

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

November 4, 2013

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Dear Families,

Many of you are familiar with the parents who serve on PTO and the work they do; their collective efforts result in numerous positive experiences for students and their families. Every year another important parent organization works just as hard behind the scenes-our School Council. Perhaps because the group is smaller, the jobs of council members are less well understood. Yet their work is also critically important. Firstly, our School Council is charged with the task of drafting and supporting our School Improvement Plan. This year plans at the Elementary level reflect shared curriculum priorities. However, our plans also depict school priorities. One of our key action items states that, "Coolidge faculty will showcase diversity and encourage family participation in school events". Before we begin event planning, we'd like to learn more about the wealth of cultural connections we have here in our school community, and I am writing to ask for your help.

Tomorrow our teachers are looking forward to seeing most families on Conference Day. During your visit, please stop by our interactive bulletin board in the main hall. Moreover, please consider whether you'd be willing to give a ten-minute "show and tell" presentation about a country about which you have firsthand knowledge. If you feel comfortable speaking to and fielding questions from students, please write your name and email on the Volunteer Voices clipboard on the table nearby.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 5	Parent Conference Day~ No school for students Election Day 7 am-8 pm
November 6	<i>Prince Caspian (play) for Grades 1-4</i>
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

December 2 – 6 Gingerbread Shop
December 9 Report Cards go home
December 20 Snowflake Festival
December 23 – January 1 2014 – NO School – December break
January 2, 2014 Return to school

FYI

1. YES, childcare will be available tomorrow 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.
2. If you know a Rotary Club member, please thank them for their support of our second grade readers today. In addition to reading aloud to a captive audience in each classroom, they brought us fifteen beautiful books to keep! Coolidge visitors included State Representative Matt Beaton, Reverend Erin Kirby and Reverend Cliff Gerber.
3. Parents (and even extended family!) are welcome to visit with our students during lunch. Please do not bring younger siblings out to recess, though- if your child is not yet in Kindergarten, s/he should not be on our playground with the older children.