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Dear Floral Families,

Literacy Night is just five days away, with the fun beginning at **6:00 this Friday, April 8th**. From 6:00-6:30, families will gather in designated classrooms to hear students share an original piece of their writing. As a reminder, all students who are bringing a piece of their writing to read aloud at Literacy Night needed to return their signed permission slips by Thursday of last week (March 31). Third grade teacher, Mrs. Debbi Stanwick, has organized student readers into groups and will have student groups and classroom locations posted for families to view as they enter school on Friday night.

In addition to student writing presentations, there are several other engaging literacy events planned for Friday, including presentations by a professional storyteller, Sheryl Faye, who received RAVE reviews for her performances at last year's Literacy Night. We're also excited to welcome back entertaining author and illustrator, Ralph Masiello. Please see the attached program for a full schedule of events.

One extra-special event this year includes a performance by Floral students who enrolled in an ASAP drama class taught by third grade teacher Liz Ushinski. Their performance of *The Spider and the Fly* will take place in the cafeteria at 6:35 sharp. We hope you are able to attend!

There are two other important reminders for this week:

Report cards will be sent home on Monday. Please sign the half sheet of paper to acknowledge receipt and review of the report card and return that paper to school. The report card is yours to keep!

- Tuesday is an early release day for students and a professional development day for teachers. Students will be dismissed at 12:15pm and no lunches will be served.

Have a wonderful week.

~Lisa & Tiffany

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From the PTO - Spring Staff Appreciation Breakfast

The Floral PTO is hosting a Spring Staff Appreciation Breakfast on **Wednesday, April 13th** 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 nleelson_99@yahoo.com with any questions. Thank you for your help!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48abaf2ca3fc1-spring>

Save the Date – An Evening with Will Richardson

You are invited to continue the discussions we started after the movie, *Most Likely to Succeed*. At 6:00pm, on April 5th, at Shrewsbury High School, Will Richardson, noted author, international speaker and strong advocate for change in America's classroom will explore the important and complex changes and shifts that come with 24/7 access to the Web.

We hope you will join us as we continue to look at what our schools need to do to ensure that we are best preparing our students for a changing world.

"What constitutes an education now that we can learn deeply in informal spaces outside the school walls? What are the new roles of teachers when content knowledge is everywhere? And how do we best prepare our students for the modern learning worlds in which they will live and work?" --Will Richardson

To find out more about Will Richardson, visit www.willrichardson.com.

Fourth Annual "Oak's Got Talent!" Variety Show

Featuring some of the area's best young talent: singers, dancers, instrumentalists, comedians and magicians!! Saturday, April 9th from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the Oak Middle School Auditorium, 45 Oak Street, Shrewsbury. The 50/50 Raffle returns, too! Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 per person / \$10 per family. Sponsored by the SMS PTO.

Fourth Grade Families: Don't Forget about the Free Passes to National Parks

As mentioned in a Falcon Flyer earlier this year, there is a federal program offered this year that provides free admission to 4th grade students and their families to national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges all across the country...and close to home. Please visit this website to learn more and to get your family's free pass. This offer extends through August 31, 2016.

<https://www.everykidinapark.gov/>

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

Literacy Night – Volunteers Needed

We're looking forward to this year's Literacy Night events on Friday, April 8th from 6:00 - 9:00pm right here at Floral Street School.

Have you considered volunteering some of your time at Literacy Night? It's fun! Please visit the Sign Up Genius below to see where volunteers are still needed to make the community event a success. Thanks in advance for your help!

Here is the link to the sign up.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4dabaf2ba6f94-literacy>

Shrewsbury Public Schools Offers April Vacation Camp

Are you a 3rd or 4th grader interested in technology, music or web design? Join us during April vacation at Floral Street School for two different half-day classes where you will use iPads to tap into your creativity. The morning class will use “Garageband” to create and record music. The afternoon class is an introduction to web design. Both classes will be taught by Ms. Tara Gauthier, an instructional technology specialist at Shrewsbury High. iPads will be provided and no previous experience with the iPad is needed. Class Dates: Tuesday April 19th - Friday, April 22nd.

You may register for just one of the classes, or choose both for a full day of fun. Enrollment is limited to 25 students so register now! Want more details - click on the attachment below. Questions? Contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning. <mailto:kisaacson@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.

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 were sent home with your child in early March. 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

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**

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 11 Community Awareness Forum on the Opioid
Crisis /SHS @
7:00pm
- April 12 4th Grade Gymnastics Show for Parents /
1:30pm
- April 18-22 April Vacation / No School
- April 26-28 PARCC Assessment / Grade 3 English
Language Arts
- May 2-5 PARCC Assessment / Grade 4 English
Language Arts
- May 3 Early Release Day for Students (dismissal
begins at 12:15pm) /
Professional
Development for
Staff in the PM
- May 3 Grade 4 Chorus Concert / 6:30 pm -Goulding,
Manning, Morgan /
7:30pm – Edgren,
Ralys, Spangenberg
- May 4 Grade 4 Chorus Concert / 6:30pm – Leifer,
Powell, Ross
- May 6 School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4

May 7	Floral PTO Textiles Drive / 8:30am – 11:30am
May 9-12	PARCC Assessment / Grade 3 Math
May 13	4 th Grade Field Trip to SELCO
May 13	School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2
May 16-19	PARCC Assessment / Grade 4 Math
May 19	1 st Grade After School Book Club / 3:30-4:30
May 27	FLORAL GOES GREEN!
May 30	Memorial Day / No School for Students & Staff
June 13	4 th Grade Celebration / 9:30 AM
June 21	Last Day of School / 12:15 Dismissal

Field Day Dates

Opening Ceremonies: Friday, June 3 (1:30-3:00)

Grade 1: Tuesday, June 7 (raindate: June 14)

Grade 2: Thursday, June 9 (raindate: June 16)

Grade 3: Friday, June 10 (raindate: June 17)

Grade 4: Wednesday, June 8 (raindate: June 15)

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:

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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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