

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

October 3, 2016

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

Dear Families,

As you know, this coming Friday teachers across the district will participate in their second “PD Day”. PD stands for ‘professional development’ and this time is critical in supporting our teachers as active learners. At Coolidge we used our first day to develop consistent literacy routines across the grades. We also explored elements of “4Cs” teaching with the goal of crafting new lessons. Briefly, our ultimate plan is to include student voice and choice in our projects, as well as to identify authentic tasks and audiences. If you have a problem children could study and/or help solve please let me know.

At the district level, teachers across all grades will begin working on a range of initiatives. *For the first time, each educator has self-selected an interest of study for the entire year.* This is exciting because it connects teachers by interest across levels and over time; I’m eager to see the collaborations that result! This topic is particularly interesting to me because of my recent experience at a conference in Colorado where I networked with administrators, educators and leaders in the field of Expeditionary Learning. Having spent several days immersed in new learning myself I can speak firsthand to the power of taking time away from the day-to-day to think differently. In fact this afternoon at All School Meeting I’m excited about talking with our students about ways they can contribute to our community, at the school level and beyond.

Ask your child about the power of beautiful work, and check out this link when you have a minute: <https://vimeo.com/38247060>

Sincerely,

Amy

P.S. October is Anti-bullying month. We’ll be revisiting what bullying is and how it’s different from unkindness. Teachers across the grades will also be reading literature connected to this theme in the coming weeks. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch with your child’s teacher if your child is experiencing unkindness.

FYI

I am STILL looking for THREE interested parents to serve on School Council. If you are interested, please submit your name and a brief introduction statement explaining your interest to me and/or our school secretary, Cathy Cairns with 'School Council' in the subject line. My deadline to identify candidates is Friday, October 7th. Please help!



Important Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 7 (Fri)	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development
Oct. 10 (Mon)	NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
Oct. 14	School Store
Oct. 20	PTO Mtg, 7 pm, Media Center
Oct. 28	School Photo Retake Day (1:45)
Oct. 28	School Store
Nov. 8	NO SCHOOL – PARENT CONFERENCES & ELECTION DAY
Nov. 11	NO SCHOOL – VETERANS' DAY

ASAP (After School Activities Program) Classes Spaces Available

Fall Fitness Club **Now open to grades 3 & 4**



Coolidge After School Activities Program (ASAP) October 2016 Course Selections

- All courses meet on Wednesdays at Coolidge for 6 weeks from 3:30-4:30
 - Class dates: 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9 & 11/16
 - The cost of each course is \$40
- Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis
 - Do not send payment until you receive a confirmation email
- If accepted, payment and permission slip will be due Thursday October 6th
 - Financial assistance is available upon request
- Students will be dismissed to the gym at 3:15 and supervised until the start of class.

Click here to Register:

<https://goo.gl/forms/1w3fmAf5NNBsHyr23>

ASAP Course: *Fall Fitness Club*

Instructor: Ms. Cloyes & Ms. Rice

Open to students in grades: *Now open to grades 3 & 4*

Course description: Do you enjoy being active and staying fit? Do you want to get stronger? Then fitness club is for you! During the six sessions, we will learn about and practice several body-weight exercises to help us stay fit! Some examples of the body-weight exercises we will practice are push-ups, sit-ups, planks, mountain climbers, jumping jacks, burpees, squats, running... The list goes on! Join fitness club to have fun while you sweat!

ASAP Course: *Coolidge Dance Team*

Instructor: Ms. Fallis

Open to students in grades: 3 & 4

Course description: Students on "Coolidge Dance Team" will prepare a choreographed dance over the course of the 5 weeks to present to schoolmates in a fall performance.

**Please direct all questions to:
Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning,
508-841-8727 kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us**

Shrewsbury Public Schools 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

FINAL
Approved 2-3-16*

**Note: The first day of school, holidays, and school vacations will not change.*

Professional development days and early release days could change as a result of negotiations with the teachers' association.

AUG/SEP 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 19 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

NOVEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

DECEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 20 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

August/September

8/25 & 26 New Teachers' Orientation
 8/29 Opening Program for Staff
 8/30 Students Return/Full Day
 9/2 Professional Development/No School
 9/5 Labor Day/No School

October

10/7 Professional Development/No School
 10/10 Columbus Day/No School

November

11/8 Election Day/Pre-K-8 Conference Day/No School
 11/11 Veterans Day/No School
 11/23 - 25 Thanksgiving Vacation

December

12/6 Professional Development/Early Release
 12/26 - 12/30 December Vacation

January

1/2 New Year's Day (Observed)
 1/16 M.L. King Day/No School

February

2/7 Professional Development/Early Release
 2/20 Presidents Day/No School
 2/21 - 2/24 Winter Vacation

