

Floral Street Elementary School

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Dear Floral Families,

School starts in just one week- August 30th! The teachers and staff can't wait to welcome your children back to school to begin a year filled with effective effort and joyful learning for both students and educators here at Floral.

As a reminder, **the school will be open this Thursday, August 25th, from 5:00pm-6:00pm** for families to come on in and take a peek at their new classroom- and even connect with old or new friends. Teachers won't likely be present at this Open House, but parents will have an opportunity to meet and engage with teachers at the grade level Curriculum Nights in just a few weeks (see dates below).

One important person who won't be at the Open House this Thursday is **Mrs. Tiffany Ostrander**, Assistant Principal, as she and Mr. Ostrander are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first child...due any day now! During Tiffany's upcoming maternity leave this fall, we are very fortunate to have two Floral educators assuming several of her responsibilities. Instructional Coaches, **Gina Kelly** and **Shelley Hoey**, will take on some administrative

responsibilities through the fall. Gina Kelly will serve as a point of contact and support for parents of students in Grades 1 & 2; Gina can be reached at gkelly@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. Shelley Hoey will serve as the point of contact and support for parents of students in Grades 3 & 4; Shelley can be reached at mhoey@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

The Floral main office will be open this Monday-Thursday from 8:30-4:00 and this Friday from 8:30-12:00. If you have any questions, please contact Floral Administrative Assistants, Lynda McBride or Susan Lucey, at 508-841-8720.

We mentioned this in our earlier Falcon Flyer and wanted to remind parents: **Please send your child in with a note on the first day of school confirming his/her plans for dismissal (i.e. Bus #, Parent Pick Up, Front Door Walker, or Rear Path Walker).** This note will help classroom teachers with reminding students how they are getting home after their busy and joyful first day of school. Thanks so much for your help.

Just 7 days to go!

~Lisa McCubrey

PS. Did you miss the first summer edition of the Falcon Flyer sent out on August 9th? No worries! Click [HERE](#) to access that document, which is filled with important information to support a smooth start to the school year.

Important Notes:

Point of Sales Lunch Payment System

All students who purchase a lunch, drink, or snack in the Floral cafeteria will enter their 6-digit identification code when moving through the lunch line. Parents can add money to their child's on-line lunch account or they can send in cash to school with their child to place onto their account. To learn more about this lunch system, please see the attachment below or click [HERE](#).

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Application 2016-2017

For families interested in learning more about voluntary student accident insurance for the 2016-2017 school year, please click on the attachment below.

Summer Reading & Math Calendars

Students are reminded to bring in their completed summer reading and math calendars during the first week of school. Parents can find those calendars and by clicking [HERE](#).

Arriving at Floral Street – The First Day!

The first day of any new year can be a busy one for all our students – and adults! A few important things to keep in mind:

- School starts promptly at 9:00. Students arrive between 8:30-8:55. Students may arrive at school no earlier than 8:30 am.
 - Parents may walk their children into classrooms on the first day, but we do ask that students develop an independent routine and habit very early on, from the second day.
 - The hallways of Floral Street are **filled** with teachers and staff on the first day eager to welcome and direct children where they need to go. Please assure your child that they cannot and will not get lost when they come to Floral Street School!
- 1. Please make sure your child knows exactly how they are getting home – bus, parent pick-up, rear path walker, or front door walker, and send a note to the teacher confirming that on the first day.**

Arriving and Dismissing at Floral Street - General

Our arrival and dismissal routines were developed in conjunction with the Shrewsbury Police Department and refined over the years to provide a safe, efficient dismissal for our 700+ students – your cooperation with them helps keep our students safe.

To learn more about each routine and see a video of parent drop-off in action, please click [HERE](#).

Important Fall Dates:

August 25	Open House, 5:00 – 6:00 pm
August 30	First Day of School!
September 2	Professional Development Day for Staff / No School for Students
September 5	Labor Day – No School
September 15	School Picture Day
September 19	Grade 4 Curriculum Night (6:30 – 7:45)
September 20	Grade 3 Curriculum Night (6:30 – 7:45)
September 21	Grade 1 & Grade 2 Curriculum Night (6:30 – 7:45)

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