

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

October 15, 2013

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Dear Families,

Tomorrow evening I have the great pleasure of celebrating Erin Kendrick's achievement as she is awarded Professional Status. Teachers and administrators across Shrewsbury will be recognized for having completed three years of hard work and collaboration in a district with very high standards. For Erin, this has been a long time coming. Mrs. Kendrick worked as a paraprofessional at Coolidge before becoming a classroom teacher, which means she's actually given Coolidge five years of dedicated service.

As we transition to a new educator evaluation system, teachers and principals alike will be adjusting to new ways of looking at what it means to be an effective educator. In addition to demonstrating proficiency with curriculum, planning, instruction, assessment and data analysis, collaborating with colleagues and meeting the needs of all students, educators are now charged with engaging families and the community in learning partnerships. As we anticipate the November conference day, please communicate with your child's teacher. In addition to booking some time to meet, take some time to share questions, concerns, special needs and/or observations. If you need assistance, be sure to signal now so that we can provide help and/or appropriate supports as needed.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

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October 15	PTO Meeting, 7 pm in the Media Center
October 25	School Store
	Family Fun walk, 4:30-6 pm
November 1-8	Scholastic Bookfair, in the Media Center
November 4	Rotary Readers visit 2 nd grade
November 5	Parent Conference Day~ No school for students
	Election Day 7 am-8 pm
November 6	Prince Caspian (play) for Grades 1-4
November 11	Veteran's Day (no school)
November 13	Wingmasters visits 2nd grade
	Grade 3 visits Plimoth Plantation
November 15	School Store
	PTO Shopping Spectacular 6 pm

November 19 Author Melissa Stewart visits Grades 3 & 4
PTO Meeting, 7 pm

November 21 Grade 4 concert, 6:30 pm, Coolidge Cafeteria

November 27, 28, 29 No school; Thanksgiving break

FYI

1. The staff is pleased to announce that the 7th annual Family Fun Walk will be held on Friday, October 25th from 4:30 to 6. Please join us for some after school fun. Our fourth graders will raise funds for St. Anne's and all are invited to come in costume.

2. It's come to my attention that some parents have questions about Square 1 Art. Accordingly, the PTO has graciously allowed some time before our meeting tonight for an impromptu discussion. Please bring related questions and/or concerns tonight for a face-to-face discussion (Tuesday October 15th) at 6:45 in the Media Center.

3. YES, childcare will be available on Parent Conference Day from 7 am to 3:30. Parents who are interested can drop children in Grades pre K- Grade 4 off in the Cafeteria for the duration of their conference time- about 30 minutes/student.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE:

Physical Exams

If your child is new to Shrewsbury or to Coolidge School we require a Physical Exam done within 12 months of entry or within 30 days after entry. We ask parents then to provide a copy of the Physical Exam every 3 or 4 years.

All 4th grade parents please make appointments for a new Physical Exam for your child if one has not been provided last year. They will need it before moving on to Sherwood Middle School. If you have any questions please call the Nurses office at 508-841-8887. Physicals can be faxed to the office -508-841-8883.

If you are without insurance, St. Ann's Free Medical Clinic will perform a Physical Exam at no charge. They will also assist in applying to MA. Health to obtain medical coverage, Their hours are every Tuesday 6-8PM at the Father Smith Center behind St. Ann's Church on Rt. 9 in Shrewsbury.

Don't forget to get schedule your child's flu shot. Be a good role model and get a flu shot this year! More on the flu can be seen at www.mass.gov/flu. Please Check out The Flu: A Guide for Parents.



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