

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

May 19, 2014

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IMPORTANT DATES:

May 26	Memorial Day, no school
May 28	SELCO visits Grade 4 Teacher Appreciation luncheon
June 2	9:15 am Grade 1 Medal Ceremony
June 3	Special Town Election
June 4	9:15 am Grade 3 Medal Ceremony 4:30-5:45 pm Sherwood Open House
June 5	9:15 am Grade 2 Medal Ceremony Grade 4 Chorus Concert at SHS
June 6	Professional Development Day for Teachers/NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
June 11	9:15 am Medal Ceremony for Kindergarten
June 13	Field Day / Technology Walk-A-Thon
June 16	Rain date for Field Day
June 17	Last Day of School for Kindergarten – this is a full day of school
June 18	9:15 am Grade 4 Completion Ceremony and Medal Ceremony
June 19	Last day of school for grades 1 – 4 – 12:15 pm dismissal

A Note From the Nurse

Now that we have waited longer than usual for the arrival of Spring, we find ourselves plagued with a pollen count that is off the scale almost every day. On a daily basis, I see many children with complaints of itchy, watery and sometimes swollen eyes, as well as those whose bodies react by persistent coughing and sneezing. If your child fits in one of these groups, please be vigilant about sending them to school, having had whatever medications their healthcare provider has recommended. This may include daily oral medication or eye drops, all intended to lessen the unpleasant effects of the environment. Once they are here, there is very little I can do to help them, aside from a cool cloth to the eyes or a wash of the hands and face after coming in from recess. Hopefully, once the last of the oak trees are fully blossomed, these discomforts will subside. In the meantime, they need to be as prepared as possible to have a productive and fun day.

FYI

1. As you know, one of the tasks teachers tackle in May has to do with class placement. Accordingly, we invite interested parents and families to participate in the process by sharing their insights and describing their child's needs. Parent input is an important factor we consider in building class lists. At the same time, making plans for next year will be complicated, because the number of classes we will have at Coolidge depends on the outcome of the budget situation. We have a lot of uncertainty going into the scheduling as well as placement process, and parents should know that this makes what is already a complex process even harder. If you would like to fill out a placement form you can find it attached and/or on our website. That said, please do not feel that you must fill out a form- or assume that filling out the form means that all your requests will be honored. The form is merely a way for us to consider new information and to make decisions with home insights in mind.
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**

PTO NEWSFLASH

Email: ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Blog: <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and events. Come check it out!

Facebook Group: "Calvin Coolidge PTO" <http://www.facebook.com/groups/coolidgepto/> All parents, guardians, and staff are welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community.

Direct Donation: <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

Field Day Volunteers Needed for Friday, June 13th We are in need of volunteers to help out on Friday, June 13th (raindate Monday, June 16th) for Field Day and the Walk-A-Thon at Coolidge.

Volunteers are needed throughout the day beginning at 7am to help with set-up.

Please respond to Melissa Pratt at mpratt@townisp.com and let her know when you are available to help. You will need to have a valid CORI on file so please stop by the school asap to fill one out if you haven't already.

Bravehearts Game TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME AND COME CELEBRATE THE END OF THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Please join fellow Coolidge students, families and teachers as the Worcester Bravehearts baseball team kicks off their inaugural season at Hanover Insurance Park at Fitton Field as they take on the Torrington Titans on Friday June 13, 2014. Fireworks follow the game which starts at 7:05. Gates open at 5:30.

Tickets are \$5 per person for box seats. Concessions are available for purchase at the ball park. Flyers to be sent home in your child's blue folder before the end of the week or you can print out the form [Click Here](#). Any questions, please call Dawn Coughlin at [508-527-3195](tel:508-527-3195) or contact her via e-mail at dprcoughlin@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to the 2nd grade students who participated in the Journey North Mystery class with Mrs. Jarvi. They were one of only two second grade classes in the world to identify every location correctly.

Thank you to all families who helped collect Boxtops, Labels for Education, Coke Rewards, and Kelloggs Rewards codes.

~We collected \$1614 worth of **Boxtops** this year so far!

Labels for Education have enabled us to get the following items:

~mesh ball nets

~paper cutter

Coke Rewards has enabled us to get:

Yellow #2 Pencils 1

Expo 8 oz. Dry Erase Cleaner

Kelloggs Rewards have enabled us to get 8 new books for our school, as well as a bag full of prizes for one of our Making Tracks for Technology participants.

Thanks to all of you who registered your Stop & Shop cards, as well as Price Chopper cards with Coolidge.

Price Chopper Tools for Schools program as enabled us to get:

4 Crayola® Crayons Classpack® 50 Each of 16 Colors

Wite-Out® EZcorrect™ Tape 10 Pack

School Smart™ Presentation Binder Clips Silver Color

7 X-ACTO® KS Manual Pencil Sharpener

We are expecting a check of \$935.63 from **Stop & Shop!**

We have had a great year! Thank you all so much for your support! Please continue to clip and send in each week through the end of the school year.