

## **GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL**

*March 31, 2014*

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Dear Families,

This morning Miss Finneran's fourth grade announcers shared a poem entitled *Cabin Fever*. It resonated with every teacher; the consensus among the adults is that we prefer rain to snow, but not by much! Let's hope that what they say about March and lambs proves true. We could all use a little sunshine, and soon. What I can offer you instead is great news.

Every year when our students take the MCAS exams we stress that, "All we can ask is that you try your best." We remind students that they have been preparing for success for years, and that they know a lot as readers and writers. Finally, we encourage them to sustain their focus-nearly all day long- for at least two full days. This year students in both grades set school records for the number of students still working (and double checking their work) – children worked long and hard. This is an accomplishment for all- just as preparing for the test itself is a collective responsibility. We are proud, and you should be too.

So how does this play out day to day, in more typical situations? This afternoon you'll have a chance to see today. Please look for your child's report card- the most recent glimpse of how your child is progressing in school-in your child's backpack this afternoon. As you may expect, you'll see the latest marks for all major subject areas. Importantly, you'll also get a sense of your child's work habits. In fact, the role of effort in academic success is so critical that as a district we decided to feature this feedback first.

As a school, we've also made a concerted effort to highlight and celebrate effort. To that end, Mrs. Innamorati's class created an acrostic that hangs in the main hall. It reads:

**E**very day working consistently  
**F**ocusing on tasks  
**F**ollowing hopes and dreams  
**O**vercoming obstacles  
**R**eally persevering  
**T**rying your very best

Elementary school is a good place to learn about how effort makes a difference. Please support our efforts at encouraging more children to persevere by noticing the student names that follow. If your child is listed, it's because s/he showed consistent effort in trimester 2. For some students, that represents great growth from T1. Students with an asterisk continued were marked 'consistent' in Trimester 1 as well. This accomplishment shows that these children can sustain effort over time. Most importantly, if your child's name is not on the list, please reach out to your child's teacher to learn more about their

work habits and steps the teacher is taking to develop them. We have some terrific ideas to share. Our collective goal is to see more students on this list for Trimester 3.

Last Name	First Name		Last Name	First Name	
Acevedo	Noah		Lineman	Riley	*
Adhikari	Prashan		Lineman	Rachel	*
Adnan	Faatima	*	Lins	Sarah	
Akhlaghi	Daniel	*	Lizardo	Brenda	*
Almeida Barros De Souza	Viviane		Lucier	Theodore	*
Alves	Laryssa		Luetschwager	Ordell	*
Amir	Ibaad		Maksimova	Natalie	*
Amir	Arsh		Maloney	Kiira	*
Amorello	Abigail	*	Maloney	Alexis	*
Aredes	Natalie	*	Maloy	Ana	*
Aredes	Nicole	*	Maloy	Sonja	*
Arsenault	Stefan		Manxhari	Olivia	
Arun	Aarush	*	Mattu	Mahi	
Arvanitakis	Taylor		McGinley	Michael	
Baldino	Emily	*	McMahon	Declan	*
Banat	Jenna	*	Meraj	Anaiya	*
Barbosa	Patrick	*	Meuse	Sarah	*
Barnett	John		Miao	Andrew	*
Beaudoin	Lilianna		Mills	Giselle	*
Beka	Stefania	*	Mishra	Arnav	*
Belambe	Anwita	*	Mitchell	Tate	
Belambe	Amruta	*	Molloy	Jacob	*
Belanger	Colby	*	Monfa	Isabella	*
Bell	Abigail	*	Moody	Joshua	*
Bellino	Max		Morin	Gavin	*
Benyamin	Mark		Murphy	Lilian	
Bhogle	Smita	*	Nayak	Ayan	*
Bhuva	Syna		Nguyen	Cathy	
Blessington	Abigail	*	Nguyen	Shie	
Boateng	Brandon		Nguyen	Nick	*
Boudreau	Caitlin	*	Nguyen	Kenneth	*
Bricher	Andrew		Nimmagadda	Ahana	*
Bricher	Mikaela	*	Noor	Gurnoor	*
Bricher	Ellie	*	O'Connell	Drew	*
Brinkmann	Jeremy		Ogembo	Risley	*
Brinkmann	Matthew		Okuda	Julia	
Caldeira	Julya	*	Osei-Boateng	Harumi	
Callahan	Jacob	*	Paluri	William	
Callahan	Seamus	*	Parikh	Rishik	*
Chand	Ribhav	*	Passos	Rishab	*
Chand	Ritvik	*	Passos	Anna	
Colangelo	Brooke	*	Passos	Emily	
Colangelo	Steven	*	Pasupuleti	Sohan	
			Patel	Neil	

