

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

February 9, 2016

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

Dear Families,

Our focus on math learning continues. With the professional day behind us, teachers are more consistent in scoring student work. I hope the time home provided some great opportunities for problem solving for your family. Between calculating area covered and predicting shoveling times we certainly had fun in Hudson. Watching the thermometer becomes important here at school as we try to make the right call between indoor and outdoor recess. The idea of a linear scale is helpful as children consider the values between numbers, too.

In grades K and 1 the number line is a powerful tool for looking at the relationships between whole numbers as well as operations such as addition and subtraction. As children grow in understanding, the same tool helps students see similarities between skip counting and multiplication. By fourth grade, students start looking at the spaces between numbers as fractional parts. Best of all, almost every house has a ruler, and so this handy tool is easily accessed at school and at home. Please encourage your child to locate and use it.

Please also encourage your child to work on fact fluency. Just as we know regular independent reading is essential to growth, so too is regular practice of basic computation. Check out end of year expectations for each grade below:

K	Grade 1	Grade 2
* Count to 100	* Count to 120 from any number	* Count, read and write to 1,000
* Write numbers 0-20	* Add & Subtract to 20	* Add & subtract fluently to 20
* Add & subtract to 10	* Add & Subtract fluently to 10	* Know from memory all sums and related facts of two 1 digit numbers
* Add fluently to 5	* Use mental math to count on	* Know x facts for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10

Grade 3

* Fluently add & subtract to 1,000

* Fluently multiply & divide to 100

* Know from memory all products of 1 digit numbers

Grade 4

* Fluently add & subtract multi-digit numbers

* Know x facts and related division facts to 12x12

As we move through this second year of Math in Focus, we are still actively “catching kids up” in order to meet the degree of rigor in the program. **Your consistent help at home is critical to your child’s progress, and all we’re asking is 10 minutes of practice each night.** Not sure which facts your child needs to master first? Please email your child’s teacher.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

SCHOOL VACATION – FEB. 15-19.

Important Upcoming Dates:

2/12	School Store
2/15-2/19	WINTER VACATION
2/26	School Store
March 1	EARLY RELEASE DAY <u>Dismissal</u>



at 12:15

Primary Voting at Coolidge

March 2 PTO Meeting, 7 pm in the Media Center

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

FYI: News & Announcements

1. **Snow days are fun but we are critically behind with our *Time for Kids* campaign.** Please do your part to fill 7 entries in your family's book so that we can continue to provide this important resource at no cost to our school. Your help means that all our students gain access to informational text without any impact on our school budget. Get your book in by Friday to receive a prize!

Totals so far:

K = 9 Grade 1 = 15 Grade 2 = 25 Grade 3 = 25 Grade 4 = 21.

Our goal is 70 booklets at each grade 1-4 and 40 in Kindergarten. As you can see, we still have a long way to go,

2. **If it's 20 degrees or warmer we will go out for Recess.** Please send your child with a hat mittens and boots. Children without boots or snow pants will not be allowed to play in the snow.
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SCHOOL STORE WILL BE OPEN THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

From the Nurse's Office:

Parents, now that the snow is here, remember to send your child with a winter coat, hats and mittens and snow pants and boots to be able to play in the snow.

Thank you,

Katie Zimmermann RN,BSN,NCSN

Time for Kids

**TIME FOR KIDS has been extended.
Please return your booklets by Friday, Feb. 12.**

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.



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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!

“ALL COMPLETED BOOKS DUE BACK BY FRIDAY.”

Buffalo Wild Wings

This Wednesday, February 10th is our dine out at Buffalo Wild Wings (476 Boston Tnpk, Shrewsbury). Join us for lunch, dinner, or a snack; dine-in or carry-out. Show this certificate

<https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/buffalowildwings-2-10-16.pdf>

and 20% of your purchase will be donated to Coolidge PTO! Mark your calendars and spread the word to family, co-workers and friends. All are welcome.

COOLIDGE MUSIC NEWS:

Winter 2016

The new year brings new music opportunities for students throughout Coolidge school in addition to a recurring practice of honing routines and a continued development of musicianship. At the start of each class we sing. Ask your child to share some of the music we've been learning and enjoying in their class each week! Students in all grades have also been listening, responding, and creating with music from the Classical period as a section of their music time as well. Age-appropriate instruments and other learning tools are often used to enhance learning throughout all grades.

Music Space:

It is the second year that music time each week takes place within the student's regular classrooms. Instead of having a unique music space, this special is brought to the students in the area they spend most of their day. Students recognize more fully that music can occur anywhere in their daily lives as opposed to only in a specific type of space.

Music Expectations:

Students should feel safe to share their musicianship with confidence every time we work together. This atmosphere is created when there is an understanding of respect for each other and for our materials. The foundation of this expectation is similar to those that are created by their primary classroom teacher.

All School Meeting:

Each week at Coolidge school, students have the opportunity to meet with other schoolmates in a full or partial school meeting. During these assemblies there are opportunities for students to present singing, dance, or instrumental skills in small groups or on their own. If students are interested in presenting something musical at an

all school meeting their **first task is to practice** their idea at home or at school with their intended group members. Recess or other free time students may have is a great time to work on this. Once the student feels ready to present they need to **alert their classroom teacher** of their interest. The classroom teacher will then contact me, and together, we'll find a few minutes that are convenient for the classroom teacher, student, and me to finalize the intended plan. I follow up by collaborating with Ms. Clouter and schedule them into an upcoming assembly.

