



February Newsletter from Principal Pauls....

April 30, 2024

Dear Parents,

Time seems to soar when enjoyment fills the air! It's hard to fathom that we've reached the final nine weeks of the school year. Each day, I'm continually impressed by the empathy, tenacity, and perseverance our students demonstrate. This newsletter is packed with important information, so please make sure to give it a thorough read.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Anne Pauls
Principal, Mills Park Elementary

Upcoming Events for May & June 2024

- May 1: Cultural Arts Performance, Number Drummer
- May 6: PTA General Meeting & Volunteer Recognition, Media Center, 6:30 pm
- May 8: Bike and Roll to School Day, 8:30 am
- May 8: PTA Spirit Night, BB's
- May 16: Field Day (Pre-K & Grades K-2)
- May 17: Field Day (ECS & Grades 3-5)
- May 17: 4th Quarter Interims go home
- May 23: Kindergarten Orientation, Gym, 9:30 am
- May 27: Memorial Day Holiday, No School for Students and Staff
- May 30: Math EOGs (Grades 3-5)
- June 3: Science EOGs (Grade 5)
- June 5: Reading EOGs (Grades 3-5)
- June 12: 5th Grade Ceremony, Gym, 10:30 am
- June 12: Last Day of School

[2023-2024 WCPSS Traditional Calendar](#)

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Field Day -Thursday, May 16th and Friday, May 17th - Message from Mr. Rood

I am busy planning two full days of fun and games for one of the kids' favorite days of the year, but I need your help as well. Please help us make this the most successful Field Day ever by volunteering your time. We need over 75 volunteers per day. Volunteer jobs may include supervising at one of the inflatables, running a station with a game, or delivering water to volunteers. The morning group will assist with setting up their own station and the afternoon group will assist with bringing their station's equipment back inside. Please feel free to join us the whole day or even both days!! It's going to be a lot of fun!

Thursday, May 16th: Grades Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and ECS/Pre- K

9:10am to 11:45am: All Kindergarten & 1st grade split- Schindler, Riggsbee, Bernier & ECS/Pre- K

12:30pm to 3:00pm: All 2nd Grade & 1st grade split- Noble, Kellogg

Friday, May 17th: Grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th

9:10am to 11:45am: All 3rd Grade & 4th Grade split- Howald, Ware

12:30pm to 3:00pm: All 5th Grade & 4th Grade split- Frazee, Reichel, Johnson

There will be lots of water to keep our volunteers hydrated and some fun water stations, so you may get wet. Please don't forget to wear your sunscreen! Thank you for helping to make this a fun Field Day for our students! If you want to help out, but aren't able to volunteer on Field Day, we are also looking for donations of gift cards (for purchasing of additional field day supplies), cases of bottled water, and cups as well! Please make sure you are a registered WCPSS volunteer, if not, you can do so on the WCPSS website.

Field Day Sign-up:<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4FA8AE2BAB9-48840058-mills>

EOG Remediation with Readministration Opportunity – June 13th & 14th

At the end of the school year, 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students will participate in the regular administration of North Carolina End-of-Grade (EOG) tests. Students who score Level 3 or higher on these assessments are considered proficient. Students who do not score a Level 3 or higher on the EOG **and** have passed the course/ subject during the school year will have the option to participate in a Remediation with Readministration opportunity. Our remediation with readministration opportunity will be held on June 13th & 14th for eligible students. Transportation will be provided, and breakfast and lunch will be available.

Not Returning to Mills Park Elementary for the 2024-2025 School Year?

Please click on [this link](#) and complete the short form for each of your students who will **NOT** be returning to Mills Park Elementary for the 2024-2025 school year. You do not need to complete this form if your child is a current 5th grade student.



WCPSS Panorama Family Survey

Thank you to the 72 families who have taken the Family Survey. We are excited to receive feedback from you so we can strengthen partnerships with families and strengthen family engagement to support strong student academic and social outcomes for students. You have until May 17th to complete the survey.