Costa	Benjamin		Patel	Hardika	*
Coughlin	Ryan	*	Patel	Yash	*
Current	Lylah		Patel	Neel	*
Current	Hannah	*	Patenaude	Makaila	*
Dacey	Angelica		Pereira	Beatriz	
Darby	Heather	*	Perron	Anthony	
Das	Rohan	*	Pettepit	Jake	*
DeLeon	Liam	*	Phan	Kimberley	*
DeLeon	Katelynn	*	Pimentel	Jacob	*
Demko	Layna		Plourde	Ryan	
Deochakke	Aumkar	*	Pontes-Toledo	Laura	*
Dhakal	Sophina	*	Pratt	Mary Jane	*
Dias	Priscila		Rabinovitch	Lia	*
Divris	Ruby	*	Ram	Nikitha	*
Doherty	Taryn	*	Reeves	Drew	*
Dowling	Jack		Rizkalla	Alexa	
Driscoll	Destiny		Saffiullah	Radheia	*
Duttaroy	Adrija	*	Sanborn	Emma	
Dziura	Nathan	*	Sande	Logan	*
Ellis	Nathanial		Sankar	Sahana	*
Esfahani	Aris		Sankar	Sreya	*
Evindar	Schuyler		Santora	Liliana	*
Faucher	Mullen	*	Saroha	Ishana	*
Filoteo	Sarah Yael	*	Scott	Gavin	
Foley	Michaela	*	Senior	Thomas	*
Foley	Grace	*	Serebrov	Arcady	*
Foley	Caroline	*	Shaik	Parin	*
Foote	Kasey	*	Sharon	Silas	
Forgues	Barbara	*	Singh	Divya	*
Gangaraju	Veeksha	*	Singh	Jaya	*
Gaston	Eliza	*	Sinha	Aagney	*
Gomes	Maryana	*	Sivakumar	Senthil	*
Gomes	Nicholas	*	Skiesto	Izaiah	*
Gopal	Diya		Souza	William	*
Grigaitis Jr	David		Souza	Lissa	*
Guagnini	Kate	*	Sposato	Mia	
Guidotti	Joseph	*	Srivatsa	Gauri	*
Guimaraes	Monique	*	Stepanauskas	Ella	*
Gulli	Leila	*	Styles	Kenzie	*
Gurao	Swara		Sun	Quiann	*
Gurung	Sujal	*	Sundararaman	Rohit	
Guzman	Christopher		Sundararaman	Harshini	*
Hakanson	Madison	*	Swamy	Suraj	
Han	Dixi	*	Sylvia	Ryan	
Hayes	Adele		Szal	Emma	
Haytham	Alia	*	Tavvafi	Darya	*
Holay	Vedang		Taylor	Rose	
Holay	Rutvij	*	Taylor	Benjamin	*
Iagallo	Ryan		Terra	Angelina	*

Irigoyen-Garza	Mia		Terra	Daniella	*
Jarvi	Taylor	*	Tilak	Judith	*
Jiang	Tina	*	Tompsett	Kyra	*
Johnson	Samantha	*	Touaiher	Israa	*
Kancharla	Sanhita		Troio	Angelina	*
Kareddy	Anirav	*	Trotto	Stephanie	*
Kaur	Alisha	*	Ural	Siri	*
Kaur	Harmanpreet	*	Vachon	Ashlyn	*
Kelly	Hayden	*	Vasireddy	Pranav	*
Khan	Arbaaz		Verdan	Erick	*
Khetwal	Yashita	*	Vieira	Thiago	
Kim	Alicia	*	Vissa	Srikari	
Kim	Ryan	*	Vu	Kyle	
Kiraithe	Maya		Vu	Dan	*
Klinedinst	Mitchell		Wells	Casey	
Klinedinst	Gabriella	*	Whitcomb	Sarah	*
Kotta	Abhinav	*	Williams	Erin	*
Kunduru	Shashin		Williams	Reese	*
Lanoue	Amy	*	Wingard	Travis	*
Lee	Kenneth		Zamor	Nevena	*
Leighton	Allison	*	Zeybek	Doga	
Lenahan-Steele	Aiden		Zeybek	Deva	*
Lewis	William	*	Zhang	Alyssa	*
Li	Evan	*	Zhang	Amy	*
			Zhou	Caleb	*
			Zielinski	Alma	*

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Amy Clouter  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES:

March 31	Report cards go home
<b>April 8</b>	<b>PTO Meeting, 7 pm in the Media Center</b>
April 9	Get Fit Yoga Adventure 4:30-5:30 in the Coolidge gym
<b>April 11-18</b>	<b>Book Fair opens</b>
April 11	School Store
	PTO's Spring Fling
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Early Release Day: students dismissed at 12:15, no</b>
<b>lunch</b>	
<b>April 21-25</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
May 2	School Store
<b>May 6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>Gr. 3 Math MCAS</b>
	<b>Annual Town Election</b>

