



**From the Principal....**

**January 31, 2019**

Dear Parents,

**Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020**

Families who have students currently enrolled at MPE in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> and have a rising kindergarten student for the 2019-2020 school year, it is imperative that you register your student **before April 1, 2019**. This will ensure sibling priority as well as families that have met our cap date (12/12/12) a guaranteed seat for your rising kindergarten student.

**Science Fair**

We had 74 projects entered in our annual Science Fair the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>. I am proud of our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for their hard work and impressive projects. Special recognition goes out to the following students as their projects were selected as a top ten project.

- Abinav Kolla: How is Solar Cell Output Affected by Light?
- Neel and Rishi Ramachandran: Thin Ice
- Anay Ghodasara: Does Peppermint Actually Make You Smarter?
- Kate and Max Kranz: Diabetes, Highs and Lows
- Devin and Marissa Locklear: Chemistry Behind a Super Fluffy Pancake
- Landon Quilter: Canine Sense of Smell
- Sahana Gupta: Are Organic Fruits Actually Preservative Free?
- Srihitha Mandalapu and Morgan Yohn: Do Storm Drains Keep the Oceans Trash Free?
- Ashwin Sivakumaran and Riley Hall: Carbon Dioxide and Ocean Acidification
- Prateek Kumar: Growing Plants without Soil

During the awards assembly held on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 and good luck at the regional fair!

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kate and Max Kranz

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Landon Quilter

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ashwin Sivakumaran and Riley Hall



### **School Spelling Bee Champion and Class Spelling Bee Winners**

Congratulations to Arjun Kumar from Ms. Williams's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, for winning MPE's school spelling bee! Competing against 19 other class champions, Arjun prevailed and will now move on to the regional spelling bee, which will be held on March 16, 2019. Please join me in wishing Arjun all the best at the regional bee. I also want to congratulate all our Classroom Spelling Bee Winners!

<b>First Grade</b>	<b>Second Grade</b>	<b>Third Grade</b>
Ronit Karhade (Katzenberger)	Tanya Yang (Hassler)	Andrew Wang (Schreiber)
Rylan Ahmadi-Moosavi (Riggsbee)	Lily Whitham (Remer)	Julia Zhou (White)
Dhruv Vaishnavi (Schindler)	Colleen Feng (Murray)	Harini Nachiappan (Reichel)
Samanvitha Palicherla (Fox)	Nitin Seshadri (Westbrook)	Armaan Dadhanian (Robertson)
Ziva Liu (Richardson)	Sree Charan Palakodeti (Blatz)	Anika Iddya (Mohn)
Hrithik Ajith (Noble)	Shravan Parthasarathi (Oney)	Hridya Ajith (Ware)
Asa Garver (Bernier)	Harini Karututri (Smith)	Sahil Khare (Dowell)
	Myra Gupta (Durgin)	Adeline Fan (Treichler)

<b>Fourth Grade</b>	<b>Fifth Grade</b>
Ashrita Srungarapu (Mosakewicz)	Nisha Kasturi (Daddona)
Vihaan Phansalkar (Fischer)	Tvisha Vudanrao (Joseph)
Arjun Sharma (Lusk)	Ashwin Sivakumaran (Del Verne)
Venkat Kakarla (Ferens)	Shrihitha Pogadadanda (Pagach)
Margaret Kadlec (Hilliard)	Rishi Yarragunta (Pyon)
Helen Chen (Nichols)	Arjun Kumar (Williams)

We truly have an outstanding and talented group of students at Mills Park. I am immensely proud of each one of them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan  
Principal

\*\*\*Please see below for upcoming events in February\*\*\*



### **Upcoming Events for February 2019**

- Feb. 1: Battle of the Books, Gym, 8:00 am
- Feb. 1: AU I/II Field Trip, Marbles Museum, 9:30 am
- Feb. 1: PTA sponsored Cultural Arts Performance, Birdman Dave
- Feb. 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Report Cards Go Home with All Students
- Feb. 6: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip, NC Museum of Art, 9:30 am
- Feb. 6: Snapology, Art Room, 3:45 pm
- Feb. 7: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip, NC Museum of Art, 9:30 am
- Feb. 8: Battle of the Books, Gym, 8:00 am
- Feb. 13: Snapology, Art Room, 8:00 am
- Feb. 15: Battle of the Books, Gym, 8:00 am
- Feb. 15: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Innovation Activation, Gym, 9:15 am
- Feb. 15: Early Release Day, Students dismiss at 1:15 pm
- Feb. 18: Presidents' Day Holiday, No School for Students, Teacher Workday for Teachers
- Feb. 19: Regular School Day (Make-up Day for Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>'s Snow Day), Specials Day "D"
- Feb. 20: Snapology, Art Room, 3:45 pm
- Feb. 22: Battle of the Books, Gym, 8:00 am
- Feb. 25 – Mar. 1: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- Feb. 27: Class Picture, Gym, All Day
- Feb. 27: Snapology, Art Room, 3:45 pm
- Mar. 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2018-2019 school year.