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Dear Floral Families,

Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.

~Voltaire

Just last week, a Floral teacher shared an email she received from a former student whom she had in her second grade classroom nearly twenty years ago. That student, now a college graduate and teaching middle school level technology classes in Texas, reached out to her to thank her for inspiring his love for reading and learning. In his letter he shared, "You were the teacher I looked back on when my professors asked me to reflect on the teachers who changed the way we felt about school. You were the teacher who provided a safe place for kids to go to read and learn and play...I (now) teach 650 kids each week, and get to know each one. You've inspired me to be the best that I can be, and I will be eternally grateful for that." You can be certain this teacher, who is well-deserving of such praise, will be printing this email for her scrapbook – appreciation is a wonderful gift.

This coming week is recognized around the nation as Teacher Appreciation Week, with Tuesday, May 3rd, being Teacher Appreciation Day. We invite parents to join us this week with expressing, in some small way, our appreciation to the outstanding Floral educators who put their hearts into their work with students, each and every day. During our classroom visits and in meetings with individuals and teams of teachers and specialists, we are constantly reminded of the compassion, commitment, and grit by which Floral educators approach their work with students. This is a group of educators that “gets it” when it comes to creating conditions that propel learning for students – they work together with each other and parents to ensure students know they are cared for, believed in, and expected to grow and learn by asking questions, making mistakes, having fun, and never giving up when faced with a challenge. We are grateful to be in a learning community where its teachers care so deeply for the health, wellness, and learning of their students. Please join us in sharing our appreciation to all Floral educators for their stewardship of our joyful school community.

Have a wonderful week.

~Lisa & Tiffany

P.S. As a reminder, this **Tuesday, May 3, is an early release day for students**. Dismissal will begin at 12:15, and lunches will not be served. Teachers will engage in professional development during the afternoon; this is the final early release day of the school year.

Finally, all fourth grade students will take three sessions of the English Language Arts PARCC test on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week. Testing will begin shortly after morning announcements at 9:00, so please be sure students arrive on time to school. Thanks for your support.

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- Final Session of ASAP Classes – Starting on May 11 & 12**

We have brand new offerings for the Floral After School Activities Program! Classes include Let's Dance, Life Drawing, Word Games, Cookie Decorating, Computer programming, and Creative Writing. The attached flyer (see below) gives more information about each class and provides the link for on-line registration. The cost is only \$25 for a 4-week session, and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Classes start Wednesday May 11th or Thursday May 12th so sign up today!"

Shrewsbury Public Library Hosts: GMO Labeling and the Consumer's Right to Know

Date & Time: Monday May 2, 2016 / 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM

Location: TEMP LIBRARY SITE MEETING ROOM

This information evening, sponsored by the Shrewsbury League of Women Voters and Worcester County Environmental Community Agricultural Network (WECAN) begins with a special screening of **Genetic Roulette - the Gamble of Our Lives**, a film by Jeffrey M. Smith. Ed Stockman, organic farmer

and co-founder of Mass. Right to Know GMOs will discuss the film, so please come with your GMO questions! How do GMOs impact your environment, your family, and your health? Why are genetically modified foods labeled in the European Union, but not in the USA?

Please e-mail Floral teacher Kara Frankian if you would like additional information about this event at kfrankian@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

Message from Floral Art Teachers Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Gustafson: SPS Art Festival on May 7

You are invited to the opening reception of the Visual Arts District Wide Art Show featuring students' artwork from Floral Street School, Spring Street, Paton, Coolidge, Beal, Sherwood and Oak Street School. Stop by the Shrewsbury Senior Center anytime between 10:00am – 2:00pm on Saturday, May 7, to see the art created by students from our school, other elementary schools, and higher-grade levels. As always we are thankful for your support of art education here in Shrewsbury.

Featured Floral Artists at the Worcester Art Museum in May

A big pat on the back to the four students from Floral Street School who will be participating in the 'Cats Art Exhibit' offered by the Worcester Art Museum. The opening reception for the Cats Exhibit is Sunday May 22nd from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Worcester Art Museum. This show will run from May through July of this year. All are welcome to this reception. Our talented Floral artists whose work will be featured are: **Carly Heske, Joseph Yu, Elizabeth Kennedy and Panidhi Vidyaprakas.**

These students made their own paper at the last ASAP after school class. Then they painted their own rendition of a 'Cat' using the paper they made. They also wrote an Artist's Statement about their artwork. So well done by these four students!

From the Food Services Department: March and April Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the lucky winners below whose names were entered into the monthly drawings:

\$25.00 Panera Gift Card : Floral Tyler Boehnke

\$25.00 UnoGiftCard: Floral Ved Amin

\$25.00 Amazon Gift Card: Floral Patrick

Lunch Credit to POS(\$65.00 Value): Floral MacKenna Krieser

From Your Local Letter Carrier: Food Drive on May 14

The Letter Carriers Food Drive will be held on **Saturday, May 14th**. Please leave your non-perishable donation in a bag by your mailbox on May 14th. Your Letter Carrier will ensure it is delivered to the Worcester County Food Bank.

Want to help? We are looking for volunteers to help us sort collected food from 2-6pm at the Shrewsbury Postal Distribution Center, 192 Main Street. If you would like to help us on that day, please email rubin@townisp.com. Thank you for your support!

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

Save the Date to Volunteer at Field Day in June

Please consider signing up to run a game at your child's Field Day this June. It's a lot of fun to be a part of the day and engage with the students – plus, we need all hands on deck to make this joyful day happen for students. Convince a friend to sign up to

run a game with you and have even more fun! Here's the link to sign up as a Field Day volunteer:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e44a5af2ca75-olympic>

2016-2017 Bus Registration

Please see the attached document below for information about the bus registration process for the 2016-2107 school year.

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**

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 7 Visual Arts District Wide Art Show /
Shrewsbury Senior
Center (10:00am-
2:00pm)**
- May 9-12 PARCC Assessment / Grade 3 Math
- May 11 & 12 ASAP Classes Begin / 4 Weeks / 3:30-4:30pm**
- 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 1 & 2 Last ASAP Class**
- 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:

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/>

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