May 10	<i>Relay for Life</i> Grade 4 Walk, at OMS
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Early Release Day: students dismissed at 12:15, no lunch</b>
May 13, 14	Grade 4 Math MCAS
<b>May 14</b>	<b>PTO Meeting, 7 pm in the Media Center</b>
May 16	School Store
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Memorial Day, no school</b>
May 28	Teacher Appreciation luncheon

**\*\*\*\*\*Please note MCAS dates for third and fourth grade\*\*\*\*\***

May 6 & 7	Gr. 3 Math
May 13 & 14	Gr. 4 Math

### **A Note from the School Nurse**

I like to encourage all our students to drink water throughout the day. Water is one of the body's most essential nutrients. Water impacts every part of our body. It helps keep our body temperature regulated, lubricates our joints and maintains body tissues including our eyes, mouth and nose. The amount of water a child needs depends on many factors such as age, weight, air temperature, activity level and overall health. Adequate water intake has a direct impact on our gastrointestinal tract and can greatly improve things for children prone to constipation. Please help our children make drinking water a regular part of their day.

I also wanted parents to be aware that there have been several cases of Strep throat reported in the last few weeks. Please watch for complaints of throat pain, headaches, fever, stomachaches, vomiting (in younger children) tender neck glands, swollen tonsils or a rash. Call the Nurse's office at 508-841-8887 if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Katie Zimmermann RN

### **FYI**

1. This is a critical time, and there are lots of local opportunities to participate in the process. Whether you are sharing feedback, asking a question or expressing an

opinion, your voice is important. Please check out our PTO website for more information. You can also watch it online through the Shrewsbury Media Connection's Online Video Library by clicking this link

[http://home.townisp.com/~spacmac1/SMC\\_Video\\_Player/Video\\_Player.html](http://home.townisp.com/~spacmac1/SMC_Video_Player/Video_Player.html).

2. Please remember to practice safe driving habits in our parking lots. Going slow in the pick up and drop off line and taking that "extra look" is really important, especially in the winter season. Your care for our students and staff is appreciated. **Our neighbors on Florence Street would be most grateful if drivers in our pick up line by 2:30 respect their driveway space especially so that they too can pick up their children and grandchildren in the afternoon.**

### **3. Raising Resilient Children and Teens in the Digital World**

**April 3, 2014 7:00PM; Location - Oak Middle School, 45 Oak Street, Shrewsbury, MA**

Please join us on Thursday, April 3rd, at 7PM for a very special event at Oak Middle School. The Shrewsbury Middle Schools PTO, Oak Middle School Council and the Shrewsbury High School Parent Forum proudly present Dr. Robert Brooks and Rich Brooks speaking on the topic of Raising Resilient Children and Teens in the Digital Age. Dr. Brooks is one of the country's leading experts in parenting and childhood resiliency. In this presentation he is joined by his son, Rich, also a nationally recognized speaker in the topics of marketing and social media. We encourage all parents and caregivers to attend this very special event. You are sure to leave with a better sense of how to parent your child or teen toward more healthy experiences in the digital world.

## **2014 Parade**

Even though cold, snowy weather is still here, enthusiasm is warming up for the 2014 *Spirit of Shrewsbury Parade!* Last year's parade participants are already asking for the 2014 parade registration form. They are jumping on the bandwagon to be sure they don't forget to fill the form out.

Attached is the 2014 parade registration form. Please forward the form to people who haven't been in the parade, but would like to be a part of the growing marchers/floats/vans, etc.

Hope you'll join us on September 28. Catch the Spirit!

Sue Falzoi & Paul Anastasi

**BOKS is back for spring starting the week of April 14th! BOKS** is a fun, physical activity program that wakes up your child's brain and body for school and teaches your child healthy habits with our BOKS Bits.

Please see the letter for information and instruction (one for extended day students, one for non extended day students) and complete the registration on the Coolidge Web Page and return to Coolidge by April 9th.

Lottery will take place on April 10th.

**VOLUNTEERS PLUS A LEAD ARE NEEDED!!!!** Please contact Maria Rydelek [mjyrdelek@yahoo.com](mailto:mjyrdelek@yahoo.com).

The Coolidge PTO is pleased to announce that Young Rembrandts will be returning to Coolidge in the coming weeks. This time we will be running our cartooning curriculum with classes on TWO different days after school: MONDAYS or FRIDAYS. You can sign up for one or the other. A flyer is coming home with students today with all the details. The Monday class will begin on April 14th, and the Friday class will begin AFTER the April vacation week on Friday, May 2. Classes filled quickly last time, please get your registration and

payment in as soon as possible to ensure a place in the class. Students complete multiple pictures each week – all tied together by a common theme or by telling a sequential story. Kids love these fun and fast paced classes....no time for spring fever in here! For more information, see our website, [www.youngrembrandts.com/swboston-centralma](http://www.youngrembrandts.com/swboston-centralma).