



February Newsletter from Principal Pauls....

February 29, 2024

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the MPE teachers and staff, I want to thank you for an amazing Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week this past week (Feb. 25 – Mar. 1). Each day we felt appreciated, loved, and very spoiled. Thank you!

I hope you have a safe and relaxing Spring Break (March 25 - 29). Students return from Spring Break on Monday, April 1, 2024.

Thank you for your continued support.

Anne Pauls
Principal, Mills Park Elementary

Upcoming Events for March 2024

- Mar. 1: 3rd Quarter Interims
- Mar. 5: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- Mar. 6: Middle School Parent Meeting, 5:30pm
- Mar. 7: 5th Grade Field Trip, Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown Settlement
- Mar. 11: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- Mar. 12: 1st Grade Field Trip, Martin Marietta Rock Quarry
- Mar. 12: Board Advisory Council Meeting
- Mar. 13: 1st Grade Field Trip, Martin Marietta Rock Quarry
- Mar. 13: 3rd Grade Field Trip, Morehead Planetarium
- Mar. 14: First-in-Fitness Competition, South Garner HS
- Mar. 15: Battle of the Books Competition
- Mar. 20: School Spirit Night, Chipotle at Park West Village, 4:00-8:00 pm
- Mar. 21: 3rd Grade Field Trip, Morehead Planetarium
- Mar. 25-29: Spring Break, No School for Students & Staff

[2023-2024 WCPSS Traditional Calendar](#)



Single Subject Acceleration (SSA)

The Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) test request window will be open from April 1-12, 2024. Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) is the practice of placing a student in a higher-grade level in *one* subject area. Please view this [informational document](#) and presentation within to learn more about this program, if interested.

Kids Heart Challenge Update (from Mr. Rood)

I would like to thank everyone for participating in our Kids Heart Challenge event this school year. Our school did an amazing job raising \$10,965! All this money goes directly to the American Heart Association to help fight and find ways to cure heart disease. What an amazing thing our Mills Park family did! Thanks again for all your support for this great cause!

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

*****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!](#)