

FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Families,

Thank you to all parents and guardians who attended last week's Curriculum Nights! We greatly appreciated having the opportunity to highlight some of the school-wide practices, traditions, and learning goals that all Floral students will experience this year. Teachers expressed their excitement with having strong attendance at their classroom presentations as well; if you were unable to attend this event, please reach out to your child's teacher via email to receive pertinent information that may have been handed out that evening, including curriculum highlights and/or classroom volunteer & conference sign-ups. As always, you are encouraged to reach out to your child's teacher, the office staff (Susan and Lynda), or one of us at any time with your questions or needs.

During our presentation on Curriculum Night, we spoke about an online resource you can use at home to keep abreast of current math content and methods that your child is learning at school. The content on this site will also be helpful as you support your child with homework. This resource, called, Think Central, is now ready for your access and use. Here's what to do:

- Log into Powerschool
- On the front page (towards the bottom), you'll see your Think Central user name and password.
- You'll also see a link that will bring you right to Think Central so you can log in with your user name and password.

Once logged in, you will be able to access these three resources for each math chapter:

1. **Videos**- These explain the gist of the chapter
2. **Student Reference Book** - You can review the concepts and methods addressed in each math chapter and see how the content is presented to students
3. **Virtual Manipulatives** – Students can use these tools when solving problems

If you are unsure about which math chapter your child is currently studying in class, please reach out to his/her classroom teacher for clarity.

We hope you find this resource to be useful this year- don't hesitate to share your feedback.

Enjoy this first full week of October!

~Lisa & Tiffany

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No School for Students on Friday, October 9

This Friday will be a full day of professional development for staff in Shrewsbury. There will be NO SCHOOL for students.

On this Professional Development Day, classroom teachers will be focusing on effective writing instruction and assessment in the morning. The afternoon will focus on using math

assessments to effectively plan instruction and improve student proficiency in grade level content.

“Coins for Construction”: PTO-Sponsored Fundraiser for the New Shrewsbury Public Library

Parents and Students: Start saving your coins! The PTOs of Shrewsbury’s public and private elementary and middle schools want to play a part in the next chapter of our new library! A Coin Drive will be held at Floral Street School the week of October 19th. Coin drop-off will be in the school lobby from 8:30 to 9am on Monday 10/19, Tuesday 10/20 and Wednesday 10/21. Students that bring in a coin donation in a ziploc bag will be entered into a raffle. Prizes will include two (2) one-hour jump passes to SkyZone, cookies from Wicked Good Cookies and a Tatnuck bookstore \$25 gift certificate. Stay tuned for more information coming home in the backpacks soon (see attached). If this town-wide initiative reaches its goal, an area in the new Shrewsbury Public Library will be named for the children and families of Shrewsbury. The new library will open in the early Fall of 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Powers (lisarthomas@aol.com).

Donate-A-Book Program

The Floral Street School Media Center needs your support!

Great children’s books are published every year, but due to limited funds, the Media Center is not able to purchase many of them. By donating \$15, you will make current titles available and replace books that are in poor condition. Simply fill out the Donate-A-Book form (attached to this email), enclose either cash or a check (payable to Floral Donate-A-Book), and return it to school in your child’s backpack. Your child will be invited by the Media Specialist to choose a book from the display case outside of the Media Center. An inscription label stating your name and a personalized message from you will then be added to the book. Your child will be the first to borrow the newly donated book.

Consider donating to mark a special event, to thank a teacher or

staff person, or in honor/memory of a loved one. This is an excellent way to support our curriculum and get students excited about reading. Help us reach our goal of 160 new books for the 2015-2016 school year! If you have any questions, please be in contact with PTO member Katie Treiber at katietreiber@yahoo.com.

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers: Important Arrival & Dismissal Reminders

Tardy Arrivals: If your child is going to be arriving at school after 9:00 a.m. please call the office and let the secretaries know. Additionally, you must walk in with your child and sign them in at the main office if they arrive after 9:00. (Note: If the parent drop-off line is closed, you will need to pull up to the front door and sign in your child at the office.)

Early Dismissal: Please be aware of the procedure for early dismissal for students. The instructional day ends at 3:10, and students are expected to be present until that time. However, there are occasions when a child may need to be picked up a bit early, such as for medical and dental appointments. In those instances, please dismiss your child prior to 2:55. The main office is very busy with buses arriving after that time and we are unable to accommodate dismissals from the office after 3:00. For pick-ups after 2:55, parents are expected to use the parent pick-up line which runs from 3:10-3:30. Thank you for your cooperation with this procedure and in keeping all our students safe.

School Picture Orders

Orders are due to the FSS office by Tuesday, October 20th.
Picture re-takes will take place on Wednesday, October 21st.

Kindergarten 2016-2017

If you have a child that will be eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2016 (must be 5 years old by August 31, 2016), please

- October 15** **Informational Evening hosted by the
English Language
Education
Department /
6:30pm**
- October 16** **Grades 1 & 2 School Meeting**
- October 16** **Grade 2 Field Trip to Old Sturbridge
Village / Avery,
Poppalardo,
Richard, and Ward
classes**
- October 20** **Grade 4 Field Trip to Harvard Museum /
Edgren, Ralys,
Morgan, Ross
Classes**
- October 21** **School Picture Re-Take Day**
- October 22** **Grade 4 Field Trip to Harvard Museum /
Goulding, Manning,
Powell, Leifer, and
Spangenberg
Classes**
- October 23** **Grade 2 Field Trip to Old Sturbridge
Village/ Bradt &
Hogan classes**
- October 28** **Grade 2 Field Trip to Old Sturbridge
Village/ Caforio,
Martel, Young
classes**
- November 3** **Parent-Teacher Conference Day / No
School for Students**
- November 6** **School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4**

November 11	Veteran's Day / No School
November 12	Wingmaster's Program at Floral / 2nd Grade Classes
November 13	School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2
November 14	FLORAL FAMILY FUN FAIR
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break / No School

Most Frequently Used Numbers:

Office	(508) 841-8720
Nurses, Phone	(508) 841-8729
Nurses, FAX	(508) 841-1545
Extended Day	(508) 841-8743

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

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