

FLORAL STREET SCHOOL PTO NEWS

Connecting Parents, Students, & Teachers

FALL 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PTO PRESIDENT

Dear Floral Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you and your children to Floral Street School! I would also like to invite you to get involved with the Floral PTO. The Floral PTO is made up of parents like you who care deeply about our children's education. We work along with the staff to enhance the educational and social objectives of the school.

Our primary objective is to support our school with funds and services that will enrich the education of every child, but we also strive to build community spirit. In today's challenging economic climate, it is important for us to raise money to cover goods and services that are not covered by the school budget, e.g. bus transportation for field trips, playground maintenance and repair, resources, materials and technology for the classrooms, library, etc. To meet this objective, we fundraise. The money that the PTO raises allows us to make "capital investments" in Floral to support broader initiative that the school budget alone does not cover.

Any Floral parent or guardian is welcome to attend any and all PTO meetings which are usually attended by the principal, as well as teachers. We welcome new faces! There are many opportunities to get involved, and we need your support.

We wish your children a wonderful start to the new school year!

Sincerely,
Mitika Kathuria

PTO ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The PTO recently approved a \$21,000 capital investment to purchase 27 iPads, iPad cases, and four mobile charging carts. This purchase will increase students' access to iPads by creating four mobile iPad stations that are easily available for classroom use.

The PTO donated \$6000 to purchase and install the new Big Foot Wavy slide at the playground. This new slide replaced the broken slide over the summer.

PTO MEETINGS

All are welcome!

PTO meetings are (usually*) held on the second Wednesday of every month, from **6:15pm to 7:15pm** in the Floral School Cafeteria.

Childcare will be provided from 6pm onwards.

We will be serving pizza for children and parents.

Save the dates:

2016

*Sept. 22 (Thursday)
October 12
November 9

2017

January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10

The PTO is a great way to get involved with our school. Whether you are able to help for one hour or for many hours, **all help is appreciated.** Come find out how you can help out. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

FALL FUNDRAISER

Through proceeds from our various fundraisers, the PTO has been able to support an array of important programs, including author visits, science enrichment, math enrichment, and instructional technologies. With your help, we hope to continue to expand these initiatives.



This fall, we are partnering with Cherrydale Farms and Jeannine, whose catalogs offer a variety of items, including delectable chocolates, delicious snacks, scented candles, quality gift wrap, and one-of-a-kind kitchen gadgets. Our fundraiser begins the week of Labor Day and ends on September 26th. Details, in addition to catalogs and order forms, were sent home with students during the first two weeks of school. Orders will be available for pick-up in the Floral cafeteria on 11/8, during parent-teacher conferences. For more information, please contact Katie Treiber at katietreiber@yahoo.com



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Over the summer, the PTO sponsored a fundraiser for parents to purchase school supplies from our newest vendor, Educational Products, at a deep discounted price for their child(ren). We are very happy to report that the PTO raised a total of \$ 1,457.00 from the proceeds. As a result of this successful fundraiser, the PTO will use the same vendor for next year and also try to include school supplies for 1st graders. For more information about this fundraiser, please contact Robbin Miller at rmillerchat@aol.com. Thank you for your support!

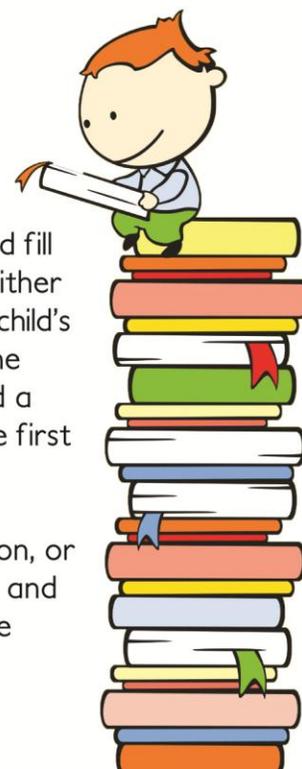
DONATE-A-BOOK

The Floral Street School Media Center needs your support!

Great children's books are published every year, but due to limited funds, the Media Center is not able to purchase many of them. By donating \$15, you will allow make current titles available and replace books that are in poor condition. Simply print and fill out the Donate-A-Book form (located at <http://tinyurl.com/DonateBook>), enclose either cash or a check (payable to Floral Donate-A-Book), and return it to school in your child's backpack. Your child will be invited by the Media Specialist to choose a book from the display case outside of the Media Center. An inscription label stating your name and a personalized message from you will then be added to the book. Your child will be the first to borrow the newly donated book.

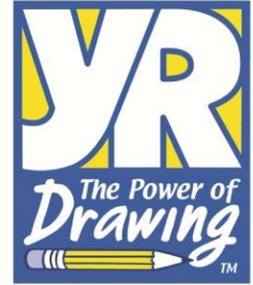
Consider donating to mark a special event, holiday, to thank a teacher or staff person, or in honor/memory of a loved one. This is an excellent way to support our curriculum and get students excited about reading. Help us reach our goal of 160 new books for the 2016-2017 school year!

