

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

January 25, 2016

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

Dear Families,

This weekend marked two special occasions for Coolidge School. More than 100 people showed up for pancakes and fun on Saturday. Diane Betti and family coordinated the meal with Charlene Campbell, our cafeteria manager. Blake Jarvi helped with ticket sales and the raffle, and custodian Bruce Anderson helped to keep syrup spills from gumming up the works. Teamwork and positivity made a cold morning feel warm and fun.

The Shrewsbury Education Foundation awards dinner on Saturday evening was a more formal affair. Adults across the community gathered to celebrate grant recipients and to applaud the accomplishments of John P. Collins Award winners. The Coolidge School community should be proud to note that:

- Our own Susan Conley, Instructional Coach, was celebrated for her excellence, and
- The SEF awarded Coolidge a special grant to benefit Arts education. See below for details.



This week we are hosting another special community event- Math Night. I am delighted to announce that many staff have volunteered their time to host students and their families for an evening of math games, problem solving and Math related activities.

I hope to see a great crowd tomorrow evening at 6:30!

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 26	Math Night 6:30-7:30
January 28	Block Kids/ Lego Night (Grade 3 only)
2/2	EARLY RELEASE DAY <u>Dismissal at 12:15</u>
2/5	School Store
2/15-2/19	Winter Vacation
2/26	School Store
March 1	EARLY RELEASE DAY <u>Dismissal at 12:15</u> 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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE...

**Join us for Math Night at Coolidge School Tonight!
Even if you haven't signed up, you can join us!**

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Parents, Guardians and Coolidge Students
Please join us for an evening of investigation.
Many teachers from all levels have planned a
special evening of hands-on learning for
students and their families.

Come learn about Math In Focus and
strengthen your skills.

Leave with some math activities for more fun at
home~ and maybe even a special prize!

You'll get to see how we are using interactive whiteboards, online
resources, problem solving opportunities and math games to provide
individualized,

meaningful practice and challenge in math.

We will have engaging plans and materials waiting, all we need is you!



Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming Kindergarten Students,

Per Massachusetts law, all students are required to have proof of the following immunizations in order to begin Kindergarten:

Hepatitis B: 3 doses
DTap/DTP : 5 doses
Polio: 4 doses

MMR: 2 doses
Varicella: 2 doses

It is your responsibility to make sure that the necessary documentation is on file in your child's health record. Your child may have already had the needed vaccinations. If so, please forward a copy of the documentation to the appropriate School Health Office (see addresses below). If not, please schedule an appointment with your child's health care provider to receive the immunizations, and forward the documentation as soon as possible.

Preferred forms of documentation: original copy or fax directly from doctor's office to school nurse.

*Any student without documentation of the required immunizations will not be allowed to start school on the first day of school in the fall.

* If your child is medically unable to receive the immunizations, documentation from your child's physician is required.

Please contact me, or the nurses listed below, with any questions.

Respectfully,

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Magic Show at Shrewsbury High on January 31 at 2:00 pm

The Class Of 2019 is teaming together with Mr. Magic to have a fun, family-friendly **magic show!** On **January 31 at 2 o'clock in the Shrewsbury High School Auditorium** join us for raffles, food, games, crafts, and magic led by students of the class of 2019. Go through the main entrance of the high school, where tickets will be sold at the door. **The admission is \$7 per person.** This is our only fundraiser of the year so we need as much participation as possible (and don't forget to spread the word!).The **snow date is March 13.** See you there!

Any questions: ggray@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

The Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Coolidge School

Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Election officers will arrive between 6:00 A.M. and 6:30 A.M.

Voting equipment will be set up on Monday, February 29 and removed on Wednesday, March 2.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (508)841-8507.

ART NEWS

Winter 2016



3rd Grade Student Work - Symmetrical Snowflakes!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The new year is off to an exciting start in the art room! We have a student teacher with us who began on January 4th. Miss Dina Martinelli will be teaching and assisting with my morning classes until the end of April. Miss Martinelli is studying for her Masters in Studio Teaching at Boston University. She holds a BFA in Painting with an Art History Minor, and she is also a Coolidge alum! She is very much looking forward to getting to know the students, and creating some exciting projects.

ART RULES

The art room is a place where students should feel safe to share their ideas in an artistic way. The rules and routines of the art room are similar to those in the regular classroom; they are founded on respect for each other and safety with materials. January is a great time to revisit the rules and expectations with students.

