

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

October 19, 2015

www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/coolidge

Dear Families,

The big news this Monday is our effort to collect “Coins for Construction”. All across town the elementary schools are working together to support our public library. Our PTO has set a goal of \$1,000 and today we made progress in getting there.

Thanks to you, we have managed to raise \$226.72, with Mrs. Broszeit’s kindergarten, Ms. Burnap’s third graders and Mrs. Innamorati’s fourth graders taking the lead in amount of coins collected today. This means we are close to meeting our goal, but we have more work to do. Fortunately we have two more days to collect. As a building we aim to reach \$386.50 on Tuesday and Wednesday. This sounds like a lot, until you factor in the power of 405 children working together. Can your child figure out how much we need from each student in order to meet our goal? If s/he can, encourage them to share their thinking with their child’s teacher in the morning.

Here is the link to the flyer: <https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2015/10/coin-drive-school-flyer.pdf>

When you contribute, remember to send in a sign in slip. As students add their coins they may add entries into a raffle as well. The tear off is attached to the notice that follows. Your child could win a gift card to SkyZone and other local places. The PTO will pick names on Thursday when our campaign is complete.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

Important Upcoming Dates:

October 21	PTO 7 pm in the Media Center
October 22	Photo Retake Day
October 23	Fire Safety visits Grade 1
October 27	Fire Safety visits K
October 29	Fire Safety visits Grade 1
October 30	School Store
November 3	Parent Conference Day
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 at Coolidge
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break

The Shrewsbury Public School PTOs, Al-Hamra Academy, the Shrewsbury Montessori School & St. Mary's School are teaming up together to help build our new public library!

Mark Your Calendars!
Coins will be collected at your school October 19 - 21
(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

COINS FOR CONSTRUCTION

COIN DRIVE & RAFFLE

Let's Help Build the New Shrewsbury Public Library!

Bring in your coins and you will be entered into a school-wide raffle!

Prizes will vary by school, but will include jump passes to SkyZone & JumpNation, Wicked Good Cookies, and Tatnuck gift cards.

Start Saving Your Coins!

Stay tuned to electronic communications from your school for more details on drop-off location & prizes!

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Powers at LisaRThomas@aol.com

Fill in the ticket below and bring it with your coin donation to be entered into the raffle. Please put your coins and raffle ticket in a Ziplock bag.
Winners will be announced on Thursday, October 22nd.

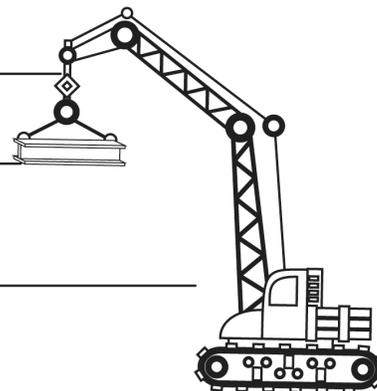


Name: _____



Teacher: _____

Grade: _____



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 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!

1. An Update from Mrs. Cairns, School Secretary:

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.

Here is updated information on School Absences. Find it here:

http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/news/If-your-Child-will-be-Absent-from-School.cfm?grp_id=21508

If your child needs to be dismissed for an appt., please contact your child's teacher (teacher emails can be found here:

http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/campusuite25/modules/faculty.cfm?grp_id=21508

And our secretary, Cathy Cairns, at ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or 508.841.8880.

Please check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool>

And our brand new YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3fGo0KSK1068gQQuBnaH0g>

listed under Coolidge Elementary School

2. From the Nurse's Office: Physical Exams!

If your child is new to Shrewsbury or to Coolidge School we require a physical exam done during the current year or within 30 days after entry. If you have any questions check with the nurses office to see if a new physical is due or if your child has an appointment this Fall. We ask parents then to provide a copy of the physical exam every 3 or 4 years.

4th grade parents please make appointments for a new physical exam for your child if one has not been done last year. They will need it before moving on to Sherwood Middle School.

If you are without insurance, St. Ann's Free Medical Clinic will perform a physical exam at no charge. They will also assist in applying to MA. Health, to obtain medical coverage. Their hours are every Tuesday 6-8PM at the Father Smith Center behind St. Ann's Church on Rt. 9 in Shrewsbury.

Don't forget to schedule your child's flu shot. Be a good role model and get a flu shot this year! More on the flu can be seen at www.mass.gov/flu. Please Check out The Flu: A Guide for Parents.

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Interested in after school classes? Read on here for more information:

PTO Newsflash

October 19, 2015

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. Believe Fundraiser
2. PTO Meeting- October 21st at 7PM
3. Clothing drive for Epilepsy Foundation
4. Coins for Construction
5. Andy's Attic

1. The **BELIEVE FALL FUNDRAISER IS UNDERWAY!!** ALL ORDERS ARE DUE OCTOBER 23, 2015. Selling items helps us support the children at Coolidge! This is a fantastic opportunity to get some early holiday shopping done while working together to raise funds for our school and students. If you prefer, you can make a direct donation to the PTO by simply sending a check made out to "Coolidge PTO" and marked "direct donation." Thank you for your support of Coolidge Elementary!

2. **PTO MEETING:** Everyone is encouraged to join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, October 21st at 7pm in the Media Center. Our principal, Mrs. Clouter, will be discussing the following elements of the mathematics curriculum: math modeling and the importance of explaining thinking.

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) 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.wordpress.com/2015/10/05/fall-pto-meetings-2/>

3. 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.

4. **“Coins for Construction”**: PTO-sponsored fundraiser for the new Shrewsbury Public Library

Parents and Students: Start saving your coins! The PTOs of Shrewsbury’s public and private elementary and middle schools want to play a part in the next chapter of our new library! A Coin Drive will be held at Coolidge the week of October 19th. Coin drop-off will be in the classrooms from 8:30 to 9am on Monday 10/19, Tuesday 10/20 and Wednesday 10/21. Students that bring in a coin donation in a ziploc bag will be entered into a raffle. Prizes will include two (2) one-hour jump passes to SkyZone, cookies from Wicked Good Cookies and a \$25 Tatnuck bookstore gift card. Stay tuned for more information in the blue folders. If this town-wide initiative reaches its goal, an area in the new Shrewsbury Public Library will be named for the children and families of Shrewsbury. The new library will open in the early Fall of 2016. <https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2015/10/coin-drive-school-flyer.pdf> If you have any questions, please contact Amy at ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

5. **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!

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

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