



# Greenwich/Stow Creek Schools

## Newsletter

MORRIS  
GOODWIN  
SCHOOL

Established in 1909

### IMPORTANT

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11-23

### DATES

- November 23rd - Early Dismissal
- November 24th & 25th - Thanksgiving Holiday



- November 29th, 30th, Dec. 1st, & 2nd - Parent Teacher Conferences

## On Course Updates

This year the Greenwich/Stow Creek Partnership Schools embarked upon a new era in technology for the Morris Goodwin School and the Stow Creek School. On Course is an all in one education program that streamlines lesson plans, academics, curriculum, and discipline enabling teachers, administrators, and office staff to work more efficiently and effectively.

The most exciting part of this program is 24/7 parental access to your child's grades. Beginning at the end of November we will be

connecting parents to My Grade Portal allowing you access to your child's grades via the internet. Our goal is to supply parents and guardians with individually generated usernames and password during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

To learn more about On Course Systems for Education please review their website at [www.onsourcesystems.com](http://www.onsourcesystems.com). There you will find useful



information about the program

### Morning Drop Off Routine at Morris Goodwin School



As each morning passes we become more set in our morning routines. I would like to take this time to reinforce some of our morning drop off procedures and introduce some new points.

Morning drop off begins at 7:50 am. Please do not drop your child off earlier than 7:50am.

#### **IMPORTANT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Due to deteriorating weather conditions and the buses arriving at 8:00am we are allowing cars to enter the parking lot to drop off as long as you arrive before 8:00am. However, if you arrive after 8:00am you must drop your student off in front of the building and walk them to the blacktop.**

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation.**

#### **Safety Patrol Officers are Named!**

Captain: Billy Parker

Lieutenant: Kyle Massey

Sergeant: Allison Lee

8th Grade Members: Alyssa Anderson, Sydney Corney, Amber Cruzan, Abby DiJoseph, Sara Griffith, Danaesha Hadden, Zach Hughes, Gabriel Jackson, Chase Rook, Lindsey Shimp, Ashley Wheatley, Madison Wyatt

7th Grade Members: Julia Lattimer, Elisa Villalpando

#### **Safety Patrol Member of the Month for September**

Billy Parker

#### **Safety Patrol Member of the Month for October**

Madison Wyatt

#### **SPORTS NEWS!**

##### Cross Country

This year mark the first year of competition for our Cross Country team. On Oct 24th the team competed in the Junior High Meet with 5 other teams. The race was 1.5 miles and all of our runners finished the run in under 12:00 minutes. Chase Rook and Michael Wyatt won medals for finishing in the top 40 with times of 9:50 and 9:18 respectively.

##### Field Hockey

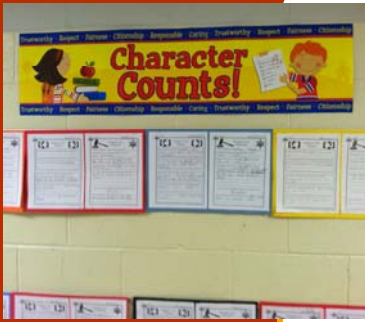
This year the girls field hockey team did well by finishing the season with a record of 2 wins 4 losses and 4 ties. They look to rebuild for next season.

##### Soccer

This year the soccer team finished 5 and 7. With their biggest win coming at the end of the year beating Hopewell 2-1. With a standout performance in goal by Andrei Simon, the team played great and dumped the water cooler on Mr. Dibella after the game. This year would have not been possible without the great leadership of captains Billy Parker, Chase Rook, Zach Hughes, Madison Wyatt, and Jimmy Thompson. These fine individuals will be missed next year.

# School News

## Week of Respect October 3-7, 2011



October is a month to recognize Fire Prevention, Anti-Bullying, and School Violence Awareness

This year marked the first Week of Respect for the Greenwich/Stow Creek Partnership Schools. During the first week of October each class at the Morris Goodwin School and the Stow Creek School learned about respecting people and how to stand up to bullies.

Some of the class activities in the primary grades included making anti-bullying posters, developing a "What Respect Means to Me" bulletin board, practicing good manners, and taking an "I Will Not Bully Pledge". Along with actual classroom activities the students were immersed in anti-bullying lessons in Gym, Music, and Art. By reviewing game and school rules and directions in Gym, singing songs with an anti-bullying message in music, and creating anti-bullying art projects during art.

In the upper grades the students helped develop a respect hallway display by describing what

Respect means to them. They also responded to real life situations in a different class each day.

All of these activities have culminated into some wonderful and fulfilling lessons about respect and not bullying one another. A new school pledge was written for the Morris Goodwin School by Mrs. Layton's 4th grade class. The pledge will be read everyday following The Pledge of Allegiance. Our pledge is as follows:

### WE PROMISE...

- to always follow "The Golden Rule" by treating others the way we want to be treated
  - to respect other people's personal space
  - to stand up against bullies
- And
- to do our very best each and every day

We are the proud students

NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS ANTI-VIOLENCE AND AWARENESS WEEK AT STOW CREEK AND MORRIS GOODWIN

This year the Greenwich/Stow Creek Partnership celebrated NJ Anti-Violence and Awareness Week by showing our spirit and togetherness by participating in a theme week. We had a theme each day of the week and most all of our students participated to show that we strive to be positive that stand up for what we believe in.