Families will be surveyed on the following topics:

- *Barriers to Engagement*
- *Family Engagement*
- *School Climate*
- *Background Questions*

We are excited to learn more from our families by your honest and thoughtful responses. We use the results of this survey as we work on our school improvement plan with our leadership team and entire school staff. This way we can continue to strive to make your child's school experience as positive and beneficial as possible.

All Wake County Public Schools families are being asked to take this survey. The survey is school specific, so make sure you select Mills Park Elementary. The survey has 21 questions and takes on average 7 minutes to complete. It is live from April 8 - May 17. For more information, please visit this link: bit.ly/WCPSSFamilySurvey.

If you are having trouble finding the link to the actual survey, click [HERE](#). On that screen you will see the survey is available in 7 languages. You know you have completed the survey when a "Thank You" screen shows up.

School Entrance

As the end of the school year approaches, there are many opportunities for you to visit the school and the school becomes a very busy place. The front office staff is going to be vigilant in ensuring everyone who visits the building is accounted for. Please remember as you buzz into the front doors, you will be asked how you can be helped and to only allow yourself into the building and to not hold the door for others. This ensures we talk to every individual and provide top notch customer service.

Lost and Found

The lost and found table is overflowing with winter wear, many coats, hats, and sweatshirts. Please stop by or remind your child to check the table if they are missing anything. All items will be donated the last week in May.



End-of-Grade Test Schedule

Below is the tentative schedule for End-of-Grade (EOG) testing for grades 3-5. State law requires EOG testing to take place during the last ten days of school.

- Thursday, May 30: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Math EOG
- Monday, June 3: 5th Science EOG
- Wednesday, June 5: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Reading EOG

We are so fortunate to serve such amazing students! Please celebrate the students below for their participation in clubs and awards received.

2023-24 Reflections Winners at NC State level

Literature - Primary:

2nd Place: Aashvi Patwari, 2nd Grade

Music Composition - Intermediate:

2nd Place: Julia Alexandrov, 5th Grade

Art Gifts of Gold

Dido Liu, 2nd Grade

First and Fitness

Mile Run-

5th- Hady Kourany

Ellie Pauls 6th

4th- Keshav Villegas 6th

Janey Zuo

3rd- Cruz Kennison

Cambrie Kennison

Shuttle Run-

5th- David Qi 4th

Mackenzie Sadler 1st

4th- Tristan Kennedy

Moriah Thomas 5th

3rd- Aaron Zhong 4th

Quinn White 6th

100yd Dash-

5th- Luke Kirby

Maeve Lareau

4th- Ethan Yuan

Ryann Sadler 5th

3rd- Harris Bradshaw

Julia Zhang 3rd

Pull-ups-

5th- Alex Erickson 3rd

Aisling Kung 3rd

4th- Taylor Curtis 5th

Juliette Fleeman 3rd

3rd- Raman Yanusheuski 2nd

Emberly Anderson 6th



Standing Long Jump-

5th- Evan Zhang
4th- Lucas Liu 5th
3rd- Neil Zeng 1st

Karissa Fleeman
Callie Strahl
Caiden McDonald

Odyssey of the Mind

Primary team

Aashvi Patwari
Sandhya Hariharan
Ishaan Neradugomma
Bhagya Bhoovaraghan
Lucas Zhu
Logan Hottle
Janani Nachiappan

Problem 2A –

Regional Rank 3 & State Rank 7

Aaron Fang
Doolin Day
Chengkuan (Kein) Ye
Chengbin Ye
Akshar Puligari
Vihaan Natarajan
Ashwath Nandakumar

Problem 1A –

Regional Rank 1 & State Rank 3

Going to the OM World Tournament

Akshara Yarragunta
Rishi Chaudhuri
Matthew Liu
Meghna Manoj
Tanmaya Nistalee
Tanya Srivastava
Adelyn Truong

Problem 2B –

Regional Rank 5

Aadi Gulabani
Liam Wortman
Eric Guo
Kimaya Jain
Cameron Yurco
Kirthi Mudunuri
Kanishka Kulandaivelu Pandiarajan

