

Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Families of Goodwin:

While spring didn't start as we had all hoped after the coldest February on record, still it is nice to see some of the signs come upon us...crocuses, the sight of grass instead of snow, no more icicles hanging from our roofs, wider roads, robins, longer days, and students playing outside again. Only more good things to look forward to at Goodwin as our trees foliage returns and the days continue to get warmer.

More Good News from Goodwin:

- Our Blue Ribbon Application based upon our nomination by Commissioner Stephan Pryor has been completed and we await their decision in August. I want to once again thank all those who put many long hours into fact finding, writing, and editing and revising our application. Thank you to Cassandra Martineau, Judy Quinn, Janet LaMarre, Terry Fers, Kelly Allen, Sally Clark, Anne Wiant-Rudd, Janet Pagoni, Rick O'Donnell, Christina Thompson, Shamim Patwa, Barbara Mellone, Kristin Zadnik, Mary Mohan, Michelle Strauss and Veronica Barcelona for their time and effort.
- We would like to wish Mrs. DePercio well with the upcoming addition to her family. She and Mrs. Hodge will be back later this year. We welcome Mrs. McLaren and Mrs. Core to our school community in their absence.
- We are currently preparing for our state tests which will take place in May.
- **Principal Coffee and Conversation will take place on Friday, April 10th from 8:30 to 9:00 am** in the conference room. This would be a time for you to come in and chat, ask questions, or listen to what is happening in our school. We will provide coffee and pastry and discuss the Blue Ribbon process, Common Core Standards, Smarter Balance Assessments, budget, and answer questions to anything else that is on your mind.

Helpful Home/School Connections:

- Good readers form mental pictures as they read. To improve your child's comprehension, read a book without letting your child see it. Then ask your child to guess what the illustrations look like. Ex. How are the characters dressed? Is the setting bright or gloomy?

Warmly, Susan

Upcoming Events

4/3-Good Friday-No School

4/7 Kindergarten Parent Orientation 6-7 pm

4/8-PTO Meeting 6:30

4/9-Board Of Ed Meeting 7:30

4/10- Principal's Coffee and Conversation 8:30 am

4/13-4/17-Spring Vacation

4/21 -Grd 4 Enrichment School Play 2:30-3:15

4/27-5/1- Scholastic Book Fair & TV Turn Off Week

4/28 Science Fair 6:30-7:30

4/30-Town Meeting 2:30 pm