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Dear Floral Families,

This time of the year, as we transition into the final trimester, Floral teachers and principals can't help but notice that our students' skills are really taking shape- especially in their writing. Each trimester, students in all grades cycle through mini-units of study in each of the three main writing genres – informative, opinion, and narrative. Using their grade level district-wide curriculum maps, teachers in each grade level use a common set of tools and learning targets to plan writing instruction for each mini-unit. They also make sure to protect time within the daily schedule for students to engage in sustained writing – we know that for students to actually master the grade level writing skills, they need plenty of opportunity to practice applying those skills in real-life types of writing experiences. For classrooms here at Floral, that daily opportunity for practice takes place during the “Work on Writing” part of the Daily Five literacy block. Ask your child what piece of writing he/she is currently working on during Work on Writing time. During our classroom visits last week, we saw a student writing a fiction piece in which the main character was going on an adventure back in time; another student was

working on an informative piece about turtles, and a third student was working on an opinion piece related to who was at fault for the start of the American Revolution – the American colonists or King George. All three examples showcased motivated and engaged writers applying their learning while writing about topics that mattered to them- no wonder Work on Writing is often students' favorite part of their Daily Five literacy block!

FYI - We added a bunch of May events to the Important Dates section below. This year's Field Day dates have also been included.

Have a wonderful week.

~Lisa & Tiffany

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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>

From the PTO -Last Week to Send in Box Tops!

Remember to send in your Box Tops this week for them to be included in the contest – and don't forget to write your child's teacher's name on the bag or envelope. Thank you for your support!

NEW! – 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>

SSMA Rockin' Encore Fundraiser!

The Shrewsbury Schools Music and Theater Association is hosting a Rockin' Encore dance fundraiser on April 1 from 7-11pm at SAC Park on Lake Street in Shrewsbury featuring the music of the band TENSION. There will be a silent auction, raffles, door prizes, food, and a cash bar. This is a 21 and older event. Tickets are \$20 at myssma.com and \$25 at the door. Thank you for supporting music and theater in our schools!

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

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

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.

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 31	1st 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 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	4th Grade Field Trip to SELCO
May 13	School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2
May 16-19	PARCC Assessment / Grade 4 Math
May 19	1st 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	4th 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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Nurses, Phone (508) 841-8729

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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/>

[AprilVacation_Camp.pdf](#)