

THE FALCON FLYER

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Thank you once again for your responses to the School Council's parent survey. It is wonderful to have the input and feedback from so many of you! We're also thrilled that the feedback around communication was **very positive** – more specifics on that will follow after tomorrow's School Council meeting.

One question or comment that did come up a few times had to do with **people feeling like they preferred receiving paper communications**; we both certainly know how hard it can be to keep up with an email inbox! **That's why we feel it's important to let you know that the district as a whole has gone to a "paperless" system, for both environmental and cost considerations.**

We also feel like it is very important that we keep communicating – a lot. We truly believe that our best outcomes come from a true partnership between families and the school and this makes it all the more important that we ask ourselves how to help our communication via email and the internet clear and coherent. The School Council will continue to have this conversation in the coming months.

One of the things we enjoy communicating about is the work of our specialists and support professionals. Tonight is the district's annual reception for teachers receiving professional status, having met exceptionally high standards over their first three years. **Floral Street School Psychologist Dr. Suzanne Margiano** will be honored this evening along with colleagues from across the district. We could not be more fortunate to have someone of Dr. Margiano's skill and commitment in the school – congratulations to her!

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Important Notes:

Parent Conferences

Our annual Parent Conference day is two weeks from tomorrow. This is an important day when we hope you have a valuable conversation with your child's teacher about how the year has begun and what is to come. **Childcare will be provided during school hours (approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) for school-aged children.** More details to follow!

PTO

Our *Genevieve's Gourmet Frozen Food Fundraiser* ends today, October 17th. **Please note that this is the same company we dealt with for the Fall Fundraiser; so therefore the envelope is the same, but the product has changed!!** Please send in your order forms along with payment by Wednesday, October 19th. It is not too early to start planning for the holidays!! Make life easier by purchasing your holiday pies and baked goods with Floral Street School PTO. Items will be

available for pick up Monday, November 21st on the stage in the cafeteria, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. just in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday!! Items may be kept frozen and used for the December Holidays as well. Please make arrangements with friends, family or neighbors to pick up your orders if you are unable. We do not have access to refrigeration. 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.

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 if you have any questions, please contact Maureen Harrington at harringtonjm@verizon.net.

Emergency Contact Information/Elementary Handbook Sign Off

We still need your help making sure we have accurate contact information for all FSS families – 393 families have now done so - 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:

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 11	No School – Veterans’ Day
November 19	Floral Family Fun Fair!
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!