March

3/7 Professional Development/Early Release

April

4/4 Professional Development/Early Release
 4/17 Patriots Day/No School
 4/18 - 21 Spring Vacation

May

5/2 Professional Development/Early Release
 5/26 Last Day for Seniors
 5/29 Memorial Day/No School

June

6/1 Graduation Day
 6/12 Last Day for Kindergarten & Preschool
 6/14 Last Day/Half Day for Students

February 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
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13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH 23 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
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APRIL 15 Days				
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24	25	26	27	28

MAY 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
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8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JUNE 10 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

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 1 snow day = 6/15 last day
 2 snow days = 6/16 last day
 3 snow days = 6/19 last day
 4 snow days = 6/20 last day
 5 snow days = 6/21 last day

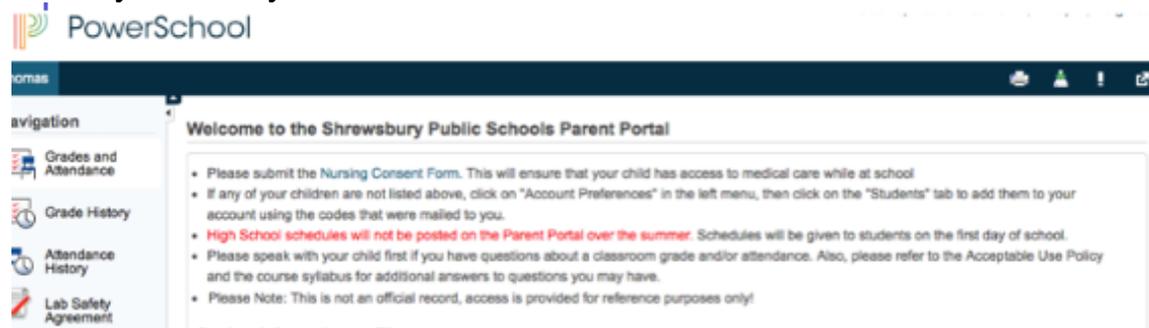
UPDATE - From the Nurse:

Please look below for information on medical health from Mrs. Zimmermann, our school nurse. Having standing orders ready is another way we seek to help support students and families.

As of this morning, 223 parents out of 409 have done the consent. Please do your consent asap!

Action Required - School Nurse Consent Form: The school nurse consent form that has traditionally been sent home on the first day of school for parents to sign and return is now available to complete in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please log in to the portal [here](#) as soon as possible to complete the form. This form is required for all students in order to be treated by and receive medications from the school nurse.

When you click you should see this:



The first line includes a link to the form. If you are still having trouble, let me know.

From the Office:

If you filled out a CORI form at the Open House but did not include a photocopy of your license, please either send it to the office or come in and ask to have a photocopy made of your license. You cannot volunteer unless we send in a copy of your license with your CORI form.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE FOR IMPORTANT FORMS AND DATES:
<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/>

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool>

If your child will be out sick, out for a vacation, or celebrating a religious holiday, please call the school before 10:00am that day to let us know.

Child Safe line (for absences): 508.841.8886

Coolidge Main Line: 508.841.8880

Cathy Cairns, Coolidge Secretary: 508.841.8884

Mark your calendars with No School Dates, Early Release Dates and Holidays.

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. Thank you to B Good Burger diners
2. Boys Formal – Saturday, November 5th
3. Volunteers needed for talent show
4. PTO meeting- October 20th
5. Reading incentive volunteers still needed

6. Room parent volunteers needed

1. Thank you to everyone who came out for the dine out night at B Good Burgers. We made \$267 for Coolidge, which was a great success. We are planning something every month. Many will be dine out nights and some will be activities, all which will benefit our school and help with things like field trips, playground fund for a new structure, authors, etc.

2. Our Boys Fall Formal will take place on Saturday November 5th from 6-8pm at Coolidge. Information about registering for the event will come home in the next few weeks.

3. We still need a few volunteers to help run the Variety Show. This typically takes place the Friday before Thanksgiving, and there will be two rehearsals leading up to the show. The rehearsals will take place one day (for two weeks) right after school. Please email Jenn at jluke88@gmail.com if you can help. This is a big fundraiser and lots of fun, but can only happen with some volunteers.

4. Mark your calendars for October 20th at 7pm for our next PTO meeting. We will discuss upcoming events, fundraising ideas, information from the principal, etc. Be part of the discussion and provide your ideas!

5. We still need some people for the reading incentive program for Ms Cantin, Ms Rice, Ms Cloyes and Ms Cotter.

6. We still need room parents for Ms Cantin, Ms Weagle and Ms Cloyes. Please contact Jen if you can help with any of these classes at jluke88@gmail.com

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 and Rachel Reeve at rachelreeve@yahoo.com