



**From the Principal....**

**February 25, 2020**

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to **Helen Chen**, from Mrs. Pagach's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, for winning MPE's school spelling bee! Competing against 19 other class champions, Helen prevailed and will now move on to the regional spelling bee, which will be held on March 14, 2020. Please join me in wishing Helen all the best at the regional bee.

**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.

- Tuesday, June 2: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Reading EOG
- Wednesday, June 3: 5<sup>th</sup> Math EOG
- Thursday, June 4: 4<sup>th</sup> Math EOG
- Friday, June 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> Math EOG
- Tuesday, June 9: 5<sup>th</sup> Science EOG
- June 3-12: Make-ups

**Single Subject Acceleration – Test Request Window**

Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) in the Wake County Public School System is a practice through which students meeting qualifying criteria in grades K-7 can take advanced academic content in Mathematics or English/Language Arts (ELA). SSA is an accelerative practice that allows students to show mastery of content of an elementary or middle school course without having taken the course.

Parents may request their child to test to see if he/she meets the qualifying criteria in either English Language Arts or Mathematics. Students will be assessed at school. Depending on grade level and subject, this could include a multiple-choice test and/or a writing sample.

- The SSA Test Request Window is March 23 - March 27, 2020.
- We will post the Single Subject Acceleration Test Request Form online when it becomes available. Test requests will be accepted ONLY during the Test Request Window of March 23rd - March 27th
- The SSA Testing Window is April 20-30, 2020.



### **Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021**

Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is full swing. Families who have students currently enrolled at MPE in grades K through 4<sup>th</sup> and have a rising kindergarten student for the 2020-2021 school year, it is imperative that you register your student ***before April 1, 2020***. This will ensure sibling priority and a guaranteed seat for your rising kindergarten student.

### **Spring Carnival**

MPE's annual Spring Carnival is Saturday, April 25, 2020. We need you help! There are plenty of roles to fill for every involvement level from chairing a committee to working on sub-committees and performing individual tasks of ticket sales, food, volunteer coordinator, decorations, International Fest, raffle baskets, etc. Some jobs can primarily be done from home and others are needed the day of the carnival. If you are interested in helping out in any capacity, please reach out to Jasmina at [waysandmeans@millsparkpta.com](mailto:waysandmeans@millsparkpta.com)

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan  
Principal

\*\*\*Please see below for upcoming events for March 2020\*\*\*

### **Upcoming Events for March 2020**

- Mar. 3: Election Day, MPE is a polling site
- Mar. 4: Statewide Severe Weather Drill, MPE, 9:30 am
- Mar. 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Musical Performance, Gym, 6:30 pm
- Mar. 5: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting, Middle School Transition Meeting, Media Center, 6:00 pm
- Mar. 6: Battle of the Books, Gym, 8:00 am
- Mar. 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip (Schindler/Fox/Riggsbee/Noble), Rock Quarry, 9:30 am
- Mar. 9: Teacher Workday, No School for Students, MPE
- Mar. 10: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, NC Symphony, 9:30 am
- Mar. 10: School Spirit Night, Brixx – Parkside Town Commons
- Mar. 11: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip (Mohn/Dowell/Schreiber/Moxley), Mordecai Historic Park and Plantation, 9:30 am



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- Mar. 12: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip (Rochelle/Kist/Treichler/Ware), Mordecai Historic Park and Plantation, 9:30 am
- Mar. 12: First-in-Fitness Competition, Southeast Raleigh High School
- Mar. 13: Battle of the Books, Gym, 8:00 am
- Mar. 13: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip (Ingle/Katzenberger/Bernier), Rock Quarry, 9:30 am
- Mar. 13: ECS I & II Field Trip, Museum of Life and Science, 9:30 am
- Mar. 13: MPE Staff 5K, 4:45 pm
- Mar. 18: Rain Date for First-in-Fitness Competition, Southeast Raleigh High School
- Mar. 19: Coffee & Conversation w/ Mr. Regan (Topic: Technology), 8:00 – 9:00 am
- Mar. 19: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Wax Museum (Schindler/Riggsbee), Classrooms, 12:30 – 1:00 pm
- Mar. 20: Battle of the Books, Gym, 8:00 am
- Mar. 20: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mills Park MS & Alston Ridge MS Presentation, Gym, 9:20 am
- Mar. 23-27: Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) Test Request Window
- Mar. 24: Spring Pictures, Gym, All Day
- Mar. 25: 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Trip (Mohn/Dowell/Schreiber/Moxley), NC Museum of Art, 9:30 am
- Mar. 27: PTA Sponsored Cultural Arts Program, A capella, (K-5), morning
- Mar. 28: Wake County PTA Reflections Award Ceremony, Green Level HS, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Mar. 30: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade On-site Field Trip, Science Fun for Everyone, Classrooms
- Mar. 31: 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Trip (Rochelle/Kist/Treichler/Ware), NC Museum of Art, 9:30 am
- Mar. 31-Apr. 1: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight Field Trip (Williams/Joseph/Del Verne), Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center, Reidsville, NC
- Mar. 31: Spotlight on Student, WCPSS School Board – Crossroads, Dillard Drive, 5:30 pm
- Apr. 1-2: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight Field Trip (Pollard/Daddona/Pagach), Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center, Reidsville, NC

Please access the Google Calendar on our school website (<http://www.wcpss.net/millsparkes>) to see all scheduled events and activities for the 2019-2020 school year.