

## **GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL**

*April 14, 2014*

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Dear Families,

For a long time it seemed unlikely that we'd experience warmer weather before vacation. Thank goodness for spring! On that note, we're fortunate to have Spring Fling, too. I want to take a moment this week to thank Jan Lineman, Alise Wells and our PTO for sponsoring such a good time.

Spring Fling is an opportunity to eat ice cream and/or enjoy some family downtime (and friendly Bingo) while raising much-needed funds for our school. It provides the adults time for informal connections and conversations. Until this year I didn't appreciate what a nice occasion it was for reconnecting with 'old' Coolidge students. It made me proud to see how well our former fourth graders are doing now, especially since many of them were giving up a Friday evening for community service.

I was also proud of the many posters students submitted in support of the occasion. Thanks to the PTO contest we have a wide range of promotional materials from all the grades that helped raise awareness of the vital role the PTO plays at Coolidge. I am sure will serve us well in the year ahead, too.

There is just one PTO meeting remaining this year. If you have yet to attend and see what it's all about, please consider stopping in. Kindly note the date below, and mark your calendars. The pace only picks up from here!

Sincerely,

*Amy*

Amy Clouter

*Principal*

P.S. One additional item to note: **TOMORROW IS AN EARLY RELEASE DAY. PLEASE PLAN ON PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN PROMPTLY BY 12:15.**

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

April 11-18

**TOMORROW, April 15**

**lunch**

**April 21-25**

May 2

**May 6 & 7**

May 10

The Book Fair is open!

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

**Spring Break**

School Store

**Gr. 3 Math MCAS**

**Annual Town Election**

*Relay for Life* 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 13</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**

Now that Spring is here, the children are coming to school wearing their Spring outfits that include sandals or flip flops. When wearing shoes such as these, they run the risk of tripping and/or falling. School is an active place the children are running and playing in wood chips on the playground and in the grass on the field. Inside the school they are climbing stairs and participating in physical education. Open toed sandals and flip flops are not safe. Children's feet need proper fitting shoes with instep support to fully develop into adult feet. So please keep the sandals and flip flops for the beach as intended!

*Please stop in and check the lost and found "clothes line" this week. There are many winter hats, gloves, coats and sweatshirts to be claimed! At the close of school on Friday, May 2 the left over items will be donated to charity.*

Thank you,  
Katie Zimmermann RN

**FYI**

1. 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.**

2. **In order for BOKS to run at Coolidge, VOLUNTEERS PLUS A LEAD ARE NEEDED!!!!** Please contact Maria Rydelek [mjyrdelek@yahoo.com](mailto:mjyrdelek@yahoo.com). **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 on the Coolidge Web page.

3. 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).