

Floral Street Elementary School

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Dear Floral Families,

Happy New Year! We hope your family had a wonderful holiday and school vacation week. Although Christmas Eve felt a bit strange with the balmy weather and bare grass, the ice and snow that arrived just days later remind us that winter has arrived. Time to put away the bikes and take out the sleds!

We look forward to welcoming students back to school tomorrow, January 4. There is much to look forward to over these next several months of the school year, including new learning in science and social studies, more challenging problems to solve in math, and new books to dive into during the Daily Five reading block in every classroom. Sprinkle in some joyful School Meetings, two more All-School Reads (with the next one scheduled for February), and opportunities to participate in after-school enrichment offerings right here at Floral, and there's no doubt that these next few months of winter will be engaging ones for students.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in an after-school enrichment class, there are two different options listed in the

section below. One option is to enroll in an ASAP class that is offered by the school and taught by Floral teachers. These classes meet weekly on either Wednesdays or Thursdays starting on January 11th. There are six ASAP classes that still have openings. You may register for two classes if you wish (one on each day.) If you have already registered for a class, you are welcome to add a second class on the other day. Please see the attachment below for more information and to register your child.

A second option for after-school enrichment is available for 1st and 2nd grade students and is sponsored by the Floral PTO. This class, called STEM is Fun for Kids at Floral Street School, offers hands-on activities and challenges involving science, technology, engineering, and math. Classes will meet weekly on Tuesdays for six weeks starting on January 26th. Please read the blurb below for more information.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

~Lisa & Tiffany

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After School Activity Program (ASAP) at FSS – Register NOW

We're excited to announce that our Floral afterschool programs are expanding! On Wednesdays and Thursdays we will offer a variety of the clubs for students to participate in weekly. All Floral students are invited to join. The fee for each club is \$30.00 and participants will meet weekly on Wednesday or Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm beginning January 11th. Transportation is not provided.

For more information regarding club offerings, schedules, and registration, please click on the attachment below.

From the PTO- STEM is Fun for Kids at Floral Street School | Grade 1 to 2 Students

Through hands-on activities and STEM challenges, children will think, construct, experiment, discover, and develop the desire to learn more. The children will explore the use of different learning tools that enable and emphasize STEM learning. Every class, we learn something new and experience a different kind of fun. After all, learning is BEST when kids are having FUN! STEM is FUN!

- This is a 6-session program. Classes are conducted one hour per week for six weeks.
- All materials/supplies are provided by STEM Beginnings. Additionally, newsletters are sent out to parents describing STEM challenges done in class as well as recommended STEM at home activities.
- All STEM Beginnings instructors are certified teachers and/or have STEM backgrounds.

Schedule: Classes will be held every Tuesday from Jan 26th to Mar 22nd

No class on Feb 2nd, 16th, and Mar 1st.
3:30 – 4:30 PM

Cost: \$85

Note: This program is sponsored by the Floral Street School PTO. The PTO will get a portion of the proceeds. Financial assistance is available if necessary: please contact Sandy Sorenson by phone at 508-841-8729 or by email at ssorenson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

For more information and registration instructions, please click on this link:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f9a280f6449364916b7544ea7/files/Floral_Str eet_School_Winter2016_Flyer_Jan_2016_updated.pdf

**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!

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

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- *What Does it Mean to be Kind?* By Rana DiOrio)**
- February 12 School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2 (All School Read- *What Does it Mean to be Kind?*)**
- February 15-19 School Vacation Week / No School**
- February 23 FSS School Council Meeting / 5:15pm**
- February 24 Local Dentist, Dr. Feldman, visits first grade classes**

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/>

[ASAP class descriptionsJan.docx](#)