

THE FALCON FLYER

October 26, 2009



Dear Floral Street Families,

As we have said before, one of the most important factors to our success is the **strength of our home-school partnership**. The strength and support that is provided by parents is absolutely invaluable to our students' success and to the feeling of community in our school. The Floral Street PTO is one of the most important contributors to this partnership, and they are sponsoring the first evening PTO meeting of the year this Tuesday. Our Floral Street nurses will be with us to present important information about allergies in schools and about the flu and flu season – topics we know are on everyone's mind. Please join us from 7:00 to 8:00 this Tuesday for the presentation and conversation. Limited childcare, **for school-aged children only**, will be available.

Speaking of the PTO, don't forget that Saturday, November 14th is the annual Falcon Fun Fair – we'll have games for kids and plenty of holiday shopping at the craft fair. More details to come, but mark your calendars!

Todd Curtis
Principal

Lisa McCubrey
Assistant Principal

Important Notes:

Parent Conferences

Just a reminder that next Tuesday, November 3rd is Parent Conference Day – there is no school for students. Limited childcare will be available **during the time of your conference only** and only for school-aged children (5 years and older).

PTO News

Our Otis Spunkmeyer and Armeno Coffee fundraisers continue for one more week. Kindly fill out your orders and send in forms along with payment to the office by Monday, November 2. Cookie orders will be available for pickup on Wednesday, December 2 from 3:15-6:30 PM. There is a typo on the order forms. I am sorry for any inconvenience. Coffee orders will sent home in the backpacks on December 2. Checks can be made out to Floral Street School PTO. For questions, please contact Patti Wolohan wolohan5@townisp.com, Kim Wackell wackell@townisp.com, or Brenda Buckley plrkbuckley@townisp.com. Thank you for your support.

Please join us at the Floral Family Fun Fair on Saturday, November 14th from 10 am – 3 pm. This event is jam-packed with activities and fun. There will be games & prizes, a market/craft fair with over 30 vendors, Scholastic Book Fair, a silent auction and brown bag raffle with over 100 items. We will also have a tattoo artist and many food items, including pizza, hotdogs and cotton candy. The Floral Street School PTO will also be selling new baseball shirts, sweatshirts and hats featuring the school mascot, the Falcon. Our Special Guest will be Mascot of the 2007

World Series Champion Boston Red Sox Wally the Green Monster from Noon – 2 pm. Bring your camera and have fun!

The Floral Street School PTO is still looking for volunteers to help out at the Fair. It takes many volunteer hours to hold our annual fair and this is one of the largest (and most fun!) fundraisers that we hold during the year. Please email Chantal Newmark at mcnewmark@townisp.com if you are able to volunteer an hour or two at the Fair.

Shrewsbury Education Foundation Spelling Bee Fundraiser

The SEF provides wonderful support for our schools through their annual grant program. Their new fundraising event will be an Adult Spelling Bee with all funds to be used for these classroom enrichment grants. Four-person Spelling Bee teams will vie, in a good-natured competition, for the honor of Shrewsbury Splendiferous Spellers. This family event will be held on Saturday, November 14 at 7pm in the Shrewsbury High School; there will be refreshments and activities for the children. Please see the SEF website, www.shrewsbury-edfoundation.org for information about forming a team, sponsoring a team, and general information.

The Shrewsbury High School Girls Ice Hockey Club

They will be holding their second electronics recycling fundraiser in the upper parking lot at the high school on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The goal is to reclaim or recycle unwanted electronic components and home appliances. Items will be disposed of in an ecologically responsible manner by a certified recycling company. Tax deductible fees ranging from \$0.50 to \$100 per item will be charged for items dropped off.

Shrewsbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Please join the Shrewsbury Special Education PAC for a special guest - SpedWatch!! They will be presenting a Basic Rights workshop with a focus on Special Education Advocacy. They will give basic information everyone needs to know to begin advocating for a student with disabilities. This training lays a solid foundation on which more sophisticated advocacy techniques can be built.

Date: Thursday, November 5th

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Oak Middle School

An RSVP is appreciated but not required to shrewspac@yahoo.com

Thank you,

Stacey Levine-Lavelly (Chairperson), Michele Wentzell (Treasurer), Susan Agneta (Secretary)

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departments/division.php?fDD=20-17>

Important Fall Dates:

October 27	General PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
November 3	Parent Conferences (No School)
November 5	Fourth Grade Fall Concert (Bisceglia, Largess, Spangenberg) 6:30 p.m.
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November 10	Fourth Grade Fall Concert (Beall, Morgan, Ross) 6:30 p.m.

November 11	No School – Veterans’ Day
November 14	Falcon Fun Fair, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
November 25-27	No School – Thanksgiving Vacation
December 24-January 4	No School – Winter Vacation