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Dear Floral Families,

Our first week back from the holiday break was productive and joyful – just what we expected! We noticed many classrooms engaging in reflections throughout the week – they reflected on their personal and class learning goals, revisited the expected behaviors in their classrooms and throughout the building, reviewed their reading, math, and writing routines and tools, and reconnected to our school’s four Core Values and FACTS/CARES.

The start of a new calendar year is a perfect time to reflect, revisit, and refine goals and expectations with students. It’s the perfect time of the year for adults, too... did you set a resolution for the New Year? When you’re spending time as a family this week, take a few moments and ask your child to share one of his/her goals for 2016, and go ahead and share your goal(s), too. Then continue the conversation by talking about the action steps or strategies each of you will be taking to reach those goals. In school, a final step for teachers is to “go visual” with these important goals that students and classes set. Walk into any classroom and you are likely to see goals “declared” on the learning walls. Where in your home can your family post your

goals for 2016? With perseverance and strategies, along with support and encouragement from both school and home, there's no doubt our students will reach those goals!

Now that January is here, it's not unusual for temperatures to dip below freezing, which means it's time to bring out the hats, mittens, and heavy coats. Here are a few related reminders:

- Students will go outside for recess in this cold weather as long as the weather is at or above 20 degrees (factoring in the wind chill) and the blacktop area is mostly clear of ice and snow. Please check the weather each morning and remind your child to pack a hat and mittens when necessary.
- Students do not play in the snow during the lunch recess, so they do not need to change into boots or snowpants. If your child's classroom does plan a time for playing in the snow, the teacher will be in contact with families regarding the need for boots and snowpants... and sometimes sleds!
- Whenever possible, please take out a Sharpie marker and label your child's winter accessories.
- If a winter item goes missing, you can be sure it's safe and sound on the Lost & Found table or clothesline set up in the cafeteria. Please remind your child to check the Lost & Found items during morning arrival time.

On a final note, the administration dates for this year's PARCC assessments are listed in the *Important Upcoming Dates* section below. Third and fourth grade families, please make every effort to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day on these dates to minimize the need for scheduling a make-up test session for your child. Thanks for your assistance.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

~Lisa & Tiffany

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After School Activity Program (ASAP) at FSS – CLASSES START THIS WEEK

Students who are registered for an ASAP class will be called to the gym at dismissal time to meet their ASAP teacher and walk to their ASAP classroom. Classroom teachers will be provided with a list of their students who will be staying after school for an ASAP class, and they will direct those students to the gym this week given that it is the first week of classes. Parents and guardians will pick students up at 4:30pm in the main lobby.

For 4th Grade Families: Opportunity to Join the 4th Grade Orchestra

Please read the attachment at the bottom of this flyer to learn more about an opportunity for fourth grade students that presently play a string instrument to join the district's 4th Grade Orchestra.

From the PTO - Young Rembrandts Drawing Classes Starting on January 26

A new session of Young Rembrandts will be beginning on Jan 26. This session will run every Tuesday until March 22. There are a number of "off days" which correspond with early release days; all the details can be found on the attached flyer below. As always, we have all new lessons, so this is a great time to continue the classes or to join us for the first time. Class fills quickly and is limited to the first 60 students: if you are interested in signing up enroll today -either online at www.youngrembrandts.com or bring the registration form to the school office with payment attached. Call Young Rembrandts directly with any questions: (508) 393-8033.

Invitation to Third Grade Students from Mr. Wilson, FSS Art Teacher

We're off to the museum in third grade!

This year, different grade levels are having a great time visiting the Worcester Art Museum with Mr. Wilson on the free Saturdays that the museum offers. The free Saturdays are the first Saturdays of every month. We call these Muse-ambls.

This completely optional and voluntary event will be held on **Saturday, February 6th from 10:00AM to 11:00AM**. All third graders, accompanied by a parent, are welcome to tour the museum with Mr. Wilson. The third grade muse-amble will be focused on the Early American Portrait collection and the early American furniture collection. This is a great connection to their history studies at school. In preparation to the Muse-amble,

students will study a timeline that show the dates that the early American artists worked in Boston and the dates that the styles of furniture changed during this period. Everyone is welcome to join us, as this is a free event and totally elective.

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

Board Meeting & Elections for 2017-2017 School Year – Tuesday, January 19th at 9:15am in the Cafeteria

Please join us on **Tuesday, January 19th at 9:15am** for our next board meeting and general elections for the 2016-2017 school year. We are holding early elections this year as we have 5 long-serving board members who are leaving Floral at the end of the year and we want to allow the folks taking on leadership roles for next year plenty of time to begin leading the planning work and work with the existing leaders for a smooth transition. Positions open include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and Fundraising / projects. If you would like to discuss the roles and responsibilities with the existing office holders prior to the meeting or are interested in serving but unable to attend the meeting, please email PTO President Hannah Kane at hkanemcpc@gmail.com. We will also discuss the remaining fundraisers and events of the year when we meet.

SHS Class of 2019 Magic Show

The Class Of 2019 is teaming together with Mr. Magic to have a fun, family-friendly **magic show!** On **January 31 at 2 o'clock in the Shrewsbury High School Auditorium** join us for raffles, food, games, crafts, and magic led by students of the class of 2019. Go through the main entrance of the high school, where tickets will be sold at the door. **The admission is \$7 per person.** This is our only fundraiser of the year so we need as much participation as possible (and don't forget to spread the word!). **The snow date is March 13.** See you there!

The Elementary Lunch Menu and Directions for purchasing pre-paid lunch tickets can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>

Important Upcoming Dates:

***New dates added this week appear in bold print**

January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / No School for Students & Staff
January 19	Chorus Concert (Goulding, Morgan, Manning) / 6:30pm at Floral
January 19	Chorus Concert (Edgren, Ralys, Spangenberg) / 7:30pm at Floral
January 20	Chorus Concert (Leifer, Powell, Ross) / 6:30pm at Floral
January 26	FSS School Council Meeting / 5:15pm
February 2	Early Release Day for Students (dismissal begins at 12:15pm) / Professional Development for Staff in the PM
February 5	School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4 (All School Read- <i>What Does it</i>

The full district school calendar is available on the district homepage at: <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>

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