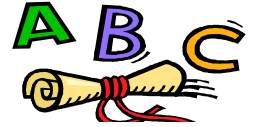


Green Meadow News

September 27, 2007



Dear Parents and Caregivers;

Today we are sending out the information about the **Box Tops program** which has been very successful for us. Sharon Ray and Vikki Denaro coordinate the program and we appreciate all their efforts. The Box Tops provide substantial funds to the PTO and so we appreciate your donation of box tops. Please keep handy the list of products that carry box tops.

We would like to remind parents that the use of the **drop off area** is intended for stopping, having your child(ren) exit on the sidewalk side and you should proceed out the Fowler driveway. Goodbyes and backpacks should be given before pulling into the drop off area. Parents should not get out of the car and walk around the passenger side. It is important that parents not hold up the line waiting to proceed through. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

We had a great turn out for **Open House last Thursday**. We hope everybody enjoyed their time at school. It was great to see so many families here.

We will be doing **UNICEF** again this year for those students who want to participate. Ben Lieberman and Nancy Waters are coordinating this effort and we appreciate their effort. We will be sending out the boxes in a couple of weeks.

We heard good news about **Barbara Bergner**. The doctors decided not to do bypass surgery but instead put two stents in. She really appreciates all the good wishes that parents and students have sent her way. We delivered the posters that people signed for her which cheered her up a great deal. We will keep you up to date on her recovery.

The **substitute training workshop** is tomorrow from 8:30-10:00 A.M. and you must pre register by calling the school.

Just a quick reminder that **October 5th is a professional day** and there is no school on that day. On that day all of our staff will be trained in DIBELS which is a new reading assessment that we are using this year. It is helping us to zone in each child's reading progress and to plan instructional programs. In the first two weeks of school students were given the DIBELS and now we are matching programs and students. This is part of our new alliance with IDEAL consultants who will be providing a great deal of professional development this year. We are excited about the new opportunities through IDEAL.

One of our parents, Deidre Kells, has graciously offered to organize, the annual **Walk to School Day**. We have scheduled it for Thursday, October 4, 2007. Parents can walk to school from any area in Maynard. Last year Deidre, mother of Nicholas and Siobhan, printed out certificates for those students who walked. If you are interested in being part of this healthy activity, please call Deidre at (978) 897-2043.

Today we are sending home some information about a very important program **MYCHIP** which is sponsored by the Masonic Lodge and is a vital part of child safety. The program provides tools for law enforcement authorities to find and identify a lost child. All materials are given to the parent. Each **safety kit** consists of a videotape of your child, fingerprints and toothprints of your child and a cheek swab which provides DNA indicators. The program will be available in two local sites and is worth your consideration. Please see the MYCHIP flyer for additional information.

Mrs. Santillo would like to let people know that there is a great exhibit on trains at **De Cordova Museum** in Lincoln. You can get more information by going to www.decordova.org.

Please remember **picture day is October 3, 2007**. All students will receive a class picture.

On Monday the trailer with our temporary boiler will arrive here. We have decided **effective Monday** that all walkers in Grades 1, 2 and 3 will exit by the third grade area which is at the end of the kindergarten walkway. Parents are asked to stay on the side away from the building. The teachers will walk down the walkway and connect parents and students **ALL** the way down the walkway so people don't have to gather just in one area.

Sincerely,

Bernadette McLaughlin
Principal

<http://web.maynard.ma.us/schools/gms>

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.