

## **GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL**

*November 23, 2015*

[www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/coolidge](http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/coolidge)

Dear Families,

Today I asked students in grades 1-4 to travel back with me in time. We watched a video of an old filmstrip (Anyone remember those?) entitled, 'Lunchroom Manners'. The film is one color (a pale pinkish, no doubt the result of aging film) and the soundtrack resembles something akin to the original 'Bewitched' television program. Nevertheless, students were engaged in noticing similarities and differences between school now and then. The gist? Although fashions have changed a lot, expectations for good behavior in the cafeteria are remarkably similar.

Classroom teachers helped the effort of building a better climate in the lunchroom by leading discussions about what "being kind" looks and sounds like in the cafeteria. Some specific suggestions the children offered include:

- Greeting one another
- Listening respectfully
- Giving personal space
- Being respectful about different food choices, and
- Helping to keep the table clean

We concluded by practicing cooperation- cleaning tables. Please help reinforce these good habits as you gather together with your family this week. Your children can and should pitch in with small chores like setting and wiping the table. In this way, we help children become responsible community contributors.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

*Amy*

Amy Clouter

*Principal*

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## **Congratulations to Everyone who participated in the Coolidge Variety Show**

Thanks to Mrs. Jarvi and her crew for putting together the Coolidge Variety Show! The students were fabulous, and showed great effort and courage to perform in front of an audience!

If you have video or photos of the Variety Show performances, and would like them on our Facebook page, please email (or drop a CD/DVD at the office) to School Secretary, Cathy Cairns, [ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)



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## **Gingerbread Store Comes to Coolidge School**

The Gingerbread Store is coming!!!  
Monday, November 30 through Friday,  
December 4.

LOOK for the gingerbread envelopes that will be going home with students this week. If students wish to participate, the gifts range in price from \$1.00-\$7.00. (Nothing under a dollar.)

Pictured right: Our Gingerbread Store “Elves” are busy unpacking the gifts.



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## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

11/25-29 Thanksgiving Break  
11/30 Gingerbread Store thru 12/4  
12/2 PTO mtg 7 pm  
12/8 PD Day-Early Release  
12/18 School Store  
12/24-1/1 December Break  
1/4 Classes Resume

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## **FROM SCHOOL NURSE MRS. ZIMMERMANN...**

Parents, now that the cold weather is here, remember to send your child with a winter coat, hats and mittens. The students have recess even in chilly weather, providing the wind chill is down. Also, we are asking that students **WEAR** the coats they bring. Please reinforce this message with your children.

When it snows, students must have snow pants and boots to be able to play in the snow.

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...**

Parent volunteers are needed to help build library displays for the Media Center. If you are able to help, please contact our secretary, Cathy Cairns, at [ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

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## NOTES ABOUT DISMISSAL...

**PLEASE**, we ask that if you will be dismissing your child early, that you do so no later than 2:50 pm. Later than this time gets extremely difficult due to the dismissal of all students.

Also, bring an ID with you.

## REMINDERS

If you have not logged into the Parent Portal to sign off on the Student Handbook, please go to the Parent Portal and verify that you have seen the Student Handbook. Also, while you are there, **please update your contact information**. Login here:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/it/parentaccess.cfm>

We need to have accurate contact phone numbers and emails in case we need to reach in an emergency. A few parents still haven't signed off on the handbook.

You can reach our secretary, Cathy Cairns, at [ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto: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 YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3fGo0KSKI068gQQuBnaH0g> listed under Coolidge Elementary School

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# PTO NEWSFLASH

**Email:** [ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto: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.

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1. PTO Meeting – December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM
2. Coolidge Variety Show
3. Gingerbread Shop
4. PTO donation holiday donation
5. December Vacation Computer Workshops

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**1. PTO MEETING:** Everyone is encouraged to join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, December 2nd at 7pm** in the Media Center. Our principal, Mrs. Clouter, will be discussing deep understanding in reading.

We will hear updates on our fundraisers and events, the enrichment program plans, and more. Please contact President Rachel Reeve ([ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)) with anything you want to discuss so it can be added to the agenda. The minutes from our last meeting can be found here

<https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2015/11/october-2015-minutes.pdf>

2. Congratulations to all of the student performers at the Coolidge Variety Show!! And thanks to Mrs. Blake Jarvi and her crew for all of their hard work in putting this fabulous evening together.

Parents, if you have photos or videos of students performing in the Variety Show, please send them to Cathy Cairns, Coolidge secretary, at [ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) and she will post them on our school Facebook page.

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**3.** This season's **Gingerbread Shop** will be opening on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details on this fun opportunity.

**4. Tis the Season for Giving:** Have you considered making a donation in someone's name as a gift this holiday season? Direct donations to the PTO are always welcome, in any amount. You can send a check in to the school made out to "Coolidge PTO" or donate online here <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto>

In this way all of your donation will go directly towards funding our enrichment programs, academic materials, staff appreciation, community events, and more. You can download and print a card to present the special person you are honoring.

<http://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2012/07/donationcard.jpg>

Frequently employers will match tax-deductible charitable contributions made by their employees. Contact your Human Resources Office for eligibility requirements and to obtain a matching gift form. Many area businesses, such as Fidelity Investments, offer this program, so if you are considering donating to the PTO, please give this opportunity some thought.

## **5. Computer Workshops:**

As we know there are numerous benefits of introducing kids to Computer Science early. While our kids use laptop, ipads & smart phones to play games, watch vides etc, it's important to introduce them to basics of computer science. Once this foundational knowledge is in place then introducing kids to actual programming languages will be the next step.

RASA Creations is happy to announce two Computer Workshops for kids grade 1 to 6. After tremendous response to our last year's Computer workshops, we are coming up with two workshops for kids this December vacation.

### **1. Count on Computers - For grades 1 to 3**

Date - December 28th and 29th, 2015

### **2. Super Scratch - for grades 4 to 7**

Date - December 30th and 31st, 2015

Please see the flyer for more details on these workshops.

<https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2015/11/cocnsuperscratch.pdf>

## **10% of Enrollment fees go to School PTO**

*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](mailto:kbiando74@gmail.com)*

