

Green Meadow News

December 6, 2007

Dear Parents and Caregivers;



As you know we had a delayed opening on Monday. Although the decision was on television those people on the **automated phone system** received a call. If you didn't receive a call, please let us know so we can add you to the list. If we have a delayed opening, we do not serve breakfast. On delayed openings school begins at 10:25 and then we begin lunch times around 11:10 AM.

Now that the weather has sharply turned to **wintertime**, we should remind you that we do go outside even when it is cold or snowing. We don't go out when there is heavy precipitation. **Students should dress for the weather** – jacket, hat, gloves, boots. All clothing items should be marked with names so they can be returned, if found. If students do not wear boots and snowpants, they can not play in the snow but they will go outside and play on the pavement area. If students do wear boots to school, they should bring a change of shoes. It is unhealthy to stay in boots all day long. It is also healthier to have recess outside and get some fresh air. Students do not stay in at recess unless we have orders from a doctor that requires staying inside.

Today and tomorrow we will have **early release days** so that parents can come in for the first trimester report card. When you are here, **please check out lost and found** in the cafeteria. You never know what you'll find.

At Halloween time 94 students participated in the **UNICEF drive**. **They collected \$649** for this worthwhile organization. We appreciate the volunteerism of the students and the coordination of their efforts by Caroline Brian, Nancy Waters and Ben Lieberman.

Next week will be our **Holiday Shoppe** when our students go 'shopping for their families'. Some parents have worked very hard in organizing this fun event. Tomorrow is the last day to send in donations (non-glass) and we would appreciate any donations you send in. We are putting the schedule for the Holiday Shoppe on the back of this newsletter so you can see when your child(ren) are shopping.

The PTO is continuing to plan the **3rd Green Meadow Spring Auction**. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about this exciting fundraiser, please come to a meeting on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:30 at Sue Hine's house on Tobin Drive. If you cannot attend and would like more information, please contact Christine Morgan at 978-897-0919 or cmorgan@northland.com. The auction will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008.

Our new music teacher, Jennifer Lilley is planning exciting **holiday concerts** for students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 but your cooperation is absolutely essential if we are all to have a good time. We are scheduling the concerts all in one night because the set up takes so long. Because of that, space is limited and moving people in and out efficiently is very important. We will have our concert for Kindergarten and Grade 2 from 6:30-7:00 PM and then the concert for Grades 1 and 3 from 7:45-8:15 PM on December 18, 2007. The doors for the first concert will not open till 6:00 PM and the doors for the second concert will not open till 7:15 PM. There will be no exceptions to these entry times so please plan accordingly. **The parking will have to be at Fowler School because Crowe Park will fill up quickly.** There is absolutely no parking on the circle so emergency vehicles can have access. The next subject is a bit tricky but it needs to be addressed. Our students know the behavior expectations of Green Meadow and those expectations need to be in place by all adults. If your child is coming to the concert, s/he needs to be with you at all times when s/he is not on stage and s/he needs to be under control and demonstrating the expectations they know. It is embarrassing to address a child that is out of control when the parent is right next to the child. We need to share the same expectations for 'our' children. For those parents who are going to attend both concerts, you can stay through for the 45 minutes but your child(ren) need to be with you during that time. It should be a festive evening with everyone's cooperation.

Sincerely,

Bernadette McLaughlin, Principal

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