

THE FALCON FLYER

December 13, 2010

www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/floral



Dear Floral Street School Families,

Your child comes home today with his or her report card; we hope you had a chance to look at the *Floral Focus* issue on the school website that describes our standards-based report card in detail. The most important part of any discussion you can have with your child is to focus on reflection – where they did well, what did they do that made that possible? Where they have room for improvement, what can help them to take that next step?

Where you have questions for yourself, your best contact for those questions is your child's classroom teacher. We thank them for their significant efforts in making sure accurate assessments of progress come home to you and look forward to continued success in the second trimester!

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Important Notes:

Winter Weather & Clothing

We wrote a couple of weeks ago about our protocol for recess during the winter, but it bears repeating. We have outdoor recess during the winter **whenever possible** – the fresh air and exercise are great for our students, and they both help to focus on important work once the recess period is over. Generally speaking, we will hold outdoor recess whenever the air and wind-chill temperature are 20° or warmer, including when there may be light precipitation.

Holiday Gifts

We recognize that some parents have a tradition of giving gifts to their children's teacher(s) during this time of year. If you are planning to do so – **and please understand that it is by no means expected or required** – we would like to remind you of certain limitations on these gifts. Last year, state law that governs ethics and public employees was clarified and strengthened, with an emphasis on public employees not accepting gifts that have a value of \$50 or more. **This also applies to gifts purchased by a group of parents for an individual teacher**, something room parents have facilitated in the past. While we know all gifts are an expression of support and thoughtful generosity, we ask for your assistance in helping us to comply with this law and not putting teachers or other staff members in the awkward position of having to decline or return a gift.

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

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

Important Dates

December 13
December 14
December 24 - January 2

Trimester 1 Report Cards issued
School Council (7:30am)
No School – December Vacation

January 17
February 21-25

No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
No School – Presidents’ Day & Winter Vacation

The full district school calendar is available at:

http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197_585906.pdf