



## From the Principal....

March 29, 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. On behalf of the MPE teachers and staff, I want to thank you for an amazing Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week earlier this month. Each day was so incredibly special. We felt truly loved and very spoiled. Thank you!

### Update on School Procedures/Protocols

Since WCPSS moved to a mask-optional policy on March 7<sup>th</sup>, we've implemented several changes at Mills Park Elementary that began today (March 29<sup>th</sup>).

- Cafeteria: All classes will eat in the cafeteria with minimal social distancing.
- Classroom Seating: Students may be seated at tables or individual desks.
- Parent Volunteers:
  - We are now allowing parent volunteers in the classroom.
  - Teachers will communicate directly with parents when volunteers are needed.
  - We are not allowing parents to eat lunch with their students in the cafeteria. With all classes eating in the cafeteria and students seated at every other seat, we do not have the seats available for parents.
- COVID-19 Symptoms: We will continue to follow WCPSS protocols for students exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms (see below). We understand that seasonal allergy symptoms are similar to COVID-19 symptoms. To help with this.... if your child suffers from seasonal allergies, please provide us with a doctor's note stating your child has seasonal allergies. We will maintain this documentation and then you would not be required to provide a negative COVID test to return to school.

### End-of-Grade (EOG) Test Schedule

EOGs must be administered during the last ten days of school. Below is MPE's EOG test schedule. Please understand all students, including Virtual Academy students, must take the EOG at Mills Park Elementary (no virtual option).

- June 1, 2022: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Reading EOG
- June 2, 2022: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Math EOG
- June 7, 2022: 5<sup>th</sup> Science EOG



### ----Monthly Reminders----

#### **Early Arrival Program – Space Available**

Mills Park's on-site Before-School Care program has room for more students. If your child is enrolled in the program, you may drop him/her off as early as 7:00 am (park along bus loop and walk student into the cafeteria). The cost per month for each child is \$94.65. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$15.00 per child. You can enroll your child(ren) in Before School Care now by completing this [Before School Care Registration form](#).

#### **Kindergarten Registration is open for the 2022-2023 School Year**

If your child is 5 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, you can register for kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. [Click HERE](#) to go to the Wake County website to access the online application process.

#### **Students Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms**

Students must stay home if experiencing any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a student is experiencing one of the COVID-19 symptoms listed above, he/she must meet 1 of 3 pathways to return after COVID-19 symptoms:

- Negative Test:
  - Negative PCR/Molecular **or** negative rapid antigen test
  - **AND** fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine
  - **AND** symptoms have improved
- Alternate Diagnosis
  - **AND** fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine
  - **AND** symptoms have improved



- Presumed Positive
  - May return if it has been at least 5 days since first symptoms and on Day 6 wear a mask consistently and appropriately through Day 10
  - **AND** fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine
  - **AND** Symptoms have improved

View [wcpss.net/WhenToReturn](https://wcpss.net/WhenToReturn) for the updated requirements to return after a COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms.

### **WCPSS COVID-19 