

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

June 3, 2013

www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/coolidge

Dear Families,

Last week the Elementary principals and our respective School Councils worked together to present our School Improvement Plans to the School Committee. My thanks go to Mr. Dean Handley for representing Coolidge so well. Details about this plan will be available soon on our school website. For now, it's important that you know that the focus of our efforts with staff next year will center on curriculum, and our focus with the school community will be on communication.

The first bit of information I want to make you all aware of is summer reading. Soon the reading lists will go home and teachers will review expectations for what children should accomplish as readers and writers before they return to school. If organizing for summer reading success is a challenge, please keep two things in mind:

- Students who are reading below benchmark are eligible for summer reading support. This means they can come "book shopping" with their teacher and choose books based on their interests. Please take advantage of this FREE resource. Children who don't read regularly fall behind, and we'd hate for any of our students to risk the progress they've made
- Families who have a hard time purchasing summer reading books can get help. Please just write Mrs. Stacey and let her know, so that we can get the support kids need in place before the last day of school.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

Important Dates

June 4	Reading Medal ceremony for Gr. 3, 9:30 in the cafeteria
June 5	Reading Medal ceremony for Gr. 1, 9:30 in the cafeteria Grade 3 goes to the center of town SELCO visits Gr. 4 Gr. 4 Spring Concert <i>at SHS!</i>
June 6	Gr. 2 Reading Medal Ceremony, 9:30 in the cafeteria Sherwood Orientation Night for Coolidge, 5:30 pm at SMS
June 12	Junior Safari visits Gr. 1 SMS students visit Coolidge
June 13	The Acton Discovery Museum visits Gr. 2
June 14	Field Day & Coolidge <i>Making Tracks for Technology</i>
June 17	Raindate for Field Day

June 18 Last (FULL) day for Kindergarten
June 19 Gr. 4 Completion Ceremony, 9:15 am, Gym
June 20 Last day of school for Grades 1-4, **12:15** dismissal
Report cards go home

FYI: News & Announcements

1. SMS Night for 4th graders and their parents

Dear Families of Grade 4 Students,

This notice serves as a reminder that Sherwood Middle School is holding our **Parent and Student Information Nights for incoming fifth grade students and their parents**, TOMORROW, June 4th, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for students at *Paton and Floral Street elementary schools* and on Thursday, June 6th, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for students at *Coolidge and Spring Street elementary schools*.

Due to space limitations, siblings are asked not to attend this event. Current students from 5:30 p.m. - 6:10 p.m will provide Tours of the building. The tours will be given to parents and incoming students who are interested in visiting the learning spaces prior to the group sessions that will begin at 6:15 p.m. The group session will be facilitated by SMS administrators, counselors and students, and will be held in the gymnasium. If you are unable to attend on your scheduled evening, please feel free to attend during the other session.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Respectfully,

Jane O. Lizotte
Principal

2. Notes from the Nurse

As the school year comes to a close please remember:

If you have given me medication to hold onto during the year, including over the counter remedies, please stop by before 12 Noon on June 20th, the last day of school, to pick them up. I am unable to send any medication home in your child's backpack.

By law, no medications may be stored in the school over the summer months and will be destroyed. A new medication order is required at the beginning of each school year, for prescription or over the counter medications that are taken on a regular basis. Please note that the medication policy is district wide.

All necessary forms can be found on the SPS District webpage under "Nursing /Health Department:"

For those children moving onto Middle School, documentation of your child's physical exam must be within the past 3 years. Please submit any updates to the school.

Have a Safe and Healthy Summer!
Mrs. Katie Zimmermann, RN, BSN, NCSN

3. Celebration in the Garden Party – Donations needed & Tickets Available to attend

The 5th Annual Celebration in the Garden Party will be held on Saturday June 15th at 6:30pm at the home of Jason and Heather Logrippo, 4 Prospect Street in Shrewsbury. This annual event has raised over \$95,000 in the preceding 4 years, with all funds distributed equally to the 9 Shrewsbury public schools for the purchase of textbooks, instructional materials and technology used to assist learning. Tickets are available and you can register for the event and learn more about it at www.shrewsburygardenparty.com <<http://www.shrewsburygardenparty.com>> , or see the attached flyer.

Celebration in the Garden - Calling all American Idol fans! We have two tickets for 2013-2014 at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, CA to the SEASON FINALE!

No exact date has yet been announced, but tickets will be for the Finale Show in May of 2014. Filled with celebrity performances, top ten finalist performances, you will be in the crowd when the next American Idol is crowned! The tickets do not include airfare or lodging.

You cannot buy these tickets on your own so bid now! To bid, text 508-948-5656 <tel:508-948-5656> with your full name and bid amount before 6/14/13 at 5:00pm. This auction item is open to anyone over the age of 21 – and you do not have to be attending the Garden Party to bid on this item.

Our website www.shrewsburygardenparty.com/idol-tickets.html

<<http://www.shrewsburygardenparty.com/idol-tickets.html>> will be updated at 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm each day, so check back often to see how your bid is doing!

4. From the SEF ~ In Your Honor Program

NEW! Shrewsbury Education Foundation has 2 OPTIONS FOR “IN YOUR HONOR”. This program is a great way to thank that special school employee or teams and make a tax-deductible donation to SEF at the same time. You might be concerned about budget cuts and want to make a long lasting valuable contribution to Shrewsbury Public Schools. The registered non-profit, volunteer run **Shrewsbury Education Foundation** is celebrating 20 years of donating to Shrewsbury Schools.

Traditional “In Your Honor”

Give a gift donation in any amount for any number of school employees. A letter will be sent to the teacher with your family's name, your donation will be mentioned but not the amount. Please see the attached In Your Honor form.

An Apple for a Teacher -ALL NEW

A glass apple with the “In Your Honor” inscription and the year donated will be presented for a minimum \$25 donation per school employee. A letter will also be sent to the teacher with your name or the class name letting the teacher know a donation has been made to SEF in their honor.

The amount of the donation is not shared. This is a great way to for room parents or groups of friends to chip in and to give a gift of recognition which is truly “planting the seeds” for future innovative, and stimulating enrichment. Please see the attached form.

For more info to our www.shrewsbury-edfoundation.org <<http://www.shrewsbury-edfoundation.org>> or a to make a secure PayPal donation. If you have questions please call Missy Hollenback 508/284-7314 or info@shrewsbury-edfoundation.org <info@shrewsbury-edfoundation.org>

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