

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

May 9, 2016

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



Dear Families,

The sun is back, and it's finally beginning to feel like warmer weather will become the norm. While our students are delighted to be heading outside for recess and physical education, they approach this time of year with some anxiety, too. Our older students are testing, and our younger students anticipate being the older kids. Some children recognize that they've grown but are sad about leaving their classroom. It's not unusual for educators to see "old" behaviors in May and June, and so I coach teachers to revisit expectations and to prepare for transitions. On your end, asking your child about their hopes for the end of the year will help, too. Just listening gives student worries a place to go, and helps kids to formulate questions they can ask at school.

Sometimes parents feel anxious about the end of the year, too. Please know teachers and specialists work together to place students thoughtfully, to group children with others they know, and to share information from one teacher to the next. In fact, our fourth grade team connects with teacher teams from Sherwood to make the move to middle school as smooth as possible. We call this the "placement process", and we invite parents to participate by sharing placement concerns.

If you have a child in Grades K-3, please look for a parent input form in your child's backpack today. Read through the directions carefully and return the form to your child's teacher. All parent input will be considered as part of our process. Granting every parent request is just not possible, however. Finally, there is no requirement that you fill out the form, but if you feel strongly I recommend you share your thoughts with us in this way. We do not save forms from past years, and we cannot know what you feel strongly about if you don't share. Grade 4 parents, please look for information from Sherwood Middle School about upcoming visiting days for Coolidge families.

No matter what, when we work together we strengthen the home-school connection. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or share your thoughts and opinions as we head into this season of celebration.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

P.S. And speaking of celebrating change, a special thanks goes out to...

- **Anthony Lombardo of Fangs & Fins Exotica in Worcester** for helping to create a healthy habitat for our Coolidge fish- and encouraging us to explore ways to connect the tank with our gardening efforts.

Important Upcoming Dates:

May 9-12	PARCC testing Grade 3, Math
May 16-19	PARCC testing Grade 4, Math
May 13	School Store
May 17	Meal Magic begins in Coolidge cafeteria – see article below
May 25	Last PTO Mtg 7 pm
May 27	School Store
June 1	Spring Concert 7 pm
June 2	4 th Grade Field Trip to Lowell
June 6	Medal Ceremony – Kindergarten: 9:30
June 7	Medal Ceremony – Grade 1: 9:30
June 10	Field Day (rain date June 17)
June 13	Medal Ceremony – Grade 2: 9:30
June 15	Medal Ceremony – Grade 3
June 17	Last Day for Kindergartners
June 20	4 th Grade Completion Ceremony: 9:30
June 21	Last day of school (early release day)

Coolidge Field Day: Friday, June 10 (rain date Friday, June 17.)

Fourth Grade Completion Ceremony Monday, June 20th.

Watch your Child's Monday Folder for info on Meal Magic at Coolidge Cafeteria

The Food Service will be implementing a new, computerized point-of-sale system in the Coolidge Street School Cafeteria- **Tuesday, May 17, 2016.** **Today, Monday May 2,** your child will bring home information sheets describing the Meal Magic program along with a card with their name, grade and their six-digit Lasid #.

Coolidge Photos

Pictured are students who won the Spring Fling "card-making" raffle hosted by Ms. Burnap.





Mrs. Shaughnessy raffled off a Tea Party at the Spring Fling. Pictured: Mrs. Shaughnessy with raffle winner Dakota and friend Samantha



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 News
 2. Teacher Appreciation Lunch- May 25th
 3. Field Day and Walk-A-Thon Volunteers Needed
 4. Chair Needed for “Boys’ Special Person” Event
 5. Reading Incentive Program
 6. Spirit Gear
 7. Boxtops
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1.PTO Meeting , Minutes & New Board: Thanks to everyone that was able to come to our PTO meeting this month! For those that were unable to join us, here are the minutes from our April 6th meeting:

<https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/april-2016-minutes.pdf>

Join us on Thursday, May 25th for our last meeting!

The PTO is pleased to announce the board members for 2016–2017.

President–Jenn Luke

Co-Vice Presidents–Amanda Tanaka, Rebeca Buelna

Co-Treasurers–Christine Maloney, Katie Evans

Co-Secretaries–Kristie Biando (Newsflash), Rachel Reeve (Minutes/Blog)

2. The Coolidge School is sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation Lunch for the teachers/staff on May 25th. Teachers are our everyday Super Heroes and we need to make sure they know it! In order to make this event possible we are looking for your help. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, serving and take-down the day of the event, as well as food and other donations to make the lunch extra special for

our everyday super heroes. Please consider making a donation! Thank you! If you have any questions, please let me know.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0F48AAAA2CAAFF2-teachers

3. Field Day and Walk-A-Thon Volunteers Needed

June 10th (Rain-date **Friday, June 17th**)

On field Day all Coolidge students enjoy a day with their class outside. They rotate through fun-filled stations throughout the morning with a break in between for snack. After the stations are finished, they eat lunch outside. **We need as many parents as possible to help make this day a success.** Volunteers are needed to help with set-up at 7:30am, to run field day activities from 8:30-12:30 and to help with the Walk-A-Thon from 12:00-3:00.

If you are available to help out on this fun filled day please MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A CURRENT CORI CHECK ON FILE and email Melissa Pratt at mpratt@townisp.com.

4. Chair Needed for a "Boys' Special Person" Event: Our wonderful chair who ran the "Man of Your Life" dance for our girls is unable to coordinate an event for our boys due to unforeseen circumstances. If you are interested in running an event for the boys of our school, please let us know

5. Reading Incentive Program

Our April Reading Incentive drawing winner was Maya Litchfield. Maya is a kindergartener in Mrs. McInerny class. Along with a \$5 Barnes & Noble gift card, Maya got a very cool 3D picture. Keep up the great work Maya.

The dates for the Medal Ceremonies have been set and your student should have brought home a sheet with their date on it. There is still time to send in sheets so as all students have an opportunity to get their 10 in to get their medal. Let's see if we can get 100% participation from each classroom.

6. Coolidge Spirit Gear- Order your Coolidge Spirit Gear online until May 13. See the new cardinal selections at <http://www.spiritgeardirect.com/GearDrive/Store.aspx?guid=47805eac-4235-4b60-b6da-0a87371a5ea7>

Items will be delivered to Coolidge the beginning of June. If you have any questions direct them to Jane Bell at janebell72@hotmail.com.

Last week we were able to hand out over \$4000 worth of FREE Six Flags tickets through our Six Flags Read to Succeed program! Way to go, Coolidge readers!

7. We will be collecting **Boxtops** through the end of the school year, so please keep clipping. Your trash is our treasure. 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