Problem 1B –

Regional Rank 2 & State Rank 4

Avani Bolia
Grant Mendoza
Aaron Zhong
faaris Islam
Vedhika Menon
Caiden McDonald
Ahana

Problem 3 –

Regional Rank 3 & State Rank 7

Ethan Bernier
Insiya Quazi
Arya Mehta
Anisha Badlani
Ian Sion Lee
Nishika Giridhar
Sean Lee



**Problem 4A –
Regional Rank 1 & State Rank 3**

Sara Guevara
Kai Duryea
Avika Yadav
Ayana Gatti
Vedant Nimbalkar
Arihant Nimbalkar
Aashrith Medicherla

**Problem 4B –
Regional Rank 5**

Akshay Menghani
Neil Zeng
Andy Zheng
Xiang Wang
Aishani Mukherjee
Srikar Gadipalli
Amyra Minhas

**Problem 5 –
Regional Rank 1 & State Rank 6**

Meher Aggarwal
Darshini Moparthi
Indira Loper
Abigail Fischer
Sakshi Ananthanarayan
Isha Villegas
Aashna Bhagat

Battle of Books

The Cool Readers

Aadi Dhanjal
Arihant Nimbalkar
Rohan Lal
Veer Chowdhary
Rohan Jakipally
Vedant Nimbalkar

The Page-Flippers

Ashwath Nandakumar
Chexing Liu
Hari Sanal
Diego Fernandez Revilla

Books and the Beanstalk

Avery Hodges
Ellie Pauls
Lauren Xavier
Meher Aggarwall
Leyla Kadioglu

The Knights of the Media – 2nd place

Alexander Church
Ian Lee
Joshua Kim
Kysan Lee

Snow White and the 15 Books

Julianna Biggers
Kimaya Jain
Tanya Srivastava
Maeve Lareau
Mya Elsenbary

The Readers in the Room – Finalist

Avika Yadav
Emily Zhu
Meghna Manoj
Hannah Lin
Fiona Yao

**Blast Off for Books – 1st Place**

Leila Abraham
Lucy Yang
Molly Zhang
Anisha Badlani
Sakshi Ananthanarayan

The League of the Five Guys

Arjun Pandey
Krish Prabhu
David Qi
Evan Zhang
Oscar Zhao

Best Bibliophiles

Kendall Batchelor
Prisha Patel
Margot Nelson
Avery Bolac
Grace Sabow

Fantastic Reading Rockstars - Finalist

Thara Mani
Aarya Mehta
Keerthi Thiyagarajan
Valora Neradugomma
Ayana Gatti

Best of the Books

Kevin Ye
Vihaan Natarajan
Ben Ye
Janey Zuo
Adelyn Truong

The Book Munchers

Aiden Li
Akshar Puligari
Brian Nolan
Aadi Guilbani
Aashrith Medicherla
Aren Bettendorf

*****Reminders*******Kindergarten Enrollment for 2024-2025**

If you have a child who will turn 5 years old by August 31, 2019, enrollment for Kindergarten has begun! Please click on the following link for enrollment details. [24-25 Enrollment Information](#)

Wake Pre-K Enrollment for the 2024-25 School Year:

Do you have a child who will be 4 years old by August 31st, 2024 and is a Wake County resident? If so, consider [applying for Wake Pre-K through the Universal Application](#). The Wake Pre-K application allows consideration for free, safe, and fun Pre-K program options.

Participating programs include NC Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K), WCPSS Title I, and Telamon Head Start. To learn more, visit the [Wake Pre-K Application Center](#).

Enrollment into the Wake County Public School System Title I Pre-K program is based on the academic need of the child. NC Pre-K and Head Start are prioritized for families with low incomes and other related eligibility requirements. When your application is processed, your child will be



considered for the program that best matches your family based on the criteria. Applications are not first come, first served. **The deadline to apply is June 16.**

Does that sound like it may benefit your child? [Apply today!](#)