ART DISPLAYS

We have been busy creating and some of the fantastic work students are doing is displayed throughout the school. Check out the Shrewsbury Visual Arts website at <http://sites.google.com/a/shrewsbury.k12.ma.us/art-departmen/> where you can see what students are creating across the District. Each month five pieces are chosen from Coolidge students for display at Central Office. The works are switched out roughly every six weeks. The works that are there now will be up until February. These pieces can also be viewed at the Visual Arts website.

Lastly, donations are always welcome in the art room. Some ideas are glue sticks, table wipes, tissues, paper plates, Magic Erasers, sanitized foam meat trays, egg cartons, empty toilet paper rolls and empty paper towel rolls.

Amy Laconsola

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 Dates
2. Sports Outing Volunteer Needed
3. Amazon Smile
4. Young Rembrandts Art Classes
5. Reading Incentive Program
6. Six Flags Read to Success Program
7. Labels for Education, Box Top, Kelloggs and Coke Rewards
8. RASA Creation Computer Workshops during February vacation

1. Save the dates! Our spring PTO meetings have been scheduled for March 2nd, April 6th, and May 25th at 7pm in the Media Center. It is never too late to join us for the first time. We are always happy to welcome new people.

2. Volunteer needed: We are still in need of a coordinator for our sports outings. The Boston Red Sox and Providence Bruins have been contacting the PTO to remind us of their available events. We've always had a great time at our Worcester Bravehearts in the spring with over 100 people from Coolidge attending. Please emailptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us if you are interested in coordinating an event to any sporting event for Coolidge.

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. After School Art Classes: A new session of Young Rembrandts will begin at Coolidge in a few weeks. A flyer was sent home for the new session running on Friday afternoons, Feb 5 - March 18. Whether you are joining us for the first time or have taken our drawing classes in the past, winter is the perfect time to register for Young Rembrandts. No two sessions are ever the same--we have all new lessons each week. Artists will advance techniques in color pencil, marker and Sharpie. Our engaging classes will make this an unforgettable winter for learning and fun. Online registration is the

quickest and easiest way to enroll [atwww.youngrembrandts.com](http://www.youngrembrandts.com). You can also return the registration form to the school office with payment attached, or call our office directly to register over the phone: [\(508\) 393-8033](tel:5083938033). **10% of your tuition goes back to the Coolidge PTO to support school programming**--classes fill quickly so register today!

View/download the flyer here: <https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/flyer-coolidge-febmar2016.pdf>

5. Reading Incentive Program - Please encourage your child/children to keep on reading and sending in their reading sheets to be recorded weekly in their classroom. They are all getting closer to the 10 sheets required to earn their medal at the ceremony held in June. Our reading theme this year has been our Solar System and the students have all seen the display in the front lobby.

An interesting fact about one of our planets - Jupiter - Jupiter has sixty-seven confirmed moons. Wow! The moons are made up of different materials, and many have their own names. Such as - Europa which is made of ice, IO which is covered with volcanoes, Ganymede which is the biggest moon in the solar system, and Callisto which is covered with craters, just to name a few.

Check out some really cool books in our media center or the local library and see what you can find out too!

6. We are accepting the **Six Flags Read to Succeed reading logs** through most of February. Don't forget to log 6 hours of your child's reading for a FREE ticket to Six Flags New England. The form must be initialed by a parent or guardian to be valid. Please contact Blake Jarvi at blake.jarvi@gmail.com with any questions.

7. Labels for Education - Please remember to send in your Labels for Education found on many items, such as Campbell's and Pepperidge Farm. Each point is worth valuable money put together to order things for the school such as things for the classrooms as well as for gym equipment. Send them in with your student to be dropped off in the labeled box in the front lobby. Thank you.

Please continue to cut and save those **Boxtops** for Coolidge. Send them in on a Boxtops sheet or in a baggie. Whether you send in one or one hundred, it helps!

We are always accepting **Coke Rewards codes** and **Kelloggs Rewards codes**.

8. **RASA Creations** is happy to announce another series of Computer Workshops this February Vacation and **\$10 of each enrollment fee is donated to the PTO**. Please see attached flyer for details of the workshops.

<https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/cocnsuperscratch.pdf>

1. Count on Computers (Grades 1 to 3)

Date - February 15th and 16th 2016

Time - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fees - \$150 (Sibling discount \$20)

2. Super Scratch (Grades 4 to 6)

Date - February 17th and 18th 2016

Time - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Fees - \$100

For Registrations - sarita.deshpande@rasacreations.com OR [508 845 2575](tel:5088452575)
www.rasacreations.com

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