

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

October 6, 2015

www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/coolidge

Dear Families,

Thank you very much for your responses to our survey! I am very excited to report that every class met the initial goal of a 50% return rate and two classes are enjoying new indoor recess games because they reached the 80% return benchmark. The School Council met last night and was very excited to learn that we have so much information to ponder. Please know that we will continue to craft brief surveys for the middle and end of the year so we can track your thinking over time. Your help in telling us “what’s working” – and more importantly, what’s not is invaluable.

Another area where we need your support has to do with our involvement in the upcoming coin drive for the library. I am sure that you’re aware of the ways in which the SPL supports us as adult readers. Did you know that they hand deliver books upon request to Coolidge teachers? Further, the staff at the library has helped to recommend books, guided me in our initial use of our 3D printer, provided welcoming spaces for tutoring and have always provided new staff resources, too. Won’t you please help us to help them? **Our campaign begins on October 19 and will run for just a short time at our school.** If you are like me, you’ll need some time beforehand to gather coins to have on hand. Please start pooling those pennies!

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

Important Upcoming Dates:

October 9	PD Day- NO SCHOOL for students
October 12	Columbus Day- NO SCHOOL
October 14	Wingmasters visits Grade 2
October 15	ESL Family Night at Floral St School 6:30 pm
October 16	School Store
	Fire Safety for Grades 2, 3, & 4
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

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.

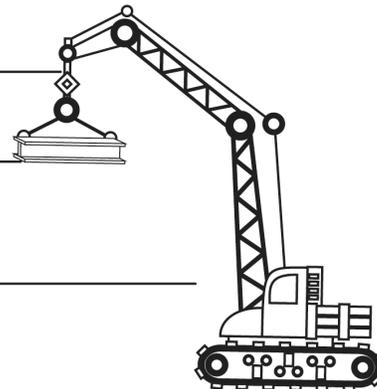


Name: _____



Teacher: _____

Grade: _____



FYI : SPECIAL NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/UC3fGo0KSKI068gQQuBnaH0g>

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.

Katie Zimmermann RN, BSN, NCSN

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3. Speak a second language at home? You and your family are invited to attend an informational meeting on **Thursday, October 15, 2015 at Floral Street School from 6:30-8:00 PM**. Come talk with your child's English language teachers, meet other families, and

make new friends. Since we are inviting your family, there will be a table set-up for the children to color pictures and play games.

If you have any questions, please let us know by phone, note, or e-mail. We look forward to meeting everyone.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lange-Madden, ELE Director K-12
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Interested in after school classes? Read on here for more information: Coolidge After School Activities Program (ASAP)

Fall 2015 Course



Selections

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- All courses meet on Thursdays from 3:35-4:35 for 6 weeks
 - Class dates: 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12 and 11/19
 - The cost of each course is \$30
 - Click here to pre-register: <http://goo.gl/forms/47ivb6mqvf>
 - 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 registration form will be due by Thursday October 8th
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ASAP Course: Running Club

Instructor: Ms. Rice and Ms. Cloyes

Open to students in grades: 3 & 4

Course Description: Do you love to run? Do you enjoy staying active and fit? Then this is the club for you! The Coolidge Running Club is open to third and fourth graders who would like to improve their running ability or just run with friends! We will be running outside as a group around the Coolidge and Jordan Pond areas. Our club's goal is to be able to run three miles by the end of our time together! Come join us for some FUN while we RUN!

ASAP Course: Mad Scientists

Instructor: Ms. Jarvi

Open to students in grades: 2, 3 & 4

Course description: If you love science, or would just like to learn about it with some wacky experiments, this is the class for you! Each week we will perform 1-2 experiments and learn how they work. We might blow up a balloon without touching it, make ghosts float, or make silly chicken sounds. You are sure to have a great time and be amazed with what YOU can do with science.

ASAP course: Graphic Novels: A New World in Reading

Instructor: Ms. Burnap

Open to students in grades: 2, 3 & 4

Course Description: Are you a fan of The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series? Do you enjoy how Lunch Lady serves up justice AND lunch? Do the pictures in Amulet inspire your dreams? Did you know that a Graphic Novel won a Newbery Honor Medal this year? (Yay for El Deafo!) Meet with Ms Burnap to learn more about the ever-expanding field of Graphic Novels! We'll travel to far-flung galaxies (Zita the Space Girl) and inner space (as an amoeba in Squish!) We'll visit the websites of GN authors and artists! And finally, we'll explore techniques used in GN to create and share our own stories!

You can pre-register using a Google form. Here's the link to the form: <http://goo.gl/forms/47ivb6mqvf>

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

3. Check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool>

4. Coolidge now has a YouTube channel! Tune in to follow along with All School Meeting and other celebrations of learning:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3fGo0KSKI068gQQuBnaH0g>



PTO Newsflash

October 5, 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. PTO minutes
2. Next PTO Meetings- October 21st and December 2nd
3. September Boxtop Winner- Ashley Thibeault
4. Rewards Programs
5. Help for the Holy Cross Football game- October 31st

1. PTO minutes: Thanks to everyone that was able to join us at our first PTO meeting last month! It was great to meet so many new people. For those that were unable to join us, here are the minutes from our September 16th meeting:

<https://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/2015/10/05/fall-pt0-meetings-2/>

2. Mark your calendars for our next meetings on Wednesdays October 21st and December 2nd. Please join us at 7pm in the Media Center of the school. All parents are encouraged to come! 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.

3. Congratulations to our September BOXTOPS winner, Ashley Thibeault! She has won books that have been generously donated by Kohl's.

4. Please continue to send in your Boxtops, Labels for Education, Coke Rewards, and Kellogg's Rewards. Your trash is our treasure!

5. Help for Holy Cross Football Game: The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester is holding a Kids Day football game on October 31, 2015 at 1 pm against Bryant University. We are looking for someone to coordinate a group outing to the game for Coolidge. Please contact Rachel (ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) if you are interested.

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