

PTO NEWSFLASH

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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, December 2, 2015 at 7PM
2. Gingerbread Shop
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

1.PTO MEETING: Everyone is encouraged to join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, December 2nd at 7pm** in the Media Center. Our principal, Mrs. Clouter, will be discussing deep understanding in reading.

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) with anything you want to discuss so it can be added to the agenda. The minutes from our last meeting can be found here <https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2015/11/october-2015-minutes.pdf>

2. GINGERBREAD SHOP IS HERE- November 30th-December 4th. A notice went home with students last week that provided the date your child will be going to the Gingerbread Shop. Attached to the notice was an envelope that can help your child identify who they would like to shop for and payment (cash or checks made out to "Coolidge PTO") can be placed inside. Children will only be allowed to spend the amount of money in their envelopes. Please send your child with their envelope, list and money on their scheduled shopping day.

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. As you were cooking up some tasty dishes over the holiday, hopefully you came across **Boxtops, Labels for Education, Coke Rewards codes, and Kellogg's Rewards codes**. Please continue to send them 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.

6. 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

