet because of the weather, we will not have heat until then and so if it gets chilly students should bring a sweater to school. We also want to remind you to be careful where you are walking because of the construction.

Please remember that our **PTO picnic is tomorrow night from 6:00-7:30 P.M.** here on the playground – rain or shine. Last year this really was fun for all. Please bring your family dinner and enjoy the great music of John Fitzsimmons.

We do ask parents to **call school if their child is going to be absent**. The answering machine (978) 897-0310 is on 24/7. It is much easier for you to call us rather than us try to call you with the number of students that we have. If your child has a medical illness or condition, you need to be in touch with the nurse, Leslie Dowst, at the school number 978-897-8246. Even if your child has strep and only has medicine at home – please let Mrs. Dowst know so that we can keep track of communicable diseases.

Some of you may know that in late June one of our families was involved in a terrible car accident over in Stow. They were hit in their car when a car traveling the opposite way swerved and crashed right into their car. **Andre Manganaro** was seriously injured with extensive facial injuries and head trauma. Andre's father, Mike, was driving and sustained facial and body injuries. Andre was in a medically induced coma for many weeks and then was moved to Spaulding Rehab. Andre came home last week but has a long road ahead of him. The Manganaro family consists of 5 children ages 2-16 and as you can well imagine this has put a tremendous emotional and financial burden on the family. Mike's friends at work are planning a **benefit where 100% of the proceeds go to the family**. It is scheduled for Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in Hudson. We are sending out a flyer today with more information about how we can help one of our families. You can purchase tickets here at school.

For anybody wishing to **donate to Andre**, you can send in your donation to school and we will put it in a big jar we have in the office and then send it over to the bank in a few weeks. Our staff is doing Casual For A Cause for Andre during the month of September. This means staff who want to wear jeans on Friday make a donation to the 'Cause'.

One of the great things about Maynard is how they rally around when there is a need and this is another opportunity to demonstrate what MAYNARD DOES BEST!

As we have the last few years, we will note events of September 11, 2001. We do not discuss the things that we as adults so vividly remember. Instead we use it to remember all the people who work to keep us safe. At our **remembrance** for all who keep us safe we remember to thank our parents, our relatives, our teachers, firemen, policemen, medical technicians and all people in the military. We begin our remembrance at 8:46 and we end it about 10 minutes later with the Pledge of Allegiance. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bernadette McLaughlin  
Principal

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