

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

October 26, 2015

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Dear Families,

Last week we were thrilled to EXCEED our school goal: Coolidge School raised more than \$1,000 for the Shrewsbury Public Library during the Coins for Construction drive. The achievement in itself was great, but the build up was even more compelling. In every classroom, communities worked together to count, chart and celebrate progress. Student Council members shared the daily tally so that the whole school could feel the momentum. The experience reminded me that once you start with a goal in mind, even small gains are motivating, because success begets success.

What are your hopes for your child this year? Teachers are looking forward to hearing your thoughts and partnering with you on Parent Conference Day. Have you booked a time to meet with your child's teacher? If not be sure to send her an email. Conferences are important opportunities to share the work your child has been doing, to show his/her progress and to set new learning goals. This meeting time is also a great opportunity for the teacher to learn from you about how homework routines are going as well as what your child shares with you about their successes and challenges at school. In fact

this day is so important that we've committed to providing childcare for preschoolers and up so that it's easier for families to participate.

Staff will be on hand to watch your child while you meet with teachers. So that we can offer this support to everyone, please only drop your children off for the duration of your meeting(s).

Here's hoping that this school year continues to motivate and excite us.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

Important Upcoming Dates:

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| Oct. 26-Nov. 13 | Coolidge Clothing Drive |
| October 27 | Fire Safety visits K |
| October 29 | Fire Safety visits Grade 1 |
| October 30 | School Store |
| | Family Fun Walk 4:30-5:30pm |
| November 3 | Parent Conference Day/No School |
| November 11 | Veteran's Day / NO SCHOOL |
| November 13 | School Store |
| November 18 | Grade 3 Visits Plimoth Plantation |
| | Grade 4 Chorus Concert 6:30-8 |
| November 25-27 | Thanksgiving Break |

Nov. 30-Dec. 4

Gingerbread Store - details to come

December 2

PTO mtg: 7pm.

REMINDERS

If you have not logged into the Parent Portal to sign off on the Student Handbook, please go to the Parent Portal here: <http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/it/parentaccess.cfm> and verify that you have seen the Student Handbook. Also, while you are there, **please update your contact information.**

We need to have accurate contact phone numbers and emails in case we need to reach in an emergency.

You can reach our secretary, Cathy Cairns, at ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or 508.841.8880. You can email/call her about

student absences, dismissals, etc.

Please check out our Facebook page, and LIKE us!:

<https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool>

And our brand new YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3fGo0KSKI068gQQuBnaH0g>

listed under Coolidge
Elementary School

FYI : Special News / Announcements

FAMILY FUN WALK

Coolidge School's 9th Annual Family Fun Walk by Jordan Pond will take place on Friday October 30th from 4:30 – 5:30 PM.

Children may come in costume and enjoy our activities which will include a hula hoop and jump rope contest, Frisbee golf, and a 50 yard dash. The event

is free.

The fourth grade student council will be running and Estimation Station (3 chances for \$1.00).

There will also be a bake sale. All funds raised will be going towards assisting St. Anne's Food Pantry.

If the weather proves to be too wet – the event will be cancelled.

Please join us for a fun filled family afternoon!

Here is the flyer:

http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/documents/Family_Fun_Walk.pdf

COINS FOR CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Thanks to Amy Kwok and her PTO volunteers, the Coolidge Student Council, and everyone who contributed to help Coolidge exceed our goal of \$1000.00 for the Coins for Construction Drive to help the Shrewsbury Public Library. Our final total for the week is \$1219.49. Last week, across the district in all participating elementary and middle schools, a total of over \$6800 was raised.

Here is a link to Shrewsbury Library Director Ellen Dolan visiting Coolidge and awarding the raffle prizes:

<https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool/posts/577844625696818>

COOLIDGE BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be open to students from 8:30am - 3pm (Oct. 29-Nov. 6).

Families may visit the Book Fair on **Parent Conference Day, Nov. 3**, and they can shop online from **Oct. 24 - Nov. 6**.

Shipping is free when orders are sent to Coolidge Elementary School, *after* the online book fair closes.

Proceeds benefit the Media Center.

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/media/index.cfm>

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 notices. 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 or ask a question.

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

1. Help Needed for teacher luncheon
2. Halloween candy collection
3. Coins for Construction update
4. Clothing drive for Epilepsy Foundation
5. Boxtops collection
6. Coolidge 2nd annual Variety Show
7. Six Flags Read to Succeed
8. Andy Attic

9. School Store will be open this Friday, October 30th

1.Coolidge School: Teacher Luncheon (Parent-Teacher Conference Day)

Tuesday, November 3rd

Help to show your appreciation for the teachers at Coolidge School by helping to provide them with a special lunch on the day of parent-teacher conferences!

