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Dear Floral Families,

It is official (at least to us), that Floral staff and students *did* hit a homerun for the Jimmy Fund on Thursday's opening day game at Fenway Park. Thanks to the leadership of the student council, teachers Debbie Martel and Kathleen Barnes, as well as second grade student Max Mitchell, our school came together to raise hundreds of dollars to directly benefit the Jimmy Fund Clinic at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. We are deeply appreciative of our Floral families and staff for their donations to an organization that is near and dear to us all. Max did an outstanding job sharing over the announcements each morning about specific ways in which the Jimmy Fund Clinic has helped him and his family- his leadership and personal connections rallied our fundraising efforts- thank you to Max!

We celebrated another successful Literacy Night on Friday evening, thanks to the work of the Floral PTO, especially Julie Santiago who coordinated the evening's events. Thank you to

all families who attended, and kudos to the 200+ students who presented their writing in front of a live (and large!) audience of appreciative Floral families.

At our Grade 3 & 4 School Meeting on Friday, we were excited to present the first **Hannah Kane Citizenship Award** to third grade student **Danielle Touloupakis** in Ms. West's class. Danielle was nominated by her teacher for exemplifying Floral's Core Values and contributing to our respectful school community through her kindness and efforts to include and encourage others. Congratulations, Danielle! Thank you to the Floral PTO for working with the staff to coordinate the return of the Citizenship Award, which has been re-named to recognize former Floral PTO president and current State Representative Hannah Kane who models Floral's Core Values and made lasting contributions to the Floral community through her dedication, leadership, and perseverance.

A couple of important reminders for this week:

- Report cards come home tomorrow. Once you have reviewed the progress report, please sign the half-sheet of paper that confirms your receipt and review, then send the paper back to school. The report card itself stays with you. If you have questions about content on the report card, please be in contact with your child's teacher.
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- Fourth Grade ELA MCAS will be administered this week. Please see the specific schedule in the notes below. It is essential that students are on-time to school every day, and particularly on testing dates, as those sessions begin promptly at 9:05.
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Have a wonderful week.

~ Lisa and Gina

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Read-a-Thon Begins on April 9th

Our annual PTO sponsored Read-A-Thon starts **Monday April 9th** and continues through **Sunday, April 22nd**. This year we are hoping to raise over \$5000 to help fund special programs and playground equipment. Although the Read-A-Thon is a fundraiser, that is not the sole focus of this event. Our goal is to enhance the love of reading for our students and promote good reading habits. Asking family members and friends to pledge a student's reading is optional. We are hoping for 100% participation. Please encourage your child to read and join us in this fun and educational fundraiser for our school!

Your child will be bringing home the instruction sheet along with the reading log and sponsor form. *Please read carefully*

as the format has been changed a bit this year. Instead of logging in per minute, we are requesting to log for every book read. We also have exciting prizes like Free Kid's Meal certificate from Buffalo Wild Wings and Free Ticket to the Worcester Bravehearts game. Happy Reading!!

More Read-A-Thon packets will be available at the front office. Any questions, please contact Mitika Kathuria (MitikaKathuria@gmail.com)

PTO Meeting on April 11th at 6:15pm

Please join us on **Wednesday, April 11th at 6:15pm** for the PTO Elections & next board meeting. Childcare and pizza will be available from 6pm onward.

We will be holding the *General Elections for the 2018-2019* school year. Positions open include President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. All 4 board members are leaving Floral at the end of the year and are available to discuss and help with a smooth transition. If you would like to discuss the roles and responsibilities with the existing office holders prior to the meeting or are interested in serving but unable to attend the meeting, please email PTO President Mitika Kathuria at MitikaKathuria@gmail.com.

There are many other positions open as well which will be discussed during the meeting. Some of these positions require only an hour or two of your time and can be easily executed remotely. All these positions can be co-chaired as well.

We will also discuss the remaining fundraisers and events of the year when we meet.

Floral PTO needs you! Become Involved! Help us help the school to provide our children with every opportunity! Hope to see many new faces!

