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Dear Floral Families,

With PARCC testing sessions officially behind us, we are happily boxing up test booklets (over 800 of them altogether!) this week and eager to resume normal morning routines and schedules...at least as normal as can be expected during the final few weeks of the year in a busy elementary school steeped in many end-of year traditions.

Our third and fourth grade students are to be commended for their effective effort, stamina, and positive attitudes throughout their PARCC testing sessions. They certainly seemed prepared to respond to the challenging problems and passages presented in the assessments; we appreciate all of the work you have done from home to prepare them for this opportunity to put forth their very best effort and do their very best work. We look forward to receiving results from the PARCC tests in early fall.

As you know, classroom projects and research pertaining to the environment will be on exhibited throughout the hallways, front foyer, and the gym **this Friday at Floral Goes Green**. Some of these exhibits are interactive, where students will be facilitating a learning experience for its audience. One such exhibit, run by some first and second grade students, involves learning how to

make a grocery bag out of an old t-shirt...a great way to reduce use of those pesky plastic bags that never biodegrade. Your child is welcome to bring in an old t-shirt if he/she is interested in making their own eco-friendly bag!

One final note- we added several more events to the Important Upcoming Dates section below. Look for those new events in bold.

Have a wonderful week.

~Lisa & Tiffany

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GOOS Notebooks for Sale at Floral Goes Green

On Friday 5/27 the Grossman and Poppalardo classes will once again be selling GOOS notebooks during Floral Goes Green. All proceeds will go towards nature trail maintenance or other environmental projects here at school. What are GOOS notebooks you ask? Well, they are handmade notebooks filled with paper that is still “Good On One Side.” They can be used as journals, sketch books, story books, scrap paper, etc. They were wildly popular when we last sold them at Floral Goes Green in 2014 and we are excited to sell them again! The cost is just \$1.00 per notebook. Any Floral student can purchase one (or more!) when their class visits Floral Goes Green exhibits on Friday.

Destination Imagination Team

Congratulations to the Elementary Destination Imagination

Team who recently earned first place finishes at the regional and state tournaments. The team heads to Knoxville, Tennessee this week to compete in the global tournament. We are proud of these Floral students for their success in the structural challenge: **Aashi Gupta, Laasya Gattu, Medha Rakesh, Shifali Maheshguru, and Shivani Gupta.** Congratulations!

Field Days – Volunteer Update

Thank you to the dozens of parents who have signed up to run a game at one or more of this year's Field Days. We couldn't run these fun-filled days without all of your help; we are so grateful! There are just a few games still in need of volunteers for the Grade 1 and Grade 4 Field Days. Please visit the link and consider signing up if you are able:

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

All Field Day volunteers will need to have an active CORI on file; please contact Susan or Lynda in the office tomorrow if you are unsure if your CORI hasn't expired- they'll be happy to check it for you.

2nd Annual Duck Dash 5K Run/Walk for Camp Wonder

Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 9:00 am at Sherwood Middle School
Join the fun and walk or run to benefit Camp Wonder!
Camp Wonder is a camp for children with chronic or life threatening skin diseases. All proceeds from the Duck Dash will go directly to Camp Wonder. The entry fee is \$20.00 for registrations received before June 1. Pre race bib pick up at Marathon Sports, Shrewsbury on Friday, June 10.

Please visit the Duck Dash Website:

<http://duckdashforcampwonder.weebly.com/>

Or register for the race at RaceEntry.com

<https://www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/5k-duck-dash-for-camp-wonder>

For sponsor and donor information or to learn more about the race please contact Patricia Egan – Shrewsbury High School Class of 2016

Racedirector.duckdahsforcampwonder@gmail.com

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

Fourth Grade Barbecue on June 13th: Forms Due on June 1

Fourth grade families are reminded to send in their completed order form and money for the barbecue to be held during students' normal lunch time on the day of the 4th Grade Celebration, June 13. Order forms are due to the office by Wednesday, June 1. A copy of the form is attached below.

Note from the Shrewsbury Schools Music/Theater Association (SSMA)

The SSMA (Shrewsbury Schools Music/Theater Association) is in need of one parent representative from each elementary school to be a representative to the Board. The SSMA has helped raise funds for our performing groups for over 60 years. We have been able to support our music and theater programs district wide. There is one SSMA meeting per month on the first Tuesday of the month, September to June. You would bring any requests from your school's music teacher forward. After the meeting you would email the music teacher and the school PTO to share what is going on in the SSMA. If your child is passionate about the performing arts we would love to have your help guiding SSMA. If you have any questions or are ready to volunteer, please contact Aileen Lemoine at lemoine93@townisp.com. You are invited to our end of the year meeting and social event on Friday June 17th to meet your fellow Board members and the new Executive Committee.

Shrewsbury Summer Robotics Program – Registration Now Open

Sign ups for the Shrewsbury Robotics Summer Program are now open. We run a robotics and engineering summer program for students entering 4th-8th grade. The robotics are based on the FIRST Lego League competition Trash Trek and there will be engineering challenges designed for middle school students. Full details, dates, cost and sign ups are on our website page:

<http://shrewsburyrobotics.org/programs/summer->

[program/](#) We have a limit on the number of students we can take for each week and places are filling up fast.

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**

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| May 23 | Spangenberg Pizza Party (during lunch time) – sponsored by the PTO Boxtops Collection Contest |
| May 24 | Last STEM & Young Rembrandts After School Classes |
| May 25 | Walking Field Trip to Artemas Ward House (Beall, Bisceglia, Ushinski) |
| May 27 | FLORAL GOES GREEN! |
| May 30 | Memorial Day / No School for Students & Staff |
| June 1 & 2 | Last ASAP Class |
| June 3 | Opening Ceremonies for Field Day Olympics /1:30pm |
| June 9 | 3 rd Grade Field Trip to Shrewsbury Common |
| June 13 | 4 th Grade Celebration / 9:30 AM |
| June 16 | Student Council Hosts Open House for New Students / 4:00pm – 5:00pm |
| June 20 | PTO Appreciation Luncheon for Staff |
| June 20 | Information Evening for Parents NEW to Floral this Fall / 6:00pm in the Floral Cafeteria |
| June 21 | Last Day of School / 12:15 Dismissal |

Field Day Dates

- 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)

Important Contact Information:

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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)

[Fourth Grade Celebration Barbecue 2016.doc](#)

The full district school calendar is available on the district homepage at: <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>