

## FLORAL FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Families,

The 2016 Harvest Hoedown received rave reviews from students and staff! We hope you get a chance to visit the Floral Facebook page to catch a glimpse of the heel-kickin' and boot-scootin' that went on in the gym all day on Friday. It was a joyful day for all and wouldn't be made possible without the leadership of Mrs. Amy Smith and the collaboration of the allied arts staff, including Mrs. DeBlois, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Brunell, and Mrs. Gustafson. The Floral community is so fortunate to have this stellar team of specialists.

Parent-Teacher Conference Day is just around the corner – Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. This is an important opportunity for parents and teachers to partner together to discuss student progress and set learning goals for the year ahead. This is also a great time to share strategies that are effective with supporting your child's learning, both inside and outside of school. Your child's teacher is busy preparing for their meeting with you- although the time together is brief, every minute counts as you work together to create and implement strategies for supporting your child's learning and continued development at home and at school. Thank you for prioritizing this time to partner with your child's teacher.

As you know, there is no school for students on Parent-Teacher Conference Day, however, child care (for school-age children) is available at school for the duration of your conference time. That childcare will be provided in the Floral cafeteria by members of the Floral staff. Please sign your child in and out of the cafeteria when you access the child care.

For those of you who ordered items from the PTO Jeannine Fundraiser, please stop into the cafeteria on the stage to pick up your items. Thank you so much for supporting Floral through your participation!

Have a wonderful week ahead.

~Lisa

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### **Important Notes:**

**From the Floral Staff- Thank You!**

The Floral staff was treated to a delicious assortment of breakfast treats on Thursday morning, courtesy of the Floral PTO and the many, many families that sent in the treats. THANK YOU all for your support and gifts of appreciation!

### **From the PTO: Direct Donations Update**

Floral Parents, *thank you* for your extraordinary generosity. We are happy to report that we have received \$2025 in direct donations to the PTO. We met our goal of hitting \$2000. All of this money will go directly to the school and will cover some of the expenses that are not covered by the school budget, e.g. upkeep of the playground, buses for school field trips, technology for classrooms, magazine subscriptions, guest speakers and presenters, etc. Thank you again!

### **Bullying and Cyberbullying: A Community Discussion, Nationally Recognized Speaker to Present at Oak Middle School**

Oak Middle School is pleased to welcome Dr. Elizabeth Englander, Director and Founder of the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) at Bridgewater State University, for a discussion of current trends and research on the topics of **bullying and cyberbullying**, and what parents and schools can do to address these issues. Parents, educators, counselors and other community members are invited to attend this interactive session, and audience questions are encouraged.

**Where: Oak Middle School Auditorium, 45 Oak Street**

**When: November 2nd, 6:30 PM**

Public invited

Dr. Englander is a nationally recognized expert on the subject of bullying and cyberbullying in teens and young adults, and was named *Most Valuable Educator of 2013* by the Boston Red Sox for her work in these areas. For more information, please go to these links:

<http://marccenter.webs.com/>

<http://elizabethenglander.webs.com/about-me>

### **Note from Art Teacher, Mr. Wilson: Enriching Local Experiences for Your Family**

Please see the attached letter from Floral Art Teacher, Mr. Wilson, which highlights some events going on in the community that would be great experiences for your family.

### **Notes from Previous Flyers:**

#### **Reminder from the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council**

The 4th grade Student Council will be coordinating our UNICEF Fundraiser again this year. They are asking Floral Street students to either collect spare change or Trick or Treat for UNICEF. This global organization helps children living in poor countries around the world. Donations will provide vaccines, clean water, and nutrition to hungry children just to mention a few things. Collection boxes will be sent home by **October 28th** and should be returned to Floral by **November 4th**. Children can place their donation boxes in bins that will be located on each floor of the school. United States currency only is appreciated. Last year our school raised almost \$2,000 for this worthy cause!

#### **From the PTO - Clothing and Textile Collection to Benefit Floral Street School**

Date: Saturday November 5

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Donations of clothing of all types, shoes, boots, hats, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and towels are appreciated! The PTO will be paid per ton of clothing collected.

Please note that we are NOT able to accept stuffed animals, pillows or comforters.

**Volunteers are needed to make this event a success! Please follow this link to sign up:**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48a8a92ca2f58-floral2>

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

*\*New dates added this week appear in bold print*

November 4	School Meeting for Grade 1 & 2 / 2:30pm
November 5	PTO Clothing & Textile Collection / 9:00-1:00pm at FSS
November 8	Parent-Teacher Conferences / NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
November 9	PTO Meeting / Media Center (6:15-7:15pm)
November 11	NO SCHOOL / Veterans Day
November 18	School Meeting for Grade 3 & 4 / 2:30pm
November 19	FLORAL FUN FAIR!
November 23-25	NO SCHOOL / Thanksgiving Break
December 6	Early Release Day for Students (Professional Development Day for Staff) / Dismissal starts at 12:15pm
December 19	Trimester 1 Report Cards Sent Home
December 26-January 2	December Break / No School
January 3	Students Return to School

**Most Frequently Used Numbers:**

Office	(508) 841-8720
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Nurses, FAX	(508) 841-1545
Extended Day	(508) 841-8743

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<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/district/documents/final16-17calendar.pdf>

The **Elementary Lunch Menu** can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>  
[Enrichment Experiences.docx](#)

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