



January 28, 2008

Mark your calendars

January 29th– PTO Blood Drive 1–5pm

January 30th– Shelly Klein Parent Presentation ("Balanced Literacy") 7pm@EMS

February 1st– 5th Grade Trip to Buehler Challenger Center

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Alex Scordato for winning the 2008 Coolidge School Spelling Bee and to Emma Pokorny for her second place finish. All thirty finalists are to be commended for their participation. Best of luck to Alex as he advances to semi-final rounds at Fairleigh Dickinson University. [Click here to see pictures from this event.](#)

Construction Update, parking, drop-off, dismissal

As you know, our construction project is behind schedule. Considerable progress, however, has been made recently. I am hopeful that this project will be completed within the next few months.

Thank you for your continued patience dealing with the current lack of parking at Coolidge School. I realize how difficult this is during drop-off and pick-up, especially during days of inclement weather. I am providing a few reminders to make sure our children are safe during these times.

- pull up as far as you can to the drop-off point
- right turns only out of the circular drive onto Grandview Avenue
- make sure children are ready to exit the car quickly from the right hand side
- refrain from using cell phones in the parking lot
- no parking, stopping or standing while in the circular drive during drop-off

Pick-Up:

- no cars are allowed in the circular lot or faculty lot at this time
- adhere to traffic and parking rules on side streets
- respect property of homeowners on streets adjacent to Coolidge School
- model safety...cross at the crossing guard with your children

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Student Council

Can you spare a dime? The Coolidge School Student Council requests that you save your change and contribute to a good cause. During the month of January the Coolidge School Student Council is raising money to help Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County. All money raised will be used to support the construction of houses for those in need. Here are some fun suggestions for donations:

Deposit 25¢ for the roof over your head.

Deposit 5¢ for each room in your house.

Put in a penny for each light fixture.

Deposit 15¢ if you own a washing machine and dryer.

Own a dishwasher? Deposit 10¢.

Deposit 15¢ for each bathroom.

Deposit 10¢ for each faucet.

Put in a penny for each window.

Deposit 15¢ for each refrigerator.

For each TV, DVD player and iPod, deposit 10¢.

Each teacher has a coffee can in his or her classroom where money can be deposited.

Student Council Spirit Day

To show our Coolidge Spirit, the Student Council is sponsoring a "Super Bowl Sports Day" on Friday, February 1st. Get in the Super Bowl spirit by wearing your favorite sports jersey, team apparel, or sweat suit. Go Giants!!!

Happy Anniversary!!

In September, 1932 Coolidge School opened its doors to students for the first time. Consisting originally of only six classrooms, Coolidge School was constructed for a grand total of \$80,000. Join me in wishing Coolidge School a Happy Anniversary! Committees of teachers and parents will be joining shortly to plan activities for a celebration/commemoration in June of Coolidge School's 75th year. If you are interested in taking part and assisting in the planning, send me an email. Also, please spread the word. We are looking for anecdotes, artifacts, photos and, of course, alumni, parents and staff members associated with Coolidge School from the 1930's to the present.

Kindergarten Registration

To help expedite the registration process for parents who already have children at Coolidge School, we have established a "pre-registration" schedule. Contact Mrs. Ingrasci in the main office for details.

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Friday Folders/Coolidge Web Site

Thank you to Ms. Levine for her efforts maintaining our Coolidge Web Site. I hope you have the opportunity to visit our site to view information on upcoming events, photos of special programs and to access Friday Folder handouts.

<http://www.wyckoffschools.org/coolidge/index.html>

Fourth Grade Math

A recent unit on time, data and graphs provided our fourth graders with many hands-on opportunities using manipulatives. The students learned about all the different types of graphs, and were able to gather their own information on a topic of their choice to create a pictograph. While learning about coordinate graphs, students made connections to the game "Battleship" as they reviewed the rules of graphing ordered pairs using the x-axis first and then the y-axis. Then, to review, students played "Coordinate Graphing Scavenger Hunt". Graphs were placed around the room with one coordinate pair on it. Using a grid with the ordered pairs, the students had to search the room to find the matching letters.

Principal's Book Club

Attention Third Graders! You are cordially invited to take part in the third grade book club on the evening of February 28th. We will be reading Jake Drake, Bully Buster by Andrew Clements. Go to the following website for a flyer for this event:

<http://www.wyckoffschools.org/coolidge/kidstuff/friday.htm>

Wyckoff District Offers Preschool Program

The Wyckoff School District is offering a general education preschool program for Wyckoff three and four year olds with tuition set at \$2500 for the 2008-2009 school year. The program will be housed at Sicomac School. The hours for three year olds will be 8:50 to 11:35 a.m. The hours for four year olds will be 12:35 to 3:10 p.m. Monday through Friday in accordance with the Wyckoff school calendar.

The integrated preschool program is a nursery school program that incorporates the education of special education children with that of general education preschoolers. To be eligible, a general education child must be three or four years of age on or before October 1, 2008. A birth certificate, copy of immunizations and proof of residency will be required of those students admitted to the program.

All children in the program will attend a morning or afternoon session five half-days a week. There are seven openings for four year old general education students, and five for three year old general education students. Students will be screened for admission to the program. The annual tuition for the program will be \$ 2500.00. Parents will be responsible for transportation. Applications for general education preschoolers may be picked up at Coolidge, Lincoln, Sicomac and Washington Schools. An application form is also available at www.wyckoffschools.org. The deadline for application submission is February 1, 2008.