

THE FALCON FLYER

September 19, 2011

www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/floral

Dear Floral Families,

One of the reasons that we write a message here each week and send a Falcon Flyer to the community is that **parents are vital partners in this mission to continuously improve. We have our students for no more than seven hours each day, and don't see them too often on the weekends.** In our mission to help our students become scholars and citizens, we have a much greater chance of success when we work together. Beyond that, parents and community members contribute powerful ideas and resources to help the school – we only have to witness the work done by volunteers each day, by our PTO, and by the contributions made by parents as members of groups like School Council.

To this end, we invite and encourage you to attend our annual **Curriculum Night**, beginning with grades 1 and 2 this week. We expanded our program a few years back in order to provide a “big-picture” overview of our curriculum and practices at Floral Street School, and the feedback was quite positive. **We'll begin at 6:45 pm** with a presentation that provides that overview; you'll move into your own child's classroom shortly after 7:00 pm with more time to focus on the details of the daily life of your student. As a reminder, please make every effort not to bring students or siblings to Curriculum Nights.

While you're at Curriculum Night, and since we mentioned School Council above, please be sure to fill out a ballot to elect two parent representatives. **A tremendous thank you to** (in alphabetical order) **parents Michelle Biscotti, Sharon Connolly, and Suzanne Remington** for putting their names forward!

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Important Notes:

More Specialist Newsletters!

We've got a whole lot going on here at Floral Street in our “special” subjects. Please see the following link for updates related to Physical Education and to Health!

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/department/?fDD=12-0>

Emergency Contact Information/Elementary Handbook Sign Off

We have just under 50% of our contact information updated and handbooks acknowledged – we need your help!

Emergency contact information must be updated/confirmed for all students electronically. Parents may access the *Demographic Update* page to make changes and/or confirm your child's

information via the *PowerSchool Parent Portal* on the Shrewsbury Public Schools website under *Quick links*. The link is: <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>

The Elementary Handbook can be found on the Floral Street School website at <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/department/index.php?fDD=12-0>. Please read and review with your child.

To make/confirm emergency contact information and acknowledge that your child has read and reviewed the Elementary Handbook:

- Go the SPS website
- Click on *PowerSchool Parent Portal*, and then again at the bottom of the page
- Sign in using your *Username* and *Password* (follow the *Account Creation Directions* if you don't have a *Username* and *Password*)
- Click on *Demographic Change* in the upper right corner
- Update your child's information
- Click the button at the bottom certifying your changes and acknowledging that you and your child have read and discussed the Elementary Handbook

PTO

The Floral PTO will have a Family Fun Fair Planning Meeting on Wednesday, September 21st from 9:15 am-10:15 am in the Floral cafeteria. If you are interested in helping plan for the Fair please join us. If you are unable to attend but would like more information please contact PTO President, Hannah Kane, at hkane@townisp.com.

Genevieve Order Forms Due Tuesday, September 20th. The PTO is conducting the Genevieve's Fundraiser through September 20th. The beautiful brochure contains wonderful products including Barefoot Contessa & Stonewall Kitchen! Also, if 6 or more items are ordered you will earn a Free Pass to Coco Key Water Resort in Fitchburg! If you have any 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 September 20th.**

Curriculum Nights: The PTO will be on-hand at all 4 Curriculum nights and will have a table in the lobby where you can sign up to help at some of the various events we hold throughout the year. Parents are welcome to volunteer as little or as much as they want, every volunteer helps! *We will also be selling Floral Street School apparel, which includes t-shirts, baseball shirts, sweatshirts, fleece jackets and hats, and we accept cash and checks.*

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

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

Important Fall Dates:

September 20	Grade 1 Curriculum Night (6:45 – 8:00)
September 21	Grade 2 Curriculum Night (6:45 – 8:00)
September 26	Grade 3 Curriculum Night (6:45 – 8:00)
September 27	Grade 4 Curriculum Night (6:45 – 8:00)
October 7	School Pictures Make-Up Day
October 10	No School – Columbus Day
November 1	Parent Conferences (No School)
November 11	No School – Veterans' Day

November 23-25

No School – Thanksgiving Vacation

The full district school calendar is available at on our homepage!