

Floral Street Elementary School

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Dear Floral Families,

The first snowfall of the season and the below freezing temperatures remind us that winter is here...time to bring out the winter gear! We recognize how important it is for students to get outside daily for physical activity, social time with friends, and a chance to breathe in some fresh air. For that reason, we do continue outdoor lunch recess throughout the winter months, as long as the temperature is at or above twenty degrees and there is no ice on the blacktop area. While students don't need snowpants, they will need their coats, hat, gloves, and boots (for those slushy days). We ask that you write your child's last name on as many articles of their winter gear as possible; it is so easy for items to get misplaced and take up residence in the Lost and Found table in the cafeteria. Speaking of Lost and Found, don't hesitate to stop on by if you realize an article of clothing or other item has gone missing. Just sign on in at the office, grab a Visitor's Badge, and head to the Lost and Found table in the cafeteria to claim any lost items.

We look forward to these next two full weeks of learning time ahead with your children before we break for the December vacation week. Thank you for your efforts from home to maintain strong attendance at school and steady homework routines during this especially busy time of the year.

~Lisa and Tiffany

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Note from Mrs. LeMay, Health Teacher: December “Food Explorer Food Discovery”

December is a month for sweet potatoes! Sweet potatoes have been around for millions of years and may have been eaten by dinosaurs! They are available to us in the grocery store year round and offer many different varieties of uses. Sweet potatoes are one of the healthiest vegetables on earth as they are packed with vitamins and minerals and have lots of fiber. The best part is they are sweet and taste terrific.

Included in the December edition of Food Explorers (see attachment below) is a great Sweet Potato Pineapple Casserole recipe. It’s a sweet, healthy and yummy casserole that you can serve over the holidays or simply as a side dish for dinner. This is perfect for busy families who like to eat healthy.

Be sure to check out the “More Matters! Fruit and Veggie Tips

for Kids” section of the Food Explorers December Discovery this month. There are some great ideas for healthy choices for kids. Enjoy!

Notes from Previous Flyers:

Holiday Staff Appreciation Breakfast

The Floral PTO is hosting a Holiday Staff Appreciation Breakfast this **Thursday, December 15th** in the Floral media center. We need help to make this event a success and show the staff how much we appreciate them! Please sign up for one or more items at the link below. Contact Nancy Nelson at nleenelson_99@yahoo.com with any questions. Thank you for your help!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ABAF2CA3FC1-holiday1>

From the PTO – Ski Lessons at Ski Ward to Benefit the Floral PTO

The temperatures are dropping which can only mean it's almost time for SNOW!!!

Ski Ward now has ski/snowboard lesson online registration up and running! All you need to do is select Floral Street as an affiliation and the PTO will receive 5% of lesson money back at the end of the winter season. All registration must be done online. Please visit www.skiward.com and sign up today. THINK SNOW!

From the PTO: Count on Computers Enrichment Program

RASA Creations has once again partnered with the Floral PTO to offer Computer Workshop for kids grade 1 to 3 with a portion of the fees will go to the Floral PTO. The workshop will give an overview of Computers and basic theory and practical of Computer Programming.

Dates - December 26th and 27th

Time - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Venue - Shrewsbury (TBD)

To view more details, click on the attached flyer or email at sarita.deshpande@rasacreations.com.

Important Upcoming Dates:

*New dates added this week appear in bold print

December 15	Holiday Staff Appreciation Breakfast
December 19	Trimester 1 Report Cards Sent Home
December 26-January 2	December Break / No School
January 3	Students Return to School
January 16	NO SCHOOL / Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 18	School Council Meeting / 5:15 in FSS Media Center
January 24	Grade 4 Chorus Concerts /6:30- Edgren, Ralys, and Ross Classes
January 24	Grade 4 Chorus Concerts /7:30- Powell and Goulding Classes
January 25	Grade 4 Chorus Concert /6:30 – Murphy, Manning, and Spangenberg Classes

Most Frequently Used Numbers:

Office	(508) 841-8720
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Nurses, FAX	(508) 841-1545
Extended Day	(508) 841-8743

The full district **School Calendar** is available at:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/district/documents/final16-17calendar.pdf>

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

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>
[December Food Explorers.pdf](#)
[Count on Computers.pdf](#)

