

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

November 7, 2016

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

Dear Families,

One of the important changes in the Elementary curriculum has to do with Writing. Rather than just telling “real life” stories, children are now encouraged to write for lots of reasons and in every subject. In the past two years we’ve specifically encouraged even our youngest students to craft opinion pieces. As voters we’ve certainly heard a lot of opinions lately! We are fortunate to live in a country where every person has a voice. As Coolidge parents, you’ll be busy.

As I anticipate Voting Day in our building, I want to ask that when you are at Coolidge that you are mindful of using your voice in a respectful way. I am sure that if everyone remembers our ideals, we’ll be able to maintain a peaceful and positive atmosphere for both voting and conferences.

Sincerely,

Amy

P.S. Please look for a special opportunity to share your views about Coolidge tomorrow. The annual School Council survey will be out in paper form tomorrow- and an online link for those of you who prefer communicating electronically will follow in email.



CHILD CARE AT COOLIDGE ON TUESDAY

Due to the shortage of staff and volunteers, there will be limited childcare during the day on Tues. Nov. 8 at parent conferences. The hours will be 8:00 – 3:30. Once we reach the maximum number of children, no additional students will be admitted until other children leave.

Please bring materials to occupy your children in case they will need to wait for you outside of your child's classroom. (No unaccompanied children will be allowed in the Book Fair.)

Important Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 2-10	BOOK FAIR
Nov. 8	NO SCHOOL – PARENT CONFERENCES & ELECTION DAY
Nov. 9	Deadline to send all photo orders by this date
Nov. 11	NO SCHOOL – VETERANS' DAY
Nov. 18	School Store
Nov. 18	Coolidge Variety Show 6-8 pm
Nov. 21	4 th Grade Chorus Concert 7pm
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Break

From the Office:

If you are sending an email or a note about an absence or lateness, please include your child's first and last name.

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.

Coolidge Book Fair

The Book Fair will be open during school hours and from 8:00-3:00 on Nov. 8th, Parent Conference day.

You can also purchase books online through Scholastic. Here is the link:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/media/index.cfm>



COOLIDGE CLOTHING DRIVE

Keep sending in your clothing, sheets, towels, blankets and drapes for the annual Coolidge School Clothing Drive. It is now underway and will run Monday, October 24 through Friday, November 18.

The material donations help the Epilepsy Foundation and Coolidge School gets \$.20 per pound.

Last year, Coolidge School collected over 3000 pounds of material and raised \$607!!! Starting on October 24, you can send in or drop off bags of materials in the Coolidge lobby.

Coolidge School Clothing Drive

Coolidge School will be having our 3rd clothing drive starting October 24th until November 18th. All donations need to be made of cloth-sheets, towels, blankets, all types of clothing, drapes, etc.



Along with making money for the school we will be helping by donating the items to the Epilepsy Foundation. Our school will get \$.20 per pound for the items donated.



We will keep the students involved by having them check to make sure the barrels are kept in order and any overflow will be stored until weigh-in day. We feel this could be a great learning experience for the students as well.

The barrels will be kept in the main lobby, so you can send the items with your child or bring them in yourself. Thank you in advance for your support.

From the Nurse

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

www.jdrf.org

www.joslin.org

www.JBWfund.org

Kids' Night Out! Mark your Calendars for November 12th

A fun night for kids hosted by Student Council! Part of Shrewsbury High School will be open to children ages 5-12 to play games, watch movies, do arts and crafts, grab dinner and more. SHS students are volunteering as "Big Brothers and Sisters" for the evening, running the event on November 12 from 6-9pm. The cost is \$20 per child with discounts for multi-child families. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will also be available for

purchase. Adult supervision by SHS staff members and a licensed school nurse will be provided. Pre-register at: <http://tinyurl.com/SHSkidsnightout> Maximum capacity is 200 children. Registration at the door is available pending maximum capacity has not been reached. Entrance to the event will be at the Gym entrance of Shrewsbury High School. Registration/admittance will open at 5:45pm. Funds raised at KNO support Student Council and the Excelsior. Please contact Becky Moisan (rmoisan@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) with questions.

Breakfast Available on 1/2 Days

Beginning **December 6, 2016** , Breakfast will be served on 1/2 days at Coolidge Elementary School, Oak and Sherwood Middle Schools and the High School. Lunch is not available on 1/2 days



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
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH 23 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
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27	28	29	30	31

APRIL 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
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10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
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

0 snow days = 6/14 last day
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

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" 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. Parent/Teacher Conference Bake Sale
2. Boys Formal
3. Candy Drive
4. Kidstuff Coupon Book Fundraiser
5. Reading Incentive Program

1. **Tuesday November 8th is parent teacher conferences.** We will be doing a **bake sale**. Please consider bringing in baked goods in individual bags.

2. Thanks to all who attended the Boys Formal. It was a wonderful evening!

3. We will be holding a **candy drive** starting Tuesday November 1st. Look for notices in your folders.

4. PTO fundraiser: **KidStuff Coupon book** Urgent: The fundraiser is now over. If you have not done so, Please immediately send in the payment of \$25, or return the KidStuff Coupon book to your teacher. All books have to be accounted for. Don't forget our school receives 50% of the profit for each book sold. If you have questions, please contact Sam Gardner at gardnercc@hotmail.com or Jane Bell at janebell72@hotmail.com

5. Reading Incentive Program - Our Reading Incentive Program has officially started. All classrooms have volunteer recorders who are counting and keeping track of the reading sheets as they are passed in. Please be sure that your child is bringing home the reading papers that need to be filled in and signed and returned to the classroom for recording. If you are not getting the sheets, please let your students teacher know and they can contact me so that we will make sure they are going home. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Thank you. Diane Betti -

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