

# Green Meadow News

October 4, 2007



Dear Parents and Caregivers;

Please remember that **tomorrow students do not have school**. The staff will be working on reading assessment using the DIBELS test.

We appreciate your flexibility and cooperation as we continually **change traffic patterns** to maintain everybody's safety. The trailer with the temporary boiler is due tomorrow and will be operational right away, if needed. It will remain here about six weeks. When that is finished we will start replacing the univents which balance the heat/fresh air combination in each room. This will take place in the classrooms in the kindergarten wing and we can hardly wait for the next phase of the projects:).

There are several **safety drills** that we do each year in order to practice our exit procedures and our ability to handle crisis. State law says that we have four fire drills a year. The first fire drill has to be in the first few days of school and we have already had that one. All fire drills are planned and supervised by the Maynard Fire Department and we are unaware of the timing until they arrive.

Again, in terms of **safety** – we do not allow anybody to walk into the 'body' of the building unless they have checked into the office first and got a badge. This also means in the morning. Students should come into the building on their own and proceed to wait with the other students or to go to their classroom – depending on the time. We encourage independence and self help skills this way. Of course if on a particular day your child is having a melt down – just come to the office and we will help make the transition for him or her. Once students get into the routine they are fine. This is one more reason why students should be on time for school because it is easier when your classmates are going to the same place as you are.

Our **new traffic pattern** at dismissal time is working out well and has received positive comments from several parents. Please remember to stay on the side **AWAY** from the building so that students and teachers can focus their attention in one direction.

We are still collecting funds for the **Manganaro family**. We are also selling tickets for \$25.00 to the A Day 4 Andre event which will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-8:00 PM.

**Barbara Bergner** called the office yesterday afternoon. She came home on Sunday and sounded very happy to be home recovering.

Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Patino would like to **thank everyone in the Green Meadow community** for supporting the BookEnds Book Fair during the open house evening. The library was able to add numerous new titles to the collection through this fundraiser! We look forward to a spring book fair when students will have another opportunity to browse and/or select new quality books. Your continued support is very much appreciated!

Please remember this is a long week-end and we will not have school on Monday for the celebration of **Columbus Day**.

Sincerely,

Bernadette McLaughlin, Principal

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My name is Stacy Pereira and I am a third grade teacher at Green Meadow. I was born and raised in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. I attended Framingham State College and graduated in spring of 2007. In my free time I enjoy reading, cooking, rock climbing, and spending time with my family and friends. I look forward to a great year.