

## **GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL**

*November 9, 2015*

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

Dear Families,

As you know, last Friday Mrs. Jarvi and Mrs. Klinedinst collaborated to prepare students for the Coolidge Talent Show. The children looked forward to sharing their skills all week, and it was a hot topic at lunchtime. For us adults, it was also a great opportunity to see our students in a completely different setting. I learned a lot, most importantly to check my assumptions.

Some of our initially enthusiastic children were the most reluctant to perform. Several students changed their mind about what to share midway through rehearsal. Other children saw the sharing and asked about joining. Some members of the audience knew exactly how to behave. Others were only listening for their chance to come up and do their thing; they chatted when others performed. These revelations surprised me, because we routinely talk about taking risks at All School Meeting, and our students learn early what it means to be a “good audience”. Yet some of our most capable students have not yet learned to generalize. In other words, the confidence and competence they felt in school failed them on Friday after hours.

I hope you will encourage your children to share their talents with us, in and out of school. Most importantly, I hope you'll join us in reinforcing this message: *Mistakes are allowed, because we learn from them.* In terms of developing talent, it's more important to keep taking chances than it is to perform something perfectly. Most accomplished artists fail early and often - they just don't give up as a result.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

*Principal*

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**REMEMBER:**

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 11,  
VETERANS DAY.**

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

11/9-11/19- Thanksgiving Food Drive (info below)

11/11- Veterans' Day-NO SCHOOL

11/13- School Store

11/18- Gr. 3 goes to Plimoth Plantation

11/18- Grade 4 Concert 6:30-8

11/20- Talent Show 6-8 pm

11/25-29 Thanksgiving Break

11/30- Gingerbread Store thru 12/4

12/2 PTO mtg 7 pm

12/8 PD Day-Early Release

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**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:** Monday, November 9th – Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the fourth grade student council members are collecting food items to support the local food pantry at St. Anne's Church. Each student is asked to bring in a food item specifically assigned to their class, (item is on the flyer being send home in the Monday folders!) as well as \$1.00 which goes towards the purchase of grocery gift cards for turkeys. Please do help us out with this worthy cause!

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**FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL NURSE MRS. ZIMMERMANN:**

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month!!

There are nearly 26 million children and adults in America who have Type 1 Diabetes. As school community members, we are dedicated to the well being of our students and staff, and want to share with you a few of the warning signs/symptoms of Diabetes.

Some behaviors a child may exhibit at home or school that could indicate undiagnosed Diabetes:

- Frequent trips to the bathroom (especially in close sequence)
- Unquenchable thirst
- Irritability

- Unusual fatigue
- Weight loss; thin-appearing

Many of these symptoms may be related to illnesses that are not associated with Diabetes. Important factors to consider are:

- With Diabetes, there should never be a fever.
- Urinating at night or wetting the bed is an important sign to watch for and quick follow up is recommended.

Always contact your healthcare professional with any concerns as they can provide appropriate diagnostic tests and treatments.

For more information on Diabetes, log on to:

[www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)

[www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org)

[www.joslin.org](http://www.joslin.org)

[www.JBWfund.org](http://www.JBWfund.org)

## **NOTES ABOUT DISMISSAL...**

If you want to dismiss your child early from school for an appointment, make sure to contact your child's teacher and the office. You can email the office at [ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) (Cathy Cairns, Secretary) and find the email for your child's teacher on our website under Faculty/Staff

here: <http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/>

You can also call us at 508.841.8880 or send in a note for your child's teacher.

**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

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. A 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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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:**

**Their artwork was selected to be displayed at the Shrewsbury Town Hall Offices.**

**Jake Lusignan** (Mrs. Innamorati)

**Evan Li** (Ms. Richardson)

**Isabella Monfa** (Mrs. Osborne)

**Maya Litchfield** (Mrs. McInerny)

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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. Clothing drive for Epilepsy Foundation
2. Halloween candy collection
3. Six Flags Read to Succeed
4. Gingerbread Shop coming soon!

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1. 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.

2. Hello again Coolidge families!

Just a friendly reminder that we will continue to collect Halloween candy thru Friday, November 13th. Extra candy can be dropped off in the collection box in front of the main office. All goodies 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 for your support!

3. **Six Flags Read to Succeed program** is under way. Log 6 hours of reading with parent initials on the Six Flags Reading Log, and get a FREE ticket to Six Flags New England.

4. This season's **Gingerbread shop** will be opening on November 30th. Stayed tuned for more details regarding this fun opportunity.

*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)*