



From the Principal....

January 30, 2018

Dear Parents,

With five snow days this month, it has been difficult to get back into a normal, five-day week routine. Keep your fingers crossed that we are finished with inclement weather this winter.

| Snow Day | Student Make-up Day |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| January 4, 2018 | Monday, January 22, 2018 |
| January 5, 2018 | Monday, February 19, 2018 |
| January 17, 2018 | Thursday, March 29, 2018 |
| January 18, 2018 | Monday, June 11, 2018 |
| January 19, 2018 | No Make-up Day – using banked instructional hours |

Please note that 2nd quarter report cards will now be coming home on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. The original report card day was Friday, February 2, 2018.

Kindergarten Registration for 2018-2019

Families who have students currently enrolled at MPE in grades 1st through 4th and have a rising kindergarten student for the 2018-2019 school year, it is imperative that you register your student **before April 1, 2018**. This will ensure sibling priority and a guaranteed seat for your rising kindergarten student.

Science Fair

We held our annual Science Fair last week, and the projects were impressive. I am proud of our 4th & 5th grade students for their hard work and awesome projects. Special recognition goes out to the following students as their projects were selected as a top ten project.

- Ethan Goldstein and Thomas Bowman
- Shaili Shah
- Sarah Bowman
- Gabriel da Silva
- Ashwin Sivakumaran and Riley Hall
- Brady Evarrs
- Devin Locklear
- Sriansh Lingidi and Charles Taber
- Archita Srinivasan
- Marshall and Jordan Hammack

During the awards assembly held on Jan. 23rd, the top three projects were announced, and I'm proud to announce that these students will now move on to the regional science fair. Congratulations to our top three!

1st Place: Devin Locklear

2nd Place: Ashwin Sivakumaran and Riley Hall

3rd Place: Ethan Goldstein and Thomas Bowman



First-in-Fitness

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to represent Mills Park Elementary on the 2017-2018 First-in-Fitness team. Later this spring, the MPE team will participate in a First-in-Fitness competition against 20+ schools from across Wake County.

| Grade | Mile Run | Shuttle Run | Pull-Ups | Standing Long Jump |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 5 | Lauren Eggers | Mallory Lawson | Kayla Mudd | Kaili Hill |
| 5 | Leo Jeanette | Marcus Monroe | Ronan Harris | Amir Jones |
| 4 | Claire Barber | Sydney Brown | Nala Johnson | Kerline Mohn |
| 4 | Jacob Fedich | Anay Ghodasara | Alan Cheng | Garrett Midkiff |
| 3 | Alyssa Martinho | Katherine Karakostantis | Alena McNaughton | Elijah Martin |
| 3 | Anyel Gomez-Escobar | Drew Appelbaum | Zachary Perkinson | Aaliyah Jones |

| Grade | Speed Rope | 100 yd. Dash | Triathlon |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 5 | Juliet Stockman | Anwyn Tsalik | Ava Falick |
| 5 | Emerson Castellanos | Shawn Smith | Gideon Landry |
| 4 | Maggie Whitham | Madison Moore | |
| 4 | Frank Zhao | Moosa Dessouky | |
| 3 | Jiya Patel | Peyton Rich | |
| 3 | Max Savino | Connor Brennan | |

MPE School Spelling Bee Champion and Class Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to Samarth Das, from Mrs. Pyon's 5th grade class, for winning MPE's school spelling bee! This is the second time (in a row) Samarth has won our school spelling bee. Samarth will now compete in the regional spelling bee on March 17, 2018. Please join me in wishing Samarth all the best at the regional bee. I also want to extend congratulations to all of our Classroom Spelling Bee Winners!

| First Grade | Second Grade | Third Grade |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Nitin Seshadri (Lloyd) | Weihang Xu (Remer) | Rohan Rajesh (Reichel) |
| Jayanee Balasubramanian (Bernier) | Aarna Bhure (Smith) | Helen Chen (Mohn) |
| Dylan Zhang (Katzenberger) | Saanvi Yeramaddu (Ruffolo) | Mihika Mathur (White) |
| Sanuki Senaviratna (Oechslein) | Sahil Khare (Clark) | Ayan Chowdhary (Salva) |
| Aarav Srivastava (Richardson) | Lily Kirkman (Casile) | Jiya Patel (Williams) |
| Amy Lin (Riggsbee) | Neha Reddy (Oney) | Myra Dwivedi (Bortz) |
| Leena Mehta (Noble) | Katherine Liu (Jones) | Anjali Chandramouli (Dowell) |
| Zachary Ralhan (Schindler) | Aarush Chander (Hassler) | Arjun Sharma (Lane) |



Spelling Bee Class Winners Con't

| Fourth Grade | Fifth Grade |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Neel Ramachandran (Lusk) | Samarth Das (Pyon) |
| Ansh Menghani (Ferens) | Teja Sule (Del Verne) |
| Nisha Kasturi (Powell) | Aastha Shah (Pagach) |
| (Powell) | Anuragg Parepalli (Daddona) |
| Vivaan Ranadive (Murray) | Aalisha Naik (O'Donnell) |
| Logan Mueller (Mosakewicz) | Akash Sathish (Treichler) |
| Allen Liu (Nichols) | Ronel Xavier (Ratcliffe) |
| Srinath Jayaraman (Powell) | |

We truly have an outstanding and talented group of students at Mills Park, and I am incredibly proud of all of them!

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan
Principal

Please see below for upcoming events in February

Upcoming Events for February 2018

Feb. 2: Battle of the Books, Gym, 8:00 am
Feb. 6: 2nd Qtr. Report Cards Go Home With All Students
Feb. 9: Battle of the Books, Gym, 8:00 am
Feb. 9: Early Release Day....students dismiss at 1:15 pm
Feb. 14: 3rd Grade Field Trip, Morehead Planetarium, 9:30 am
Feb. 16: Battle of the Books, Gym, 8:00 am
Feb. 16: PTA sponsored Cultural Arts Performance, STEM the Musical
Feb. 19: Regular Student Day...Make-up Day for Jan 5th snow day
Feb. 20: Class Pictures, Gym, all day
Feb. 23: Battle of the Books, Gym, 8:00 am
Week of Feb. 26: 3rd Qtr. Interim Reports Go Home With All Students

Please access the Google Calendar on our school website (<http://www.wcpss.net/millsparkes>) to see all scheduled events and activities for the 2017-2018 school year.