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YOUNG REMBRANDTS DRAWING CLASSES

Young Rembrandts is excited to be back at Floral Street School this fall with all new lessons! We will again be meeting after school on TUESDAYS and the first session will begin on September 27th. New this year, sessions will be 8 weeks in length. Tuition will be \$100 per 8 week session. Some of the lessons we'll be highlighting this session include a Pixel Block Character, a colorful iguana, and the Notre Dame Cathedral. Content is based on child-friendly subjects that open the imagination and stretch the mind. We provide all materials and a trained and certified instructor. Students will come directly to our class after school, then you pick them up from our care an hour later. Online registration is already available at <http://tinyurl.com/FloralYR>. A flyer was sent home with students in the past two weeks with all the class information. Classes fill quickly - enroll today! Call Young Rembrandts directly with any questions (508) 393-8033.



Young Rembrandts

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT WITH A NEW FLORAL T-SHIRT

Do you and your child love Floral Street School? Show your school pride with a newly-designed Floral Street School T-shirt or Hooded Sweatshirt! The Floral Spirit Wear Fund-raiser will run October 3rd through the 17th. Our new logo isn't the only new thing this year; we will also be offering an online ordering system. There you will be able to view all the available colors, and make your payments easily, by credit card. Be sure to stop by the PTO table on Curriculum Night; we will have samples of the available items for you to check out! For more information, please contact Jennifer Holmlund at jennifer@holmlund.biz.



STEM IS FUN FOR KIDS AT FLORAL

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 will learn something new and experience a different kind of fun. Learning is best when kids are having fun! STEM is Fun!

- This program is intended for students of Floral Street School from Grades 1-4
- It is a 6 week program. Classes are conducted one hour per week for six weeks.
- Fall Session Schedule: Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM
- Dates: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, and Nov 1
- Cost: \$90/ child for 6 weeks
- Max: 12 students/class

INTERESTED IN HELPING YOUR FLORAL STREET SCHOOL PTO?

We are always looking for parents who are able to volunteer their time!

Please contact Mitika Kathuria at mitikakathuria@gmail.com for details.

For more information, email: info@stembeginnings.com or visit our website: www.stembeginnings.com



YOU COULD BE EARNING CASH AND SUPPLIES FOR FLORAL STREET SCHOOL WHILE YOU SHOP! DON'T MISS OUT!



BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION

- We earn 10 cents for each box top and the funds go directly to the school!
- Please cut box tops on the dotted line.
- The drop bin is in the lobby of the school. For inclusion in the Box Tops contest happening later in the year, just write the name of your child's teacher on the bag or envelope – you don't have to wait to send in Box Tops.
- Ask your friends and family to save for you.
- Go to www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of products.



AMAZONSMILE FOUNDATION

The Floral Street School PTO is enrolled in a rewards program through Amazon called AmazonSmile. Any time you will be making a purchase from Amazon, simply start your shopping experience at smile.amazon.com. From there, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. And .5% of your eligible purchase will be donated to the Floral Street School PTO – at no cost to you!



Here is how to get started:

- Start your shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com/>.
- AmazonSmile will provide a default charity for you. Look below that and you will see a prompt to pick your own charity. In the box provided type "Floral Street School PTO".
- The next screen will have you confirm your selection. Hit "Select" when you see the school name and city/state.
- The top of your screen will show the AmazonSmile logo and you will see the words "Supporting: Floral Street School PTO". If you are already supporting another charity and want to make a change, click on "Supporting" and follow the steps to select a charity.
- From there, everything is the same as your previous shopping experience with Amazon. You have the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

Please bookmark the site <http://smile.amazon.com/>. You must always make your Amazon purchases through this site in order to have .5% of the total go to Floral Street School.



Please contact Kathy Flynn at kathycflynn@gmail.com with any questions about the Floral Street School PTO Rewards Programs. Thank you!!





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PRICE CHOPPER TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

Register your Price Chopper card to earn points that Floral Street School can use to purchase equipment and supplies for the school.

Visit www.pricechopper.com/savings/sign-up to register.

School ID: 14268

* Even if you registered your card in a past year, you may need to re-register. Please check the Price Chopper website to see if your card is registered.



STOP & SHOP A+ REWARDS

Register your Stop & Shop card to earn points that earn cash donations for Floral.

Visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus/register-card to register your card.

School ID: 09483

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SHAW'S GROWING LOCAL LEARNING

Shaw's has teamed up with Box Tops for Education to allow shoppers to earn cash for their school with Bonus Box Tops for qualifying purchases.

To register, visit www.growinglocallearning.com/register.

Save your Shaw's receipts to enter codes on the site above; codes are at the bottom of receipt.



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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 12 - 26	Fall Fundraiser	Monday, Oct. 3	Spirit Wear Fundraiser Begins
Monday, Sept. 19	Curriculum Night	Friday, Oct. 7	No School / Professional Development Day
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Curriculum Night	Monday, Oct. 10	No School / Columbus Day
Wednesday, Sept. 21	Curriculum Night	Wednesday, Oct. 12	PTO Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 22	PTO Meeting	Tuesday, Nov. 8	No School / Election Day / Pre-K-8 Conference Day
Tuesday, Sept. 27	Young Rembrandts Begins	Friday, Nov. 11	No School / Veterans Day
Tuesday, Sept. 27	STEM Begins	Saturday, Nov. 19	Floral Fun Fair
		Nov. 23 - 25	No School / Thanksgiving Vacation

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