

## Green Meadow Elementary School

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June 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In just two short weeks our students will be enjoying summer vacation! The 2016-2017 school year seemed to go by so fast. As a school community we enjoyed many successes, learned so much, and had lots of fun! The remaining days of school will certainly be busy.

I would like to extend my thanks to our P.E. teachers, Coach Dedrick and Coach Jette, for planning another successful Field Day in May. We lucked out with the weather by enjoying bright blue skies and no rain! My thanks also goes out to Mrs. Hammond, the PTO volunteers, and the many students from Columbia High School for assisting with the event. It was great to see so many parents and relatives cheering on our students.

During the month of May our PTO sponsored a Science Fair. The projects were very impressive! It was evident our students put a lot of time and effort into them. I would also like to thank our PTO for providing the financial support to bring in a visiting author to work with all of our students. Pictures from the event are posted on the school website.

Green Meadow proudly won the District-Wide 5th Grade Math Competition! Please join me in congratulating our "Mathletes": Johnny DelGrosso, Patrick Donnelly, Ryan Harris, Allison Holston and Ada Wu. The team was coached by 5th grade teacher Susanna Schreck. Alternates Lily Panasci and Anthony Jones-Stratigos helped the team prepare for the competition. I am so proud of all of them! Way to go!

On Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, the school-wide picnic will be held. The PTO is generously supplying hamburgers and hot dogs for the picnic. Our talent show will be held in the afternoon. This should be a fun day for all!

This is a special time of year for our fifth grade students as they finish up their elementary school experience. On June 13<sup>th</sup> they will be attending the 'Grade 5 Mixer' at Schodack Island State Park. This will give them the opportunity to meet other 5th graders from across the district prior to entering Goff Middle School. On June 15<sup>th</sup> they will take their class trip to the Great Escape. The Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony will be held in our gymnasium on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to this memorable moment!

During the third week of August information related to the start of 2017-2018 school year, along with classroom assignments, will be sent home. School supply lists will also be posted on the school website.

It is with mixed emotions that I announce we have four staff members retiring at the end of the school year:

Mrs. Linda Kaminski, Classroom Teacher

Mrs. Deb Rubenstein, Special Education Teacher

Mrs. Kathleen O'Connell-Lyons, Art Teacher

Mrs. Nancy Mulligan, Teaching Assistant

All of these individuals have served Green Meadow Elementary School in a professional and effective manner. They will each leave a big set of shoes to fill and will be missed greatly. I wish them all much happiness as they enter into retirement and thank them for having a positive impact on the students in the East Greenbush Central School District over many years.

I want to thank our school community for the outstanding support and pride that is so much a part of our school. I look forward to working with you to make the 2017-2018 school year another great success. Working together, we can continue to provide our students with a wonderful educational experience. Have great summer!

Sincerely,

Daniel G. Garab

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## REMINDERS

- June 9 Half-Day, 11:30 Dismissal
  June 16 Half-Day, 11:30 Dismissal
  June 21 Grade 5 Moving Up, 10:00
- June 22 Last Day of School, 11:30 Dismissal Report Cards Go Home

