

THE FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Street School Families,

We spoke to students this morning about our ongoing efforts to raise money for children in Japan through our *soji* project. If you and your family haven't yet participated, there's still plenty of time. We recognize that we actually have multiple fundraisers going on at this point, but hope that you take this opportunity to have your child participate in new chores or cleaning tasks at home, just as Japanese students do in their schools, in order to raise money. For more details, please see the Floral Street Blog post at <http://floralstreet.blogspot.com/2011/03/soji.html> - and thank you!

This Friday night is our annual Literacy Night, one of our most exciting and well-attended events of each year. This is a great family event, and one that speaks to some of our most important work we do towards fulfilling our mission. Becoming literate is not just about "learning to read"; it is about becoming an effective communicator, a critical consumer of information, and an independent learner. It also provides an avenue for creativity and entertainment that doesn't have to involve electronic media. In the end, we hope that literacy for your child becomes an example of what we are always aiming to do here at Floral Street – combining high achievement and joyful learning, two things often assumed to be incompatible – in the same activity. We hope you will join us this Friday evening to explore – a schedule of events is attached with this email.

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PTO Notes

Our **April Shower Calendars** started on Friday with our first \$50 winner. Each ticket has 30 chances to win money prizes with the **Grand Prize of \$400.00**. Winners will be announced on our Floral Street School Website and checks mailed during the first week of May. Kindly make checks payable to Floral Street School PTO. All tickets will be added the day they are received. Extra tickets are available in the main office. For questions please feel free to contact Patti Wolohan at wolohan5@townisp.com. **Our winner** of the Floral Street Sweatshirt for selling 19 tickets is **Jessica Tracia!!** Runners up are Riley Frankian who sold 17 tickets and Alex Snyder who sold 10 tickets. **Don't miss your opportunity to win!! Thank you for your support!!**

Floral Street School Read-A-Thon is being sent home today in your child's backpack. Start now by finding sponsors to support your child's reading efforts. **Begin** reading on Monday, April 11th and end on Friday, April 22nd. **All reading logs must have Parent Initials after each entry.** Come and **kick off** your child's reading effort at **Literacy Night this Friday, April 8th**. Floral Street School Teachers are encouraging reading as a way to promote literacy. Please support your child to read and join us in this fun and educational fundraiser. For questions please contact Patti Wolohan at wolohan5@townisp.com.

The PTO is conducting its *Flower Power* fundraiser project from March 29th to April 13th. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Cherie Weinman at (508) 868-4465 or cheriew@townisp.com. Please remember to submit your order forms on or before Wednesday, April 13th.

Other News:

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 8 th	Literacy Night
April 18 th – 22 nd	No School – Patriots Day & Spring Vacation
May 24, 25, 26	Fourth Grade Chorus Concerts
June 8 th	Incoming Grade 5 Student & Parent Open House @ SMS
June 16 th	Grade 4 Completion Ceremony (tentative date)

MCAS Dates:

May 10 th & 11 th	Math – 3 rd Grade
May 17 th & 18 th	Math – 4 th Grade

The full district school calendar is available at:

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