Please sign-up or volunteer to provide salads, paper goods, drinks or desserts to help make their lunch extra special. Simply visit the link below to sign-up for a

specific item, which can be delivered to the school on the day of the event **before 10am**. We appreciate your efforts to help make this event a success!!! SignUpGenius Link:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0F48AAAA2CAAFF2-parentteacher

2.Hello Coolidge families!

Halloween will soon be upon us along with bags full of treats. After bellies are full of goodies and candy storage is overflowing, it's the perfect time to donate all your extra candy to Coolidge's Annual Halloween Candy Drive. Starting Monday, November 2nd thru Friday, November 13th there will be a candy drop box outside the main office. All candy will be used in St. Anne's Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. Help Coolidge break our record of 150lbs of candy and make the holidays a little sweeter for families in our area. Thank you and have a happy Halloween!

3. "Coins for Construction" - Raffle winners

A huge thank you to students and families of Coolidge! Together, we exceeded our goal and raised \$1219.49 for our new library (and in total over \$6800 across the district in all participating elementary and middle schools). Thanks to everyone who donated their coins and their time, especially teachers, parent volunteers and Mrs. Clouter for their help. The new library will open in the early Fall of 2016, let's enjoy the library together.

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

Lia Rabinovitch (Ms. Weagle) - one dozen Wicked Good Cookies
Jacob Anderson (Ms. Rubin) - one-hour jump pass to SkyZone
Emmanuel Yu (Ms. Shepard) - one-hour jump pass to SkyZone
Alexis Maloney (Ms. Flemming) - \$25 gift certificate to Lazerzone
Guilherme Oliveira (Ms. Innamorati) - \$25 Tatnuck bookstore gift card

4. Just a reminder that our Second Annual Coolidge School Clothing Drive for the Epilepsy Foundation will be taking place from October 26 through November 13th. Clothing, bedding, curtains, anything made from cloth can be dropped off at school at any time to the front lobby of the school. Our school will make 20 cents for every pound of cloth that is donated and we hope to bring in more than we did last year. Join us in trying to break our own record of 1386 pounds. All proceeds from the sale of our donations will go to the Epilepsy Foundation.

5. We just submitted over \$500 in Boxtops! THANK YOU to all

who have sent them in. Please keep them coming. Your trash is our treasure.

6. Coolidge is having it's 2nd annual Variety Show! If your child has a talent, we'd love to see it. Information and registration packets will be in the Monday folders, if you have not already received them. Registrations are due Friday, October 30th. A mandatory screening will be held on Friday, November 6th. A mandatory rehearsal will be held Friday, November 13th. The big show is Friday, November 20th from 6pm -8pm. We hope to see you there!

7. Six Flags Read To Succeed is back! Each year, Six Flags awards students who read 6 hours or more at home with a ticket to Six Flags.

These can be the SAME hours that you log for the Coolidge Reading Incentive program. Just log what your child read, and for how long on the Six Flags Reading Log that was sent home with your child. A parent or guardian must initial each entry for it to be valid. Also, PLEASE remember to put your child's name, grade, and teacher at the top. If we don't know who it belongs to, we can't issue a ticket.

8. Andy's Attic is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides new and gently used clothing to disadvantaged high school teens and their families and was created in memory of Andy Reese, a member of the SHS class of 2007. It is run out of South High School in Worcester, under the direction of Christine Foley, a Shrewsbury resident who teaches PE at South HS.

There is an urgent need for elementary boys clothing of all sizes! The

bins for boys are empty after just filling over 200 clothing requests the past two weeks. They have plenty of teen and adult clothing at the moment but the elementary boys section needs help! The requests are coming in and they can't fill them!

During the month of October, the Community Service Learning Advisory board at high school, is sponsoring a collection of winter clothing for Andy's Attic; gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, jackets and boots for all age children.

All donations can be dropped off at the high school, attention Dawn Vigliatura. Arrangements can be made for pick-ups. Email Dawn [@dvigliatura@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:dvigliatura@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us). **Please contact ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us if you are interested in managing a collection bin for our school.**

On behalf of Andy's Attic, THANK YOU!

9. Reminder that the School Store will be open this Friday, October 30th

To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes,

please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at

kbiando74@gmail.com