

Green Meadow News

September 20, 2007



Dear Parents and Caregivers;

Tonight is our **Open House from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.** here at school and our **Book Fair will be from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** The whole family is invited to attend and please remember to park at Fowler School because there will not be enough room at Crowe Park. Two of our former classroom teachers have different positions this year and they also will be at Open House to meet parents and answer questions. **Candace Adamson** is our new Literacy Coach and is working with all teachers in the development of our language arts programs. We have undertaken an intensive look at our language arts program and purchased new materials. We will talk more about that as the year goes on. **Susanne Meade** will be working until the end of November with the third grade students on the DANA program which is a hand held word processing unit. Please feel free to ask them about these efforts.

Tonight we are giving out our **curriculum guides for each grade level.** Make sure you get a copy for future reference.

Tomorrow is our first **Early Release** for the year. Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:15 A.M. and all other students at 11:25 A.M.. The staff will be working on our writing program.

Several parents have told us that **Crowe Park** is like a zoo! People are just parking (not in parking spaces) and going to pick up their child(ren) which leaves cars in parking spots unable to leave. Several parents are letting their children run through the traffic. Nobody wants a tragedy but everybody has to cooperate and use common sense and good manners. There seems to be more cars this year and if anybody has any creative ideas how to manage traffic better – please share it with us.

Today we are also sending out the **music schedule** that our new teacher, Jennifer Lilley, has developed. Please keep it for future reference.

We are giving you some **updated dates** to keep for future reference:

September 20 th	– Open House	- 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.
September 21 st	– Early Dismissal	- 11:25 A.M.
October 1 st	– School Council	- 6:30 P.M.
October 3 rd	– Picture Day	
October 3 rd	- Dictionary Presentation by Elks – Grade 3	
October 4 th	– School Committee	- 7:00 P.M.
October 5 th	– Professional Day	- No School
October 8 th	– Columbus Day	- No School
October 9 th	– PTO Meeting	- 7:00 P.M.
October 17 th	– School Committee	- 7:00 P.M.
October 19 th	– Early Dismissal	- 11:25 A.M.
October 26 th	– Monster March	- 1:45 P.M.

We will have our **Substitute Training Workshop** on September 28th from 8:30-10:00 A.M.. You will need to call the school to pre register.

The **Enrichment Committee** will meet here at school on Friday, September 28th at 1:00 P.M.. The meeting is open to all.

We received a **check from Target for \$189.26** which we gave to the PTO. We want to thank all the people who have designated Green Meadow to reap the benefits from their shopping.

We are happy to report that **Barbara Bergner** is getting stronger each day. She is going to have bypass surgery but we don't know when yet. We will keep you posted.

Sincerely,

Bernadette McLaughlin
Principal

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Sheila Hayward, Library Media Specialist

I spent the past eleven years working in the Lunenburg School System as a librarian. My undergraduate degree is in education. I began my career working in the Widener Library at Harvard University. In 1985 completed my Masters in Library Science at Simmons College in Boston as I continued to work in a variety of libraries, including an engineering firm, a law firm, a consulting firm as well as The College of Education at U. Mass Lowell. While raising my 2 children (15 & 19), I came back to my "roots" and enjoyed being a public school librarian best of all!

My name is Kelly McMullen. I grew up in a small town in Massachusetts called Sherborn. I recently moved to Gardner, after living in Brookline for about 3 years. I attended the University of New Hampshire for my undergraduate work and Lesley University for my graduate work. For the last 2 years I have been teaching third grade in Pepperell, MA. Some of my hobbies include playing soccer, cooking, reading and watching sports.

I am Catherine Mills, a Title I Reading Tutor. Previously, I worked at Fowler School for one year and Green Meadow for five years as a Special Ed Instructional Aide. I look forward to a fantastic year working with the students at Green Meadow School.