

THE FALCON FLYER

October 3, 2011

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Tonight is the first meeting of our School Council. This is a group composed of parents and teachers working together to provide input and feedback on our goals at the school. This is done primarily through the development of the annual School Improvement Plan, but continues throughout the year. We'd like to take moment to thank the members of this year's council for their service to come: Parents **Michelle Biscotti, Sharon Connolly, Ken Hamm, and Charlene McNally**; Community Representative **Kathleen Rivenburg**; and teachers **Lindsey Borraccino, Kara Frankian, and Shelley Hoey**.

Our primary business at tonight's meeting will be to review our School Improvement Plan from last year. One element of that plan is a goal we have had for a few years, which is, to increase the range and effectiveness of our school-home communications. We've accomplished a lot, from our televised program about reading at home to our new blog (including last week's post about school routines: <http://floralstreet.blogspot.com/2011/09/establishing-routines.html>). Today we are introducing another element of that communication: **our first parent survey**. We'd love your feedback about how the first month of this school year has gone for you as a Floral Street parent, in particular the effectiveness of the communication you've received. Please click the link below to take just a few moments to answer a brief survey:

<http://tinyurl.com/fssonemonthsurvey>

As always, we thank you for your time, energy, and support!

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Important Notes:

Parent Pickup / Honeysuckle Lane

When lining up for parent pickup on Honeysuckle Lane, please be aware of our neighbors' driveways and do not block them – thank you.

Specialist Newsletters

Specialist newsletters can be found under "Other School Notices" under the Parents link, but you can get there directly with this link – enjoy!

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/department/division.php?fDD=41-774>

PTO

The PTO invites you to an Informational Forum to learn more about the proposed Shrewsbury Public Library renovation project. The Library Board of Trustees invites parents to learn more about the proposed library renovation project. Informational forums are being held at the library on October 5th and 6th from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm. The session will include a

panel discussion and short tour of the library. All are welcome.

The Floral Street PTO and Ski Ward will be offering ski and snowboard lessons beginning on Friday, January 6th. Enrollment forms were sent via email last week, or can be found on the FSS website under the Parents/PTO link. For more information or questions, please contact Maureen Harrington at harringtonjm@verizon.net.

The Floral PTO will have a Floral Family Fun Fair Planning Meeting on Wednesday, October 5th 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.

Our *Genevieve's Gourmet Frozen Food Fundraiser* starts today, **October 3rd and runs until October 17th**. It is not too early to start planning for the holidays!! Make things easier by purchasing your holiday pies and baked goods with Floral Street School PTO. Delivery will be on Monday, November 21st on the stage in the cafeteria (just in time for Thanksgiving!) from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Please make arrangements with friends, family or neighbors to pick up your orders. We do not have access to refrigeration. Please check your child's backpack today for further information and orders forms. For questions or concerns kindly contact Patti Wolohan at wolohan5@townisp.com. *Thank you for your support.*

Floral Street School is once again participating in the following programs: Box Tops 4 Education, Labels for Education, Price Chopper Tools for Schools, Stop & Shop A+ BonusBucks, and Target Take Charge of Education. These programs earn either cash or supplies for our school. Please see the attached flyers for details on how you can support Floral Street School. If you have any questions please contact PTO member Kathy Flynn at kathcf@townisp.com.

Emergency Contact Information/Elementary Handbook Sign Off

We still need your help making sure we have accurate contact information for all FSS families – please sign off on your information even if you have no changes.

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

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:

October 7	School Pictures Make-Up Day
October 10	No School – Columbus Day
November 1	Parent Conferences (No School)
November 2	Grade 4 Chorus Concerts 6:30pm - <i>Beall, Morgan, Ross</i> 7:30pm – <i>Borraccino, Goulding, Manning</i>
November 3	Grade 4 Chorus Concerts 6:30pm – <i>Largess, Ralys, Spangenberg</i>
November 19	Floral Family Fun Fair!
November 11	No School – Veterans’ Day
November 23-25	No School – Thanksgiving Vacation
December 26 – January 2	No School – December Vacation

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