



# *Green Meadow Elementary School*

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**Daniel G. Garab**

*Principal*



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Dear Parents,

I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to our students and staff as we transitioned to the wearing of masks as optional. Our school community has been very respectful of each individual's personal choice.

As a reminder, report cards will be sent home electronically tomorrow, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Parent conferences will be held by appointment on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's academic progress, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher.

Next week, on March 29 and 30, students in grades 3-5 will be taking the New York State ELA assessment. The math assessment will be administered on April 27 and 28. These assessments are just one of several important tools to help identify how students are progressing on the learning standards for ELA and Mathematics. We only ask that they do their personal best.

Green Meadow's longtime nurse, Mrs. Kathy DeFrusco, will be retiring. Her last day will be April 1. For the past 15 years, Mrs. DeFrusco has provided compassionate medical care to our students. I'd especially like to thank her for guiding us through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. She is looking forward to spending time with her family and granddaughter, Audrey. I wish her a healthy and happy retirement!

Mrs. Corey Mestoik, RN, is scheduled to be appointed as our new nurse at tomorrow's Board of Education meeting. To ensure a smooth transition, she has been spending time with Mrs. DeFrusco getting to know our procedures and students. She will start in her new position on April 4. Welcome, Mrs. Mestoik!

Please join me in congratulating Chris Dedrick and Sue Schreck! Coach Dedrick was recently inducted into the [Columbia Athletic Hall of Fame](#). Mrs. Schreck was recently selected as a [New York State Master Teacher](#). I am incredibly proud of both of them and feel fortunate to have them as part of the Green Meadow team!

Hats off to our Student Council and PTO for organizing several successful food drives during the past few months. Thanks to the generous donations from our families, we were able to collect thousands of items for our very own Backpack program and the CoNSERNS-U food pantry. Thank you, all!

There are many items in our Lost & Found area. The next time you are at school, please take a look! Any unclaimed items will be donated to needy families and organizations.

Lastly, if you have not yet signed up to receive electronic updates from our PTO, I encourage you to do so. You may sign up on the [PTO webpage](#).

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. Garab  
Principal