Floral Street School Textile Recycling Fundraiser - Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help make the textile drive a success. Please click [here](#) to sign up for a 1-hour slot and help load bags of textile onto the truck.

This is a GREAT chance to spend an hour together as a family, and it's great exercise, too! :)

When: Saturday, April 28 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in front of the school at 57 Floral Street.

The Textile Drop Off is free to you; the school gets paid for every pound we collect.

Clean out your closets and attic! Drop off used adult and kids' clothing (dry and not smelly), shoes and boots, belts, purses, backpacks, blankets, towels, and sheets. It is okay if the items are worn out, have rips, stains or missing buttons; the good, the bad and the ugly are accepted! *Please note that we cannot accept pillows, stuffed animals, rugs or comforters.*

Most of these items will be reused. A small percentage (items that are worn out and ripped beyond repair) will be shredded to make other items like insulation, so nothing gets put in the trash!

Contact Colleen Corbett @ ccorbett39@gmail.com with questions.

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

Summer Enrichment Programs

The Shrewsbury Public School district is once again offering its popular Summer Enrichment Program for elementary school and middle school students. With hundreds of courses to choose from, there's something for everyone!

Parents may choose morning, afternoon, or full day programs. Early drop off and extended day options are also available. Courses run Monday-Thursday during the weeks of June 25th, July 19th, July 16th and July 23rd.

Registration is now open.

You can find more information and the link to the catalogs here:

Elementary School (entering grades PK-4)

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/extendedlearning/elementary-summer-enrichment.cfm>

Middle School (entering grades 5-8)

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/extendedlearning/middle-school-summer-extensions.cfm>

MCAS 2018 Testing Dates

Please be sure to avoid any appointments or planned absences for your child on the dates below.

Grade 3 English Language Arts: April 24 & 25

Grade 3 Math: May 16 & 17

Grade 4 English Language Arts: April 9 & 10 (Murphy, Goulding, Manning, Ralys, Ross)

April 11 & 12 (Powell, Edgren, Beall, Spangenberg)

Grade 4 Math: May 10 & 11 (Murphy, Goulding, Manning, Ralys, Ross)

May 14 & 15 (Powell, Edgren, Beall, Spangenberg)

Important Upcoming Dates:

*New dates added this week appear in bold print

April 9 Trimester 2 Report Cards Sent Home

April 11 PTO Meeting / 6:15 pm in media center

April 9-12 MCAS Testing - English Language Arts / Grade 4 Classes

April 13 Grade 1 Trip to Boston Children's Museum / Grossman, McCarthy, Harrington

April 13 School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2

April 16-20 School Vacation Week

April 24-25 MCAS Testing- English Language Arts / Grade 3 Classes

April 25 School Council Meeting / 5:15pm in media center

- April 28 PTO Spring Textile Collection at Floral Street School
- May 1 Early Release Day for Students / Dismissal starts at 12:15 (no lunches served)/ Professional Development for Teachers
- May 1 4th Grade Chorus Concert / 6:30pm - Edgren, Murphy, Spangenberg
- May 1 4th Grade Chorus Concert / 7:30pm - Beall, Ralys, Ross
- May 2 4th Grade Chorus Concert / 6:30pm - Goulding, Manning, Powell
- May 4 School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4
- May 9 PTO Meeting / 6:15PM in Floral Media Center
- May 11 School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2
- May 18 Grade 4 Field Trip to SELCO
- May 25 Floral Goes Green
- May 28 Memorial Day / No School
- May 29 Grade 3 Classes walk to Artemas Ward Museum
- May 29 Grade 1 Artemus Ward Presentation at Floral
- June 1 Grade 3 Classes walk to Artemas Ward Museum
- June 11 Fourth Grade Celebration / 9:30 AM**

Most Frequently Used Numbers:

- Office (508) 841-8720
- Nurses, Phone (508) 841-8729
- Nurses, FAX (508) 841-1545
- Extended Day (508) 841-8743

The full district **School Calendar** is available by clicking [HERE](#).

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found by clicking [HERE](#):