

# THE FALCON FLYER

April 12, 2010



Dear Floral Street Families,

We'd like to begin this week by thanking everyone who came out on Friday night for our Literacy Night this past Friday. We had an **incredible** turnout and hope you got as much out of the event as we did. A special congratulations to our students who read their own work for their confidence and enthusiasm! **Thank you to our planning committee: Brenda Buckley, Denise Salmu, Clare Cox, and Cherie Weinman** and also to **everyone** who volunteered on Friday night – it could not have been a successful event without you!

On a less exciting note, many of you may have seen last week's School Committee meeting, where a set of budget cuts was announced that will affect the entire district, including Floral Street School. Two notable impacts at Floral are an increase in class size at grade 4 to an average of 27 students per class, and a reduction in aide hours. While we have experienced classes of this size before, the impact will certainly be felt. **We are especially thankful in times such as this of the quality and commitment our educators bring to the table each day no matter what the circumstances.** Please keep in mind that even with the reductions that have been named, a significant budget gap remains. We appreciate your ongoing support, as evidenced on Friday night by the large turnout for Literacy Night mentioned above – thank you!

Sincerely,

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## FLORAL STREET NOTICES:

### **Spring Playground Work**

April vacation is when we traditionally ready our playground for use in the spring by turning over and freshening up the mulch. This year, we're also fortunate to be able to install a new piece of playground equipment, thanks to our generous PTO. If you'd be interested in helping out this year on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, please email Deb Richard at [drichard@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:drichard@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

### **Lost and Found**

On Friday, April 16, 2010 all items left in the Lost and Found will be donated to a local charity. There are many coats, sweatshirts, gloves, hats and lunchboxes. Please have your child look for any items they might have misplaced.

### **PTO Read-A-Thon**

The Read-a-Thon concluded on Friday. If your child participated please return their

reading log, sponsor sheet and pledge money as soon as possible. Please make any checks payable to Floral Street School PTO. Any questions please contact Kim Wackell at [kwackell@townisp.com](mailto:kwackell@townisp.com) or Patti Wolohan at [wolohan5@townisp.com](mailto:wolohan5@townisp.com).

### **Destination Imagination**

Congratulations to a group of fourth-grade students who have qualified for the Global Tournament in Tennessee next month, a group that includes Floral Street student Abigail Goldberg. Good luck!

### **OTHER DISTRICT NOTICES:**

#### **Shrewsbury Road Scholars 5k**

Thanks to everyone who came out to run in the third annual Shrewsbury Road Scholars 5K on Sunday. We had our biggest turnout thus far, with well over 400 runners! Photos and results are posted on our race website at [shrewsburyroadscholars.org](http://shrewsburyroadscholars.org) ! **As in past years, all proceeds will benefit the Shrewsbury Public Schools Citizens for Education Fund.**

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

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

#### **Important Dates:**

April 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>                      Spring Vacation – No School

#### **MCAS Dates:**

May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>                      Math – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>                      Math – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Please check the FSS website for other important dates and the most recent updates!*