Here is a look at our different themes.

Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>:  
 "Positively Bully Free!"  
 Wear Your School Colors and Show Your School Spirit  
 Stow Creek: Blue  
 Morris Goodwin: Green

Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>:  
 "Hats On for Honesty"  
 Wear Your Favorite Hat to Show Your Honesty and Trustworthiness

Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>:  
 "Stay Safe with Positive Behavior"  
 Wear Your Favorite Professional or College Sports Team Jersey or Shirt

Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>:  
 "Wipe Out Drugs"  
 Wear White to Promise to be Drug Free



## Is There a Parade In Town????

YES!!!! This year's Halloween Parade took place on Friday October 28th. Led by a NJ State Police Patrol Car the parade made its way down Ye Greate Street. This year we paid honor to two of Greenwich and Stow Creek's finest by having Mrs. Phyllis Harrington and Mr. Tom Burton as Grand Marshall's of the parade. The students and staff had a great time showing off their Halloween best on this year's walk down Ye Greate Street. Also joining in the parade was the

# Classroom News

## Stow Creek School



## Morris Goodwin School



**Kindergarten News:** The Kindergarten class is practicing positive behavior support by establishing a “Caught Being Good” procedure. When students are “caught” being respectful/helpful/kind to their classmates, friends and teachers. They will be given a yellow slip of paper. The student will write their name on the paper and place it in the Caught Being Good jar. Every Friday two names are picked from the jar, the students are recognized and are able to pick a prize from the classroom prize box. The students really enjoy and feel proud when they are caught being good.

**1st Grade News:** In first grade the students are learning many new sight words and practicing as “word detectives” by decoding short vowel words. They recently read a story called “Ants” and observed an ant farm for several days. During this time they fed the ants and watched the all-female colony build tunnels.

**2nd Grade News:** Second grade has been having a great time getting to know one another through their “Grandfriends” program and “Spotlight” student of the week. These two activities allow students to interact with their classmates by introducing their grandparents and explaining what makes them special. They also participated in a fun Halloween activity by carving pumpkins and estimating the number of seeds.

**3rd Grade News:** Third grade is working hard on learning their multiplication facts! Right now they are blasting through the fours. One of the cool parts of

third grade is swimming lessons at the LAC pool! They are half way through their eight week course and there are some great swimmers already! In addition to their hard work in math they are also writing book reports, animal reports, and mystery stories.

**4th Grade News:** The fourth grade students “blasting –off” by memorizing their multiplication facts! Each day the students do quick quizzes to commit the facts to memorization. They also had a good time creating skeletons out of a variety of pasta shapes to culminate their Skeletal System lessons.

**5th Grade News:** The fifth grade had a great time at the Bayshore Discovery Project in October. Students learned about the importance of recycling and reusing. They learned about the Oyster industry and how that worked. Students also hoisted one of the sails on the A.J. Meerwald. They learned all about the wetlands, their importance, and why we need them.

**6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Science:** In Science the middle grades are learning about Life Science in 6th grade, Earth Science in 7th grade, and Physical science in 8th grade. For fun at Halloween they had mini units on things like blood, spiders, and bats.

**6th, 7th, and 8th Grade English:** In English our students are busy reading

novels and working on their writing skills by writing pieces for the Veteran’s Day Assembly on the 9th of November. In addition to this the 8th grade will be researching advertising and persuasive writing.

### **6th, 7th, and 8th Grade**

**Social Studies:** In Social Studies students have been learning about different religions and cultures. They have also been talking about Colonial America leading up to the US Revolution.

### **6th, 7th, and 8th Grade**

**Math & Algebra:** What a year for math! The Stow Creek School had some big changes in store for the eighth graders this year. This year we began offering Algebra and Pre-algebra in 8th grade! This will give our students an advantage when they enter CRHS next fall. In Sixth and Seventh grades the students have been practicing hard with fractions and other fun math activities to prepare them for Algebra and Pre-algebra in 8th grade.

### **5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th**

**Grade Special Areas:** Our students are excelling in special areas. We all are very happy about having gym everyday of the week and our sixth grade students are doing a great job preparing for this year’s holiday concert in December. The 8th grade is really taking off in Technology by learning about the aspects presenting using technology and putting them to use. In

# December 2011

## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- } Dec. 1 & 2 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- } Dec. 5 - 9 - PTO Holiday Workshop at Morris Goodwin School.
- } Dec. 6 - PTO Meeting
- } Dec. 15 - Morris Goodwin Holiday Concert Program 7:00 pm
- } Dec. 20 - Stow Creek Holiday Cookie Exchange sign up by Dec. 13.
- } Dec. 21 - Stow Creek Holiday Concert Program 7:00 pm
- } Dec. 22 - Holiday Performance by MGS Chorus at Cumberland Mall 1:00 pm
- } Dec. 23 - Early Dismissal
- } Dec. 26 - Dec. 30 - Winter Break

# 2012

## Important Dates for 2012

January 3 - School Reopens

January 16 - Martin Luther King Day

January 26 - Last day of the Second Marking Period

February 3 - Staff In-service

February 17-20 - President's Day Weekend

### 2012 NJ ASK TESTING DATES

Grade 3

May 7 - 10, 2012

Grade 4

May 7 - 11, 2012

Grades 5 & 6

April 30, May 1 - 3, 2012

Grades 7 & 8

April 23 - 26, 2012

