

# CALVIN COOLIDGE SCHOOL

## Mr. Famularo, Principal



### **2007-2008 School Theme:**

As you already know, our school theme for this year is *Manners Matter*. Each month we will focus on a different situation during the school day in which it is important for students to show manners. For October, we will be focusing on what good manners “look like”

in the hallways. Teachers are brainstorming with their students ways to show good manners in the hallways and will be teaching lessons to support this theme. I encourage parents to reinforce these lessons at home.

### **Terra Nova:**

The Terra Nova Test of Basic Skills (Mathematics, Reading and Language Arts) will be administered in grades 2-5 on Tuesday, October 9th through Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Test results have been found to be very helpful as part of the total picture used in assessing our students. Additionally, through these test results, the district has been able to assess curriculum goals and objectives making adjustments as needed. Students do not need to prepare for these tests, but are encouraged to get a good night’s sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, listen carefully to directions and try their hardest on testing days. Students should arrive on time to school on these days as testing begins promptly at 9:00 am. Parents are asked to not take children out of school on these days unless it is absolutely necessary.

### **Coffee with the Principal:**

You are cordially invited to our first “Coffee with the Principal” on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the media center. The topic of this meeting is “What’s new in reading instruction at Coolidge School?” Hear a presentation from Mr. Famularo and members of our language arts literacy committee to help you better understand the components of a reader’s workshop and how you can support our reading initiative. As improvement in reading instruction is one of our school goals for this school year, I encourage you to attend this meeting.

### **Principal’s Book Clubs:**

Our Principal’s Book Clubs have returned! Our first book club will be for first grade students and will take place on the evening of October 17<sup>th</sup> in the Coolidge School Media Center. Students who participate will read Cork and Fuzz, Good Sports by Dori Chaconas. If you missed the flyer or need another one, please see one of the first grade teachers or the main office so you can sign up.

**Important Dates:**

Back to School Night (preK-2)- October 8<sup>th</sup> @7:00PM

Back to School Night (3-5)- October 10<sup>th</sup>@ 7:00PM

WEF Run- October 13<sup>th</sup>

Autumn Wine Tasting- October 13<sup>th</sup> @7:30PM

School Violence Awareness Week- Week of October 15<sup>th</sup>

Wyckoff BOE Meeting- October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8PM

Book Fair- October 16-18<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Festival- October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 3:15PM

Halloween Parade- October 31<sup>st</sup> @ 2:00PM

**Lunch Routines:**

As you may be aware, students in grades 1-5 take part in Midday Fitness prior to having lunch. In an effort to keep our students germ-free, parents are encouraged to pack a disinfectant wipe or a small Purrel bottle in their child's lunch box each day.

**Safety Patrol:**

There is excitement in the air at Coolidge School! Early every morning a bubbling group of young fifth grade volunteers have accepted the challenge to become leadership role models for their school. This year more than 1/3 of the grade level has taken a pledge to become Safety Patrol members. Proudly they display their shiny, silver badges upon red or yellow Safety Patrol sashes. They understand that they are distinguished as responsible and trustworthy citizens by the pledge they have taken, and they take their jobs very seriously. They begin by setting up orange safety cones along the drop-off points along the circular drive in front of the school. Then they hang the flag and report to duty. Safety Patrol members can be seen helping unload vans full of kids, walking timid little ones into the building, patrolling line-up in a safe, quiet manner, or helping teachers with the huge bundles of supplies they cart in and out of the building each day. They are respected and thanked regularly for the fine job they are doing. Keep up the good work!

**Classroom Snapshot:**

Students in Ms. Levine's computer classes have been hard at work studying how to show manners while on the computer. Students in grades 1-5 were introduced to the term netiquette and discussed ways to demonstrate this while on the computer or surfing the Internet. Using the software program *Kid Pix*, students in grades 1-2 created a picture and wrote a sentence to illustrate how to use netiquette. Students in grades 3-5, using the software program *Comic Life*, created comic strips highlighting ways to use manners while on the computer. Student creations are proudly on display in our computer lab!

**Security:**

All parents are reminded to use the main entrance when visiting school and are to report directly to the main office for a visitor's badge. Parents are not allowed to visit a classroom or walk throughout the building without first reporting to the main office. Please help us keep safety a top priority at Coolidge School!