

## **GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL**

*April 7, 2014*

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Dear Families,

Friday afternoon is one of my favorite times of the week- and not for the reason you're thinking! While I look forward to the weekend just like everyone else, it's All School Meeting that makes Friday stand out for me. ASM is an occasion for impromptu sharing, group singing, thoughtful presentations, and other shared experiences. Often ASM is a chance to see students' interests come to life.

Most recently two second grade shared their insights following a common reading of *Cookies, Bite Sized Life Lessons* by Amy Krause Rosenthal. Groups of students from Ms. Hurley's class and Ms. Rinker's class illustrated examples of optimism, honesty, generosity and other values by sharing what these look like in school. Their work provided them an opportunity to stand in front of peers and work through the nervousness that sometimes follows public speaking. Their words helped to grow the vocabulary of presenters and audience alike. Their final products now decorate the hallway and cafeteria of the school. Over the years we've seen lots of learning showcased by children of all ages. If your child is involved in a hobby or project outside of school, encourage sharing at ASM. We are all the better for having this regular opportunity to learn from each other.

We are eager to see the work that Ms. Cloyes' class will share next- and to hear from our fourth grade presenters about the frog projects that will be featured on our next agenda. While the topics of study change from year to year and grade to grade, students' enthusiasm for sharing what they've learned has been a constant. Their energy and thoughtfulness is an inspiration.

Sincerely,

*Amy*

Amy Clouter

*Principal*

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**April 8**

April 9

**April 11-18**

April 11

**April 15**

**lunch**

**PTO Meeting, 7 pm in the Media Center**

Get Fit Yoga Adventure 4:30-5:30 in the Coolidge gym

**Book Fair opens**

School Store

PTO's Spring Fling

**Early Release Day: students dismissed at 12:15, no**

<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</b>
<b>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 for the development of the FY 15 budget. 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 **COME TO AN**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING with School Committee member Mr. Jason Palitsch AT PTO TOMMOROW April 8<sup>th</sup>.** You can also check out our PTO website for more information. Finally, Dr. Sawyer's presentation is viewable 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.**

## 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. The Monday class is now full BUT there is still room for the Friday class. The Monday class will begin on April 14th, and the Friday class will begin AFTER the April vacation week on Friday, May 2. 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).