

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

February 22, 2016

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

Dear Families,

Have you ever wanted to be a part of a publicity campaign? If your answer was, “yes” here’s your chance. Thanks to the donation of several signs from Shaw’s and the hard work of Mr. Curtis, our crossing guard, we now have some beautiful frames hanging in the main hall. But they’re empty. Now all we need to do is get some help to fill them. To do that we are inviting students, staff and parents to think about this question: *What qualities do we want our students to develop in their time with us?*

Ultimately the responses we collect will help us create a living representation of our hopes. Next we’ll launch a student contest. Each grade will illustrate one of the words nominated, and we hope to pair student artwork with photographs that capitalize on our school community’s hopes and dreams. Please consider submitting a word for us via email before Friday at accouter@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

Here’s hoping we get enough words to prompt some serious “food for thought” with all the members of our school community for some time to come.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

Important Upcoming Dates:

**Tuesday, February 23 is the last day to turn in
“Man in your Life Dance” ticket money.**

- Feb 26 School Store
- March 1 EARLY RELEASE DAY Dismissal at 12:15
Primary Voting at Coolidge
- March 2 PTO Meeting, 7 pm in the Media Center
- March 11 School Store
- March 25 School Store
- April 8 Coolidge Spring Fling Fundraiser (details coming soon)

Link to some details:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/calendar/21508/1620809>

- April 26, 27, 28 PARCC testing Grade, 3 English Language Arts
- May 2, 4, 5 PARCC testing Grade 4, English Language Arts
- May 9-12 PARCC testing Grade 3, Math
- May 16-19 PARCC testing Grade 4, Math

Pictured at right: Students participating in Mrs. Jarvi's Mad Scientist After School Class.



Time for Kids

Dear Coolidge Families,

DEADLINE EXTENDED

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO SEND IN YOUR TIME FOR KIDS BOOKLETS
– Please help our students out by sending in your booklets by
Friday, February 26.**

Teaching children to become powerful readers and writers is one of our main goals at Coolidge. To do this, we rely on a variety of print resources, one of them being informational text. I'm writing because I would like your child to continue to receive TIME For Kids, a weekly classroom news magazine written and designed for young people.

Why TIME For Kids? There are four good reasons:

1. Children **need exposure to a range of materials**—books, magazines, newspapers, photo stories, maps, graphs, charts—**to become powerful readers.** **TIME For Kids** contains high-interest, child-appropriate stories about our world that engage students and help them develop a real enthusiasm for reading while boosting reading skills.
2. Kids love to share **TIME For Kids** with family members. Research shows that when parents read with and to their children for even 15 minutes a night, they become better readers. TFK offers lots of opportunities for fun, engaging family reading and dinner-table discussions.
3. Children need strong nonfiction reading skills if they are to do well in science, social studies and math. Articles in **TIME For Kids** cover these subjects and get kids interested in learning more about them.
4. **Students love the current events coverage**, world-class TIME photography, and reporting from across the globe. TFK helps kids form opinions about current events and share their views in writing and debate. TFK explains the news to kids in ways they can understand, and takes care to avoid subjects that might alarm children. **Check out the timeforkids.com** website to learn more about TFK.



Our goal is for every student to receive this great publication. Here's how you can help:

1. **Fill out the enclosed booklet with Seven or more *different* addresses of family and friends.**
2. **Once you have your family booklet completed, please return to the school. (If you prefer to make a donation in lieu of filling out a booklet that's fine.)**

Be assured that the information that you provide will not be added to any mailing list or given to any other source. Your friends will be given the opportunity to order magazine subscriptions at up to 80% off newsstand prices, but there is no obligation or pressure for them to do so. If no one ultimately subscribes Coolidge School will still benefit.

Our goal is for every family to participate.

Every 30 Completed Books returned earn us \$200.00 in Time For Kids! Last year we were able to earn \$1,800.00 in Time For Kids for our students. With your support, we hope to earn as much or more for our students again!

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.

PTO Meeting- Wednesday March 2nd at 7PM. Meeting will include discussion around open PTO board positions

1. Yankee Candle Fundraiser
2. Man of Your Life Dance
3. Six Flags Read to Success Program
4. Boxtops

1. Important PTO Meeting: Members from the **Town School Committee** will attend our PTO meeting on **Wednesday March 2nd** at 7pm in the Media Center. Due to rising costs associated with maintaining the same programs and staffing levels that we currently have, coupled with increased special education costs, and limited state aid, there is a projected budget deficit for the 2016-2017 school year. Learn more and get your questions answered by attending this important meeting.

We will also discuss next year's open PTO board positions, so join us to find out what's involved and which is the best fit for you. Please contact President Rachel Reeve (ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) with anything you want to discuss so it can be added to the agenda.

2. Yankee Candle Fundraiser! Check your child's backpack for the fundraising packets that are coming home today. There's more than candles available for purchase, take a look! Inside the packet you'll find a flyer that explains all of the details of what to do. **All orders are due by Monday, March 7th** and we expect the products to be here by mid-April. Contact Rachel Reeve (rachelreeve@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

Contact your friends, family, and coworkers about our fundraiser via email or Facebook with a message like this (just copy/paste!):

Our school is holding a Yankee Candle fundraiser to support enrichment programs like author visits, historical actors, science museum presentations, and more! Place your order online and your products will be shipped directly to you! Just visit <http://tinyurl.com/YC-Coolidge>. Thanks for your support of the Coolidge PTO!

3. Last Call for the "Man of your life Dance " . Girls of Coolidge are asked to invite the special man in their life or Dad, step dad, uncle , grandfather ect . For a fun night of dressing up and dancing the night away. Tickets will be collected by Tuesday.

4. All Six Flags Read to Succeed reading logs must be turned in by Friday, February 26th to be eligible for a FREE Six Flags ticket! Be sure to log all of the reading hours over vacation to get yours!

5. Please continue to send in your Boxtops. It is a great way to help our school at no extra cost to you.

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

