

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

September 12, 2016

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

Dear Families,

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One of the things I like best about meeting new people is the part where they ask what I “do for a living”. My job provides so much more than a salary, and I like it when I have the opportunity to say so. There’s a famous quote often ascribed to Winston Churchill that claims, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Teaching and learning- especially when children are involved- is often a balance of getting and giving:

- Getting the chance to show what you know, giving “air time” to others
- Getting assignments, giving assessments your best effort
- Getting time to work on something independently, giving others the chance to focus
- Getting responsibilities, giving thoughtful attention to follow up
- Getting feedback, and giving thought to others’ perspectives

In our effort to make the cafeteria a calmer place, we’ll be asking students to do some reflecting about the last bullet this week. Each grade level presents different challenges in moving through as a large group, and it’s important to all of us to involve students in the process. While it’s only been eight days thus far, please know that already we’ve made adjustments to the time based on student needs. Our aim in changing routines is to create a “feel good” experience for everyone, and thus we will continue to ask students about their feelings about starting in a silent way.

Thanks for your part in helping your children to be generous. Routines

Sincerely,

Amy

Date

9/15/16

9/21/16

9/22/16

10/7/16

10/10/16

Event

PTO Meeting Media Center 7pm

Curriculum Night: Grades K, 1, and 2 at 6:30pm

Curriculum Night: Grades 3 and 4 at 6:30pm

No School: Professional Development Day

No School: Columbus Day

P.S. Given that we are so new into the school year, we will continue to build school routines in lots of ways. One way we do this is by conducting all-school safety drills. We practiced our first fire drill last week. The Fire Department observed us evacuating. I’m pleased to say we accounted for all students

and staff within four minutes. This week we'll practice weather drills. Next we'll initiate lock down drills so that students and staff are familiar with what to do if we have a concern outside the building.

September 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back!

As you know physical education is an important component of your child's development. Students will be participating in physical education once per week (1st grade two times a week). These classes will consist of physical activities that address fitness, motor performance, and cognitive learning.

Physical education is a part of our standards-based report card. Students will be evaluated in three content areas, which include participation in individual and group activities, motor skill development, and fitness.

Physical Fitness

Realizing the importance of our physical fitness goal, a fitness assessment will be administered to each student twice during the school year. The five components of this assessment are the Pacer Test, Curl Ups, Push-Ups, Sit & Reach, and Trunk Lift for grades 3 & 4. Grades 1 & 2 are not assessed on Curl Ups and Push-Ups. Additionally, a healthy heart run is conducted during Trimester 2 for all grades and is included on the report card.

Physical Education staff will also facilitate the recording of heights and weights to assist the nurses and comply with health record requirements. In grades 1, 4, 7 and 10, height and weight screening data is used for state mandated BMI calculation and aggregate reporting. Individual student data is not reported. In order for students to be excused from any screening a parent must make that request in writing to the school nurse.

Our success will depend on your support with the following rules and procedures:

Sneakers- Sneakers will be required. **Sandals and Crocs** will not be allowed. Please double-check the day your child has PE. Please consider donating gently used sneakers to our sneaker bank for students in need.

Clothing- Please wear comfortable clothing that permits the freedom of movement on all playing surfaces. Girls should save dresses/skirts for non-physical education days.

Medical Issues

All children will be participating in physical education classes. If your child is recovering from illness or injury and limited participation is suggested, please send a written note or email explaining the reason and the nature of the limitation. For restrictions lasting longer than two weeks please bring in a doctor's note. A note or email is also requested when students are recovered and ready for full participation.

I am looking forward to a fun-filled year!

Thank you,

Kara Pacheco
Physical Education
kpacheco@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Sincerely,
Amy
Amy Clouter
Principal



Important Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 15 (Thurs)	First PTO Mtg 7pm
Sept. 21 (Wed)	Curriculum Night Grades k, 1 & 2 6:30-7:30
Sept. 22 (Thurs)	Curriculum Night, Grades 3 & 4, 6:30-7:30
Sept. 23 (Fri)	First Coolidge School Store
Sept. 28 (Wed)	School Photos 9-11:00 am
Oct. 7 (Fri)	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development
Oct. 10 (Mon)	NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day

From the Office:

If you filled out a CORI form at the Open House but did not include a photocopy of your license, please either send it to the office or come in and ask to have a photocopy made of your license. You cannot volunteer unless we send in a copy of your license with your CORI form.

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

From the Nurse:

Please look below for information on medical health from Mrs. Zimmermann, our school nurse. Having standing orders ready is another way we seek to help support students and families.

As of this morning, 160 parents out of 404 have done the consent.

Action Required - School Nurse Consent Form: The school nurse consent form that has traditionally been sent home on the first day of school for parents to sign and return is now available to complete in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please log in to the portal [here](#) as soon as possible to complete the form. This form is required for all students in order to be treated by and receive medications from the school nurse.

