

Floral Street Elementary School

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Dear Floral Families,

Literacy Night is less than three weeks away, and we can't wait! For those of you who have attended Literacy Night in previous years, you know that it's a joyful evening where Floral families can gather together to listen to performances, meet a published author, eat some ice cream with friends, and even take home a gently-used and much-loved book for FREE. The night kicks off with students presenting an original piece of their writing to an audience of parents and students. The audience will be treated to a variety of narrative, informative, and opinion pieces. Students interested in reading their writing at Literacy Night will be taking home a green permission slip to be signed by a parent and returned to school. We encourage all students to seize the opportunity to share their great writing!

More information will be coming home soon about this year's Literacy Night, including our featured author, Mr. Ralph Masiello, and our storyteller, Ms. Sheryl Faye. Both guests have participated in Literacy Night in previous years, and they received rave reviews. We look forward to seeing your family at

this year's Literacy Night- April 8th!

Have a wonderful week.

~Lisa & Tiffany

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From the PTO -Spring Yankee Candle Fundraising Orders Are In

It's time to pickup your Yankee Candle orders. Here are the pickup details:

Date : March, 23rd & March 25th.

Time: 6 - 7 pm

Location : Floral Cafeteria (Please use the cafeteria door to enter the building.)

Parents are also welcome to stop by during the school day to pick up their orders.

Any questions, please contact Mitika Kathuria at MITIKAKATHURIA@GMAIL.COM.

We want to thank everyone who has made this fundraiser a success!

From the PTO – April Showers Fundraiser

Get ready for some fun in April and take your chance on winning big in this year's April Showers fundraiser! April Showers calendars went home with your child last week. Calendars are \$10 each. For each calendar you sell, send in your money and ticket stub to be entered in the daily prize drawing throughout the month of April. Winners will be listed weekly on the Floral Street Facebook page. Daily prizes range from \$50 to \$300. Please consider joining in the fun, taking a chance on some good luck this April, and raising funds to support our great school!

Any questions, please contact Andrea Bachini at bachini1020@townisp.com

From the PTO - Box Tops Contest EXTENDED!

The PTO is extending the date to send in Box Tops for the annual Box Tops contest. We will be collecting Box Tops through the end of March. Please send in your Box Tops in an envelope or ziplock bag labeled with your child's teacher's name. See the attached flyer for details about the contest. Thank you!

Literacy Night –Coming on April 8th!

Literacy Night is being held on Friday, April 8th, 2016. This is a time when your student can read an **original** piece of writing in front of an appreciative audience! In the past years we have had up to 150 readers spread out over 14 classrooms. Your student's teacher will be sending home a green permission slip for you to fill out if your child has expressed an interest in participating. Please consider volunteering as a facilitator in your child's

assigned room Facilitating consists of reading students' names before they present and presenting them with a certificate. With your help, we can have a successful Literacy Night! If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Debra Stanwick at dstanwick@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

Community Awareness Forum on the Opioid Epidemic

Please join the Shrewsbury Coalition for Addiction Prevention and Education (SCAPE), District Attorney Joseph Early's Central MA Opioid Task Force, Senator Michael Moore and Representative Hannah Kane for a Community Awareness Forum on the Opioid Crisis. The forum will be held on Monday, April 11th at 7pm at Shrewsbury High School.

The panel will be moderated by Shrewsbury High School Principal (and member of SCAPE) Todd Byzydlo, and include District Attorney Joseph Early, Charles Faris, CEO/President of Spectrum Health Systems, Lt. James Lonchiadis of the Shrewsbury Police Department, Cassandra Andersen from Dept. of Public Health, a parent of a recovering addict and a person in recovery, as well as Senator Mike Moore and Representative Hannah Kane.

Resources tables will be set up from 7-7:30pm and the panel discussion will take place from 7:30-9pm on Monday, April 11th at Shrewsbury High School. There will be planned time for attendees to ask questions. Please see the attached flyers for additional information.

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

Field Day Dates – June 2016

Mark your calendars – this year's Field Day dates have been released! We hope you consider volunteering your time to run a game/event during your child's field day. More details about ways to join in the fun will be coming soon. Until then, here are the dates:

Grade 1: Tuesday, June 7 (Rain Date: June 14)

Grade 2: Thursday, June 9 (Rain Date: June 16)

Grade 3: Friday, June 10 (Rain Date: June 17)

Grade 4: Wednesday, June 8 (Rain Date: June 15)

From the PTO – Supporting Shrewsbury Schools Music Association

Please consider helping the Floral Street School PTO in our efforts to have a beautiful gift basket to be raffled off at the upcoming Shrewsbury Schools Music Association Fundraiser Event at the SAC Park on April 1st. Last year Floral benefitted by having new risers purchased as well as a new keyboard for our music teacher, Ms. DeBlois. We all know how important it is to keep the "Arts" in our schools. We are looking for concert tickets/theater tickets as well as gift cards to several local restaurants. If time is too crazy consider making a monetary donation and we will do the shopping! Please send all donations into Floral marked PTO/SAC Park Event Many thanks!!!

Absentee Reminder

If your child will be out of school due to illness or a scheduled appointment please be in touch with the front office by calling

the main line: 508-841-8720. If you are calling outside of school hours, you can leave a message with the date and reason for your child's absence. If it is your practice to email classroom teachers directly with notification of an absence, please know that it is still necessary to call the main office.

March Grade 1 Book Club

The Shrewsbury Public Library is offering an after school book club for first graders on **Thursday, March 31st** from 3:30-4:30pm in the Floral Media Center. This month, students will listen to the book *I'm Trying to Love Spiders*, participate in activities relating to the book, and have water and a spider themed snack consisting of bananas, pretzels, and raisins. Please click on this link for more information and to register your child.

<https://docs.google.com/a/shrewsbury.k12.ma.us/forms/d/1hmTfaRyBF6VFAtsov0B6YZ7fgBETuyRIQ4Xmh84rebU/viewform>

The Elementary Lunch Menu 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**

March 23 **Grade 1 Field Trip to Boston Children's
Museum / Plourde**

& McGrail Classes

March 24	Grade 1 Field Trip to Boston Children's Museum/ Harrington & Frankian Classes
March 25	Grade 1 Field Trip to Boston Children's Museum/ Grossman Class
March 31	1 st Grade After School Book Club / 3:30-4:30
April 1	School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4
April 4	Trimester 2 report Cards Sent Home
April 5	Early Release Day for Students (dismissal begins at 12:15pm) / Professional Development for Staff in the PM
April 8	School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2
April 8	Third Grade Field Trip to Plimoth Plantation
April 8	Literacy Night at Floral Street School!
April 12	4 th Grade Gymnastics Show for Parents / 1:30pm
April 18-22	April Vacation / No School
April 26-28	PARCC Assessment / Grade 3 English Language Arts

PARCC Assessment Dates

April 26, 27, 28 (3 sessions) 📅 Grade 3 English Language Arts

May 2, 4, 5 (3 sessions) 📅 Grade 4 English Language Arts

May 9-12 (4 sessions) 📅 Grade 3 Math

May 16-19 (4 sessions) 📅 Grade 4 Math

Important Contact Information:

Office (508) 841-8720

Nurses, Phone (508) 841-8729

Nurses, FAX (508) 841-1545

Extended Day (508) 841-8743

AA Transportation (508) 753-6322 (Please call the school first with bus-related issues)

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

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