



Calvin Coolidge School

Robert Famularo, Principal

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Welcome Back! I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break and had the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends. As the calendar turns to May I cannot help but wonder how quickly time goes by during a school year. At this time we are all striving for a strong finish to the year and are working towards accomplishing all of the goals we set in September. As the weather continues to get warmer, however, thoughts and dreams of summer slowly creep into our mind. I am excited about the remaining two months of school and I encourage you to join the staff of Coolidge School to make these months the best they can be. The following activities and events, to name a few, will be taking place during the months of May and June: Bike Rally, NJ ASK 5, Kindergarten Previews, School Musical, Art Show, Fifth Grade trip to New York City, Field Day, 75th Anniversary celebrations, field trips, Awards Assembly, Spring Lake trip for 5th grade, author visit and much more.

Mark your calendars

Wednesday, April 30th– Bike Rally and Assembly

Week of May 5th– NJ ASK 5 Testing

Thursday, May 15th– PTO May Dinner

Friday, May 16th– 3rd grade trip to West Point

Thursday, May 20th– Kindergarten Book Club

Wednesday, May 21st– 5th grade trip to New York City

Friday, May 23rd– No School

Monday, May 26th– No School (Memorial Day)

New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK5)

Students in grade 5 will take part in State testing during the week of May 5th. Make up testing will take place during the week of May 12th. It is important for students to get a good night's sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast on testing days. Read the Friday Folder letter from April 11th regarding NJ ASK testing.

Construction Update

Our construction project is nearing completion and finishing touches are being made. I am hopeful that we will receive our Temporary Certificate of Occupancy shortly and will be able to begin to utilize the much needed space. Sidewalks, curbing, paving and seeding of grass areas has recently been completed. All construction fencing has been removed and parking stripes will be painted this week. I will notify you when we can begin to use this parking lot for student drop-off. Please note, line up spots WILL NOT change until September.

Author Visit

Jill Kastner, children's book illustrator, will visit Coolidge School on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. All students will have the opportunity to attend one of her presentations. This visit is being sponsored by a grant from the Wyckoff Education Foundation.

Four of her titles are currently in print. These titles include Howling Hill, Beardream, In November and The Lizard Man of Crabtree County. Beginning Monday, May 5th, copies may be purchased in the media center and at the playground pickup area after school (weather permitting.) Books will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Synopses of these titles may be easily accessed at this website. <http://www.jillkastner/books2.html>. Look for a flyer to be sent home this Friday!

Kindergarten Previews

We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2014 to Coolidge School. Kindergarten Previews will be taking place on May 12th, 20th and 22nd. If you know of somebody who still needs to register for Kindergarten for September, 2008, please have them contact Mrs. Ingrasci in the main office.

Second Grade Multicultural Performance

Our Second Graders were very proud to present their Multicultural Program to parents and invited guests. They learned so much about the music, art, geography and other interesting information regarding countries around the world! Many thanks, again, to everyone who helped us create this learning experience!

Science Day

A huge thank you goes out to the Coolidge PTO for providing generous funding for our Science Day presentations. Students in grades K–2 took part in an interactive assembly presented by the Health Barn USA of Abma's Farm in which they learned about healthy foods and then had the opportunity to taste samples of all the foods. Grade 3–5 students will take part in this assembly on May 19th. During Midday Fitness, all students had the opportunity to take part in a yoga lesson with a trained yoga instructor. Students truly enjoyed this unique experience. Lastly, during the afternoon, students in grades K–5 took part in an assembly presented by the Franklin Institute focusing on how the human body works.

Coffee with the Principal

Our last Coffee with the Principal will take place during June. This meeting will focus on strategies to help you provide meaningful learning experiences, instruction and academic practice for your child over the summer months, without unnecessary stress or pressure. Research indicates that students often experience significant regression of academic skills and growth if little or no practice takes place over the summer months. Further information regarding this Coffee will follow.

Scooter Bowl

The Intramural Scooter Football season was a great success this year. The fourth and fifth grade students did an excellent job showing their best effort through the entire season, as well as displaying good sportsmanship, win or lose. The Scooter Bowl will be Wednesday, April 30th. The Longhorns, lead by Captain Zachary Schultz will be facing off with the Giants, lead by Captain Justin Yandoli. Both boys have done a tremendous job leading their teams to the Scooter Bowl this season.

Manners Matter

During the 2007–2008 school year our theme at Coolidge School has been Manners Matter. Each month we have identified a different situation where manners matter and have reinforced different ways manners could be demonstrated. Teachers have integrated this message as part of daily lessons and have incorporated the discussion of manners into writing assignments, literary

discussions, role playing, skits, class discussions and cooperative activities. Students have brainstormed ways that manners matter when speaking with others, when eating, when playing a game or sport, while walking in the hallway, while in class, when there is conflict or a problem with a classmate, while on the computer, when working in a group or while in the media center. For the remaining two months of the school year, I ask you to join the staff of Coolidge School as we reinforce all of these lessons with the students and review each of the situations mentioned above.

Principal's Book Club

Attention Kindergarten students! You are cordially invited to take part in the Kindergarten book club on Tuesday, May 20th in the Coolidge School media center. Book club meetings will take place in the afternoon (the exact time to be determined based on the number of participants). We will be reading Big Al by Andrew Clements. Click here for the flyer.

Welcome to Holly Hansen

Join me in welcoming Mrs. Holly Hansen to the Coolidge Community as our new speech language therapist.

Tidy Up Wyckoff

Coolidge School had several students who were recognized for outstanding participation in the Township of Wyckoff 2008 Team Up to Tidy Up T-Shirt Logo Contest. I join with the Wyckoff Environmental Commission to congratulate the following students:

Anna Vantor- Grand Prize Winner
Taylor Grayson- Grade K,1,2 Winner
Elizabeth Otero- Honorable Mention
Alyssa Grayson- Honorable Mention
Hayley Clarke- Honorable Mention
Brendon Aylward- Honorable Mention

Coolidge Website

Check out the Coolidge School web site for Friday Folder handouts, photos of school events, 75th Anniversary news and blog, upcoming events and much more.