When you click you should see this:

Navigation

Grades and Attendance

Grade History

Attendance History

Lab Safety Agreement

Welcome to the Shrewsbury Public Schools Parent Portal

- Please submit the [Nursing Consent Form](#). This will ensure that your child has access to medical care while at school
- If any of your children are not listed above, click on "Account Preferences" in the left menu, then click on the "Students" tab to add them to your account using the codes that were mailed to you.
- **High School schedules will not be posted on the Parent Portal over the summer.** Schedules will be given to students on the first day of school.
- Please speak with your child first if you have questions about a classroom grade and/or attendance. Also, please refer to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#) and the course syllabus for additional answers to questions you may have.
- Please Note: This is not an official record, access is provided for reference purposes only!

The first line includes a link to the form. If you are still having trouble, let me know.



CUB SCOUT PACK 62

Pack Meetings: Ray Stone Post, 2 School St., Shrewsbury, MA

Pack Meetings:

<https://cubscoutpack62.wordpress.com>

pack62shrewsbury@yahoo.com

Cubmaster: Brian Edwardsen

3rd Monday, 7 - 8PM

Sponsored by the American Legion Ray Stone Post

Welcome! We're delighted that your family would like to join Pack 62.

Tonight you will meet some of our leaders and cub scouts, hear about the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Cub Scout Program together with family involvement, and learn some of the fun and character building activities that our boys experience!

Here is some information that is also posted on our website and will make the sign up process straightforward:

Registration materials:

Please follow this link to submit your application. You will not pay online.

<https://beascoutmembershipapp.scouting.org/youthpersonal.aspx?UnitID=100072610&UnitType=cub>

You will also need to provide a Medical History and Release form which will be kept by your den leader (don't forget the insurance card photocopy!):

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

Program Costs:

Our annual program costs in excess of \$125 to provide to each boy. This doesn't include the mammoth volunteer efforts! It includes great things like Pinewood Derby cars, rank advancements and pack meeting activities, together with important things like BSA registration and insurance. We cover these costs by both a registration fee and popcorn fundraiser.

The annual registration fee is \$75. Should your son be interested in the Boys' Life Magazine then it is an additional \$14 per year. In addition, each Cub Scout is asked to sell at least \$150 with the popcorn fundraiser OR make an additional contribution to the pack of at least \$50. The popcorn fundraiser is the official Mohegan Council BSA fundraiser and includes incentives for each boy so will have the biggest impact for fundraising and pack spirit.

Please make a check out to Pack 62 and bring it (together with the Medical History and Release form) to the Pack Meeting at the Ray Stone Post on Monday, September 21st at 7pm.

Uniform etc:

You may purchase your Cub Scout's uniform at the Mohegan Council shop in Worcester (Harvard Street) or at the New England Scout Shop on Rte. 9 in Southborough. Please see the check list on the other side of this flyer. Total cost of uniform, badges and a book is approximately \$75.00

Safety First:

All our leaders are required and our families encouraged to review the Youth Protection Training below. Please bring a print out of the certificate to the Pack Meeting on September 21st.

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

SCOUT UNIFORM CHECKLIST

- _____ SHIRT (Blue for Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Tan for Webelos)
- _____ MOHEGAN COUNCIL SHOULDER PATCH (can't be purchased at the New England Scout Shop)
- _____ WORLD CREST EMBLEM
- _____ PACK NUMBERS (62)
- _____ DEN NUMBER (except for Webelos)
- _____ HANDBOOK for rank
- _____ NECKERCHIEF for rank
- _____ SLIDE for rank
- _____ BELT
- _____ BALL CAP (optional)

FOR WEBELOS ONLY

- _____ Shoulder loops – Blue
- _____ Webelos Colors

Mohegan Council Scout Shop
19 Harvard St.
Worcester, MA
508-752-3768

New England Backpacker
6 East Mountain St.
Worcester, MA
508-853-9407

New England Scout Shop
23 Turnpike Rd. (Rte. 9)
Southborough, MA
508-229-2396

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 September 15th at 7PM
2. CORI forms needed to volunteer
3. School Store- Friday, September 23rd

1. The first PTO meeting is on Thursday, September 15th at 7:00pm in the media center. All are welcome to attend and we will be discussing the upcoming year, programs and fundraising. The programs are only as strong as our volunteers and participants. If you cannot make the meeting, think about getting involved and providing and much or as little time as you can. We look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

2.All individuals interested in volunteering at school need to fill out a CORI form and provide a copy of their license with the application. Thank you!

3.The **school store** will kick off the new school year on **Friday September 23rd**.

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 and Rachel Reeves at rachelreeve@yahoo.com

