

## GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

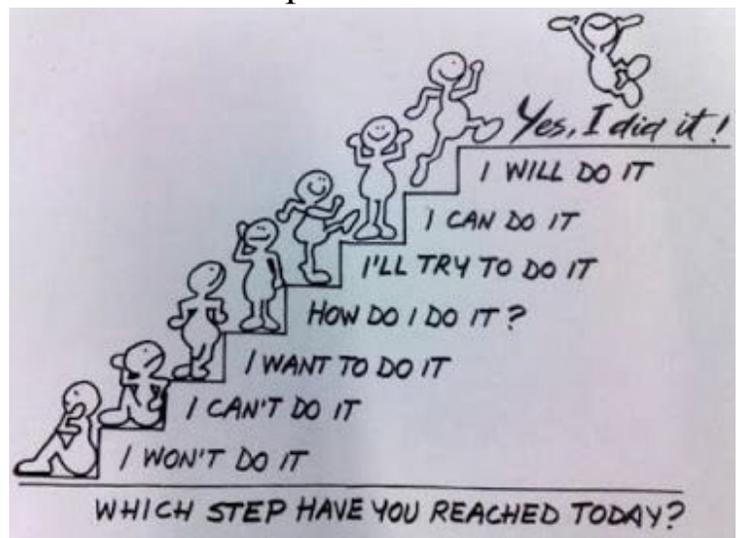
December 21, 2015

[www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/coolidge](http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/coolidge)

Dear Families,

Wishing and hoping is in the air this week. Student desires are mostly driven by the toys and games featured on the airwaves. But not all; some students are very aware that report cards also come home today. This is a terrific opportunity to help your child to adapt the ‘growth mindset’ I referenced last week. Will you be ready? The answer is YES if you follow the orientation of the report itself.

In Shrewsbury report cards begin with a ‘Habits of Mind’ section. This choice is deliberate, because effort plays a big role in achievement. If you choose to review the report with your child, this is the part that is most important to discuss in detail. After all, we don’t always get what we wish for, but it’s unusual to be denied something we work really hard to achieve. With the new year coming, this is a good opportunity for you to elicit your child’s thinking about why they earned the marks they did, and to ask about what their hopes are for Trimester 2. If you have any questions about appropriate goals for your child for the next few months, please don’t hesitate to contact us for help.



When we return from break, teacher teams will be scoring and analyzing student work, planning ahead for supports and enrichment opportunities and learning from the data we’ve collected to date. This is an exciting time of year- the “first act” of the year is behind us, but so much of the drama remains.

I hope that you enjoy the time ahead, too. Here's wishing you and your family a restful break and lots of time together over vacation.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

*Amy*

Amy Clouter

*Principal*

P.S. Please keep the report but sign and return the report card envelope. We save time and money by reusing them 😊

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## Snowflake Festival at Coolidge School

On Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, all was wintery at Coolidge School. Each class participated in various “snowflake-related” projects, with the help of many Coolidge parents.

The students were also treated to a fabulous concert by the Shrewsbury High School Choir and Women’s’ Choir.

There are links to the various songs performed by the choirs on our Facebook page:



<https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool/>

There are also photos of the various class projects the students created on facebook.



## Important Upcoming Dates:

- 12/24-1/1 December Break
  - 1/4 Classes Resume
  - 1/8 School Store
  - 1/8 Nocturnal Animal Celebration: 9:45-10:45 (Ms. Cloyes/Ms. Hurley)
  - 1/18 No School: Martin Luther King Day
  - 1/20 PTO Meeting in Media Center
  - 1/22 School Store
  - 2/2 EARLY RELEASE DAY
  - 2/15-2/19 Winter Vacation
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**CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SEE WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DOING:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool/>**

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## **PTO NEWSFLASH**

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1. PTO News
2. Coolidge School Family Dinner Out at 2 Ovens- December 23rd
3. Direct Donation in honor of someone special
4. Boxtops, Labels for Education, Coke/Kellogg Rewards
5. Six Flags Read to Succeed Program
6. December Vacation Computer Workshops

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1. Thanks to everyone that was able to join us at our last PTO meeting. For those that were unable to join us, here are the minutes from our December 2nd meeting:

<https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/december-2015-minutes.pdf>

**Mark your calendars for our next meeting on Wednesday January 20th.** 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](mailto:ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)) with anything you want to discuss so it can be added to the agenda.

**2. Join your Coolidge School family out for dinner at 2 Ovens** in White City Shopping Center! **Wednesday, December 23, between 11:30 am and 10:00pm** present the attached flyer and 2 Ovens will give Coolidge PTO 15%!"

<https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/2ovens-coolidge-school-flyer.pdf>

**3. 'Tis the Season for Giving:** Have you considered making a donation in someone's name as a gift this holiday season? Direct donations to the PTO are always welcome, in any amount. You can send a check in to the school made out to "Coolidge PTO" or donate online

here <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto>

In this way all of your donation will go directly towards funding our enrichment programs, academic materials, staff appreciation, community events, and more. You can download and print a card to present the special person you are honoring.

<http://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2012/07/donationcard.jpg>

Frequently employers will match tax-deductible charitable contributions made by their employees. Contact your Human Resources Office for eligibility requirements and to obtain a matching gift form. Many area businesses, such as Fidelity Investments, offer this program, so if you are considering donating to the PTO, please give this opportunity some thought.

4. Please continue to send **Boxtops, Labels for Education, Coke Rewards codes, and Kellogg's Rewards codes** in with your child.

5. **The Six Flags Read to Succeed** program is well under way. If you would like a FREE ticket to Six Flags New England, be sure to log and initial at least 6 hours of your child's reading on the Six Flags Reading Log.

## **5. Computer Workshops:**

As we know there are numerous benefits of introducing kids to Computer Science early. While our kids use laptop, ipads & smart phones to play games, watch vides etc, it's important to introduce them to basics of computer science. Once this foundational knowledge is in place then introducing kids to actual programming languages will be the next step.

RASA Creations is happy to announce two Computer Workshops for kids grade 1 to 6. After tremendous response to our last year's Computer workshops, we are coming up with two workshops for kids this December vacation.

**1. Count on Computers - For grades 1 to 3**

Date - December 28th and 29th,2015

**2. Super Scratch - for grades 4 to 7**

Date - December 30th and 31st,2015

Please see the flyer for more details on these workshops.

<https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2015/11/cocnsuperscratch.pdf>

**10% of Enrollment fees go to School PTO**

*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](mailto:kbiando74@gmail.com)*

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