

THE FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Street Families,

At our final All-School Meeting of the year this past Friday, we had a moment to celebrate a few things and to remind ourselves and our students about what is most important.

At the meeting, we recognized some of our top readers from the recent Read-a-Thon. What was most exciting was the reception these students received from their peers, described by someone at the meeting as "rock stars." Each of the students was greeted with tremendous applause, high fives from the classmates, and smiles all around. The really exciting part of this is that it indicates **the strength of the culture of achievement at Floral Street**. Kids here want to do well and are proud of themselves and each other when they do.

We also celebrated two "words to live by" – "FACTS" and "CARES." These two words, as you may know, are acronyms for some very important habits of mind and elements of good character. FACTS, which has been around for four years now, stands for *Focus, Attitude, Confidence, Try your best, and Stamina*. CARES, new this year, represents *Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-control*. Students gave examples of how these ideas have helped them, and we talked about something very important: That, taken together, these words represent, above all, effort. **Research has shown that one of the most critical factors to achievement in school is effort – not what you're born with, not how lucky you are, but effort.** And our students at Floral Street are nearing the end of an effort-filled year.

Speaking of both reading and effort, we also previewed a summer reading program with our students that asks them to track their reading over the summer and more importantly to read each day during the summer. The reading habit and the time spent reading is absolutely critical to success, and the summer is simply too long to go without consistent reading in the appropriate level text. So we're asking our students to read each day for about twenty minutes if they can – **its an investment in their own future**. This year's summer reading list will be divided by levels, and your child's reading level will be printed on the report card you receive June 18th – we hope both of these efforts will assist you in supporting your child's reading this summer.

Sincerely,

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FLORAL STREET NOTICES

PTO News

The Floral Street School PTO will host its Annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, June 11th. If you have volunteered to donate to the luncheon, please remember to drop off your donation on Friday morning in the gymnasium between 8:30 and 10:30am. All items

should be in disposable trays and containers. Contact Hannah Kane at hkane@townisp.com or 508-842-2894 with any questions. Thank you for your generosity.

4th Grade Parents: If you haven't done so already, please return your child's Fourth Grade Celebration Barbecue form and payment as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to the FSS PTO. If you need another form please email Kim Wackell at kwackell@townisp.com

The **Back to School Packs Sale** with Innisbrook ends today! Please return all order forms along with your checks made out to Floral Street School PTO by Wednesday, June 9th. Final counts need to be into Innisbrook at the end of week. If you prefer to order on-line, the web site is www.innisbrook.com and our school number is 114240. Again, the Back to School Packs will be delivered directly to the school before the first day of class. For any questions, please contact Innisbrook Customer Service at 800-334-8461 or Patti Wolohan at wolohan5@townisp.com.

Moving? Missing the last day?

If your family is planning on moving after the end of the school year, please let the main office know as soon as possible so that we can ensure a smooth transition. Also, if your child will miss the last day of school for any reason, please let the office know in advance so that we can arrange for report cards, etc. Thank you!

OTHER DISTRICT NOTICES:

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:
<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departments/division.php?fDD=20-17>

Important Dates:

June 8	Field Day: Grade 1 & 2
June 16	Fourth Grade Celebration – 9:30 am
June 17	Open House for <u>new</u> students, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
June 18	Last day of school – half day, dismissal at 12:15 pm

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