Musically yours,

Tahnee Fallis tfallis@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Man of your life dance

Girls of Coolidge School are welcomed to invite their favorite Male Role Model (Dads, Stepdads, Uncles, Grandfathers, etc.) to a night of dressing up and dancing.

Saturday, March 5, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Tickets are \$10 per person (cash or check – checks written out to Coolidge PTO.)

Tickets must be purchased by Feb 22 (Monday after Feb vacation.)

1 Role Model per students or siblings may share their role model.

Flyers and more info going home with students today.

SNOW DAY FUN







Come have breakfast With the Easter Bunny!

Texas Roadhouse has partnered with:
Calvin Coolidge Elementary School

Join us for a Texas sized breakfast, pictures with the bunny,
And a goody bag for all children under 12 years old!

When: Sunday March 20th
Time: Accepting reservations from 8:30-10:00
Where: Texas Roadhouse Lincoln Plaza Worcester
RSVP: Reservations are required by
Wednesday March 16th
For Reservations Email: BStark2@hotmail.com

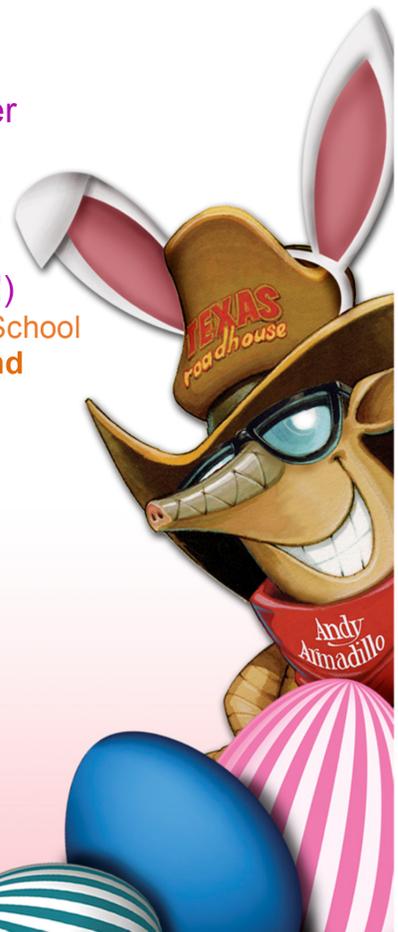
Cost: \$10 per person (children 2 and under are free!)
Don't forget to visit the Raffle table sponsored by Coolidge School
There will be crafts, temporary tattoos, balloon artist, and
an Egg hunt!

508-853-7266

**Lincoln Plaza
Worcester, Ma**

**Call today limited seating and
Spots will fill up fast!**

**Proceeds from this event will be
donated to Coolidge School!**



Coolidge Canned Food Drive (ends 2/11)

The Coolidge Food Drive is still underway. We ask that your child work with their homeroom to bring in non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Worcester County Food Bank. Let's try to reach our goal of 100 cans per classroom in honor of our 100th day of school (slated to be February 10th barring any snow days!)

We can do it!!



From Mrs. Cairns

If your child will be absent, tardy, on vacation or dismissed early, it is important that you notify the school. 508.841.8880.

If you prefer email, **please email your child's teacher as well as the office:**
ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

The list of teacher's email can be found on the left menu under Faculty & Staff:
<http://schools.shrewsbury.ma.gov/coolidge/>

If your teacher happens to be out sick that day, the substitute does not have access to the teacher's email.

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 Meeting- Wednesday March 2nd at 7PM
2. Coolidge School Dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings
3. Amazon Smile
4. Man of your Life Dance
5. Six Flags Read to Success Program
6. School Store this Friday
7. Reading Incentive Program

1. Important PTO Meeting: Members from the **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.

The minutes from our previous meeting in January meeting can be found here <https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2016/02/january-2016-minutes.pdf>

2. Join your Coolidge School family out for dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings at 476 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury! Wednesday, February 10, all day. BWW will give Coolidge PTO 20%! Dine-in or Take Out!"

3. AmazonSmile Donates! The PTO is now registered with AmazonSmile. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the PTO. Same products, same prices, same service as Amazon. Support us by starting your shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3072106>.

4. March 5th "Man of your life Dance " Girls of Coolidge are asked to invite the special man in their life or Dad, step dad, uncle , grandfather etc, for a fun night of dressing up and dancing the night away. Invitations and tickets will be going home soon!

5. This is the last month that we will be collecting the Six Flags Read to Succeed reading logs. If your child has not completed the log yet, this is the time to do so to earn a FREE ticket to Six Flags. All forms must be turned in by February 26th. Can't find yours? There are extra copies outside the nurse's office that your child can pick up. Happy reading!

6. School Store - We will be having the school store this Friday, February 12th to make up for our store that we missed on this Friday, our first snow day. So any of the students scheduled to work on Friday the 5th, will work this store if they are able. Thank you.

7. Reading Incentive - Our Reading Program is "book"-ing right along! Your child/children should have brought home a slip letting you know how many more sheets were needed by June for the medal ceremony. If you have not gotten one yet, it should be coming shortly. IF you have any questions, you can email me directly about this at q1tngbee10@yahoo.com.

A little known fact about our Solar System, the Earth in particular - Unlike most planets, it can support life. Oxygen in the air and water allow all kinds of people, animals, and other organisms to live there. There are currently almost 7 billion people living on earth. About 30% of the Earth's surface is covered with land, while 70% is covered by oceans. What an amazing planet!!

Our Reading Incentive winner for the month of January is Quiann Sun, a third grader in Ms. Richardson's class. Quiann received a \$5.00 gift card to Barnes & Noble and a very cool 3D picture! Keep up the great work Quiann!

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