



Community Bulletin

December 21, 2015

Dear Shrewsbury Families,

Please note the following announcements and information related to various events or activities that may be of interest to you and your children. Announcements from non-school sources are passed on as a courtesy if they meet the requirements of [School Committee policy](#).

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1. **The Colonial Fund Asks for Your Help - Support Innovation in Our Schools**

During this season of giving, please consider a gift on behalf of your own family, or in honor of someone important to you. We can mail you 4x5 acknowledgement cards for each donation you make in honor of someone this holiday season. These special note cards can be presented to your honoree. What type of innovation does the Colonial Fund support? Innovation can mean technology, support for technology, or even a new idea or way of teaching in the classroom. This year, we will be supporting an expansion of the 4th grade digital classroom pilot, the purchase of 24 interactive projectors for classrooms at the high school, expansion of a subscription to an online library of digital books, which will help motivate readers, and STEM-related classroom supplies for kindergarten and pre-school classes. This spring, the Colonial Fund will also sponsor a showing of the film, Most Likely to Succeed. More details will be announced later.

To donate online to the Colonial Fund, please visit:

<https://unipaygold.unibank.com/Default.aspx?customerid=574> or mail your donation, made payable to Shrewsbury Public Schools Colonial Fund, 100 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

Remember, Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union will match your donation to the Colonial Fund!
Thank you for your support.

2. **NEW! – Parks & Rec Tykes Tennis and Clay, Canvas & Bead Art Class**

Shrewsbury Parks & Recs will hold tennis lessons for children in 1st and 2nd grade and we provide all equipment. The art class for grades 1st-3rd will include multiple art projects each week at Claytime! Please click the link to get further information and registration.

<https://regrec.shrewsburyma.gov/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbsi=9927feb1-1800-b18b-e411-227b1a3f87ce>

3. NEW! - Babysitting & Home Safety Course

Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation has teamed up with UMASS to offer both of these courses in January. The Babysitting course is for 6-8th graders who are interested in becoming responsible babysitters. The Home Safety course is designed for children ages 9 and older who are unattended at home for short periods of time. Please click the link to get further information.

<https://shrewsburyma.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1563> Register at

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4. One Last Call - Registrations for the Shrewsbury Boys Youth Lacrosse 2016 Spring Season

Sign-ups are through our website at <http://shrewsburyyouthlacrosse.uslaxteams.com/>

The cost is \$210 per player. A credit card is required to sign up! Registration is open to 1st thru 8th grade boys who live in the town of Shrewsbury. No experience is required. There are no try-outs and teams are evenly organized and balanced. We field all players as equally as possible with the goal of teaching the sport of lacrosse and providing a fun experience for everyone involved. We play an 8 game schedule against surrounding towns and the season ends with a Jamboree at Fort Devens in June. Indoor practices will start after February vacation and games will start as soon as we are allowed on the fields in April. Games are typically played on Sunday and practices are during the week. Our league is growing fast, and we are always looking for people to help with coaching and administrative duties. We've had some excellent coaches and helpers over the years that have never played lacrosse. So don't let it stop you if you're new to the sport!

Important – Timely registration is critical since we need to register our teams with MBYLL in December for the 2015 season.

5. NEW! - Beal PTO in Conjunction with Elementary and Sherwood PTO's Offers Count on Computers Enrichment Program

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 videos 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 workshop, 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

To view more details on these workshops, please click here:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/floral/documents/CountonComputersFlyer1.pdf>