

Green Meadow News

December 13, 2007



Dear Parents and Caregivers;

We want to thank each of you for your participation in **parent conferences**. It is always a great time to meet and share information.

Tomorrow we are having an **Early Release Day** which means students will be dismissed at 11:25 (11:15 Kindergarten). During the afternoon staff will be working on the reading/language arts program interpreting the data we receive from the new programs we are using. It is exciting in using these programs that staff feels they are helping us see very specific progress for each student and for those students who are not steadily progressing, we are able to identify and remediate quickly.

We did not have our **School Council** meeting last Monday because of the weather. Our **next meeting is on January 7, 2008 from 6:30-8:00 PM** and the public is invited. We have two parents who have expressed an interest in the parent position on School Council. We still need to have an **election**. If you would please take a few minutes and fill out the ballot on a separate sheet and return it to school, we would appreciate it.

The **PTO Auction Committee** would like to thank one of our custodians, Chris Richardson and his family for the donation of a baseball bat autographed by Boston Red Sox legend, Johnny Pesky, which will be part of the Spring Auction items.

For the last few years we have been very fortunate to have a **handmade gingerbread house that we raffle off**. It is made by Linda Gilberti, the former librarian at Maynard High School. It is so beautiful and is on display in the office. The chances are .25 each or 5 for \$1.00. The **drawing will be on December 20, 2007**. All the proceeds from the raffle will go to the Maynard Food Pantry. We appreciate Linda's efforts in this worthwhile activity.

Please remember that our **Holiday concerts are next Tuesday**. Grades Kindergarten and Grade 2 will be from 6:30-7:00 PM with the doors opening at 6:00 PM. Grades 1 and 3 will have their concert from 7:45-8:15 with the doors opening at 7:15 PM. The parking will be horrendous so please try to park at Fowler.

Each year we try to support the **Maynard Food Pantry** in what they need. This year we are going to do a **blanket drive** which we have done in the past. We ask that you donate any usable blanket by dropping it off in the box in the foyer of school. We are very fortunate that Peter Gubala from John's Cleaners cleans each of the blankets before we give them to the Food Pantry. The staff at the Food Pantry puts them out where people are checking out and they always are taken very quickly. We would appreciate your help in this effort.

We would like to thank all of you who contributed to the **Holiday Shoppe** which was a great success and put a smile on many faces. The make up day for students who were absent is on next Monday. In a future newsletter we will thank all the volunteers who organized and worked at the Holiday Shoppe.

Today we are sending out a flyer for **Box Tops**. We continue to collect Box Tops all year long. It is a great fund raiser for us and we appreciate all the support you give this effort. We also appreciate the help of Vicki Denaro and Sharon Ray on coordinating this fund raiser.

Sincerely,

Bernadette McLaughlin
Principal

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