

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

September 24, 2013

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Dear Families,

Yesterday you probably noticed a bulky envelope in the backpack. If you haven't yet opened it, please put that on your "to do" list. Mrs. Divris, our PTO chair, helped to launch our first fundraiser of the year yesterday- and as you can imagine, there's a lot of work yet to do. The colorful posters around the school certainly caught the attention of our students. Now we'll all wait to see how this initiative will compare with past efforts. A lot hangs in the balance- with budget cuts looming every year, we've come to rely on the PTO more than ever.

At our last meeting, parents and staff talked at length about the "best way" to get the word out to the community about fundraisers. That's a tough question, because there are so many competing opinions. We decided that offering families lots of different choices was key. For example, this fall you'll hear about the Square One Art order forms as well as the catalog drive. It can be overwhelming to keep up! Please know that the expectation is not that every family participates in every fundraiser. Rather our hope is that every family will contribute *something* to at least one. If your family prefers to make a donation in lieu of a purchase, that's fine. Finally, some people are moved to donate their time rather than their money. We welcome volunteers and have a particular need for room parents.

Please see the Newsflash for more information about how to get involved in the life of our school community. There are more opportunities than ever to become involved at Coolidge.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter, *Principal*

Important Dates

September 26	Curriculum Night for parents of students in K, Gr. 1 & Gr. 2
October 2	Get Fit Family Adventure 4:30-6
October 11	School Store
October 14	No School; Columbus Day
October 15	PTO Meeting, 7 pm in the Media Center
October 25	School Store
	Movie Night

FYI

1. Coolidge School's next "Get Fit Family Adventure" is coming! It will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2013 from 4:30 – 6:00. Its focus is a very important one, as it is an initiative that is being spread for kids and adults everywhere. It's not just here in Shrewsbury as parents and kids have seen posters for this at gymnastics places, doctor's offices, gyms, dance studios, and other public places. This program is called the **5-2-1-0 Every Day!** The purpose is to promote healthy behaviors for kids and adults each and every day.

This is what it stands for:

5- servings of fruits and vegetables every day

2- hours or less of screen time per day

1- hour or more of active time (exercise)

0- sugary drinks

We will have lots of fun games and activities for family members to enjoy. Please drop in anytime between 4:30 and 6:00 and enjoy the festivities!

2. Thankfully we're experiencing cooler temperatures outside. Please know that we will have recess outdoors whenever possible. Send your child to school with raingear when appropriate and/or an outer layer for chilly days, please!
3. Dismissal Info:
 - THANK YOU to those of you who are consistently remembering signs at Parent Pick up. We've decreased our time significantly with your cooperation!
 - Please remember to limit idling time to 5 minutes or less- the fumes come right into the building.
 - I have heard from some parents about the need to separate siblings on the bus. If that's an issue for your family, please email me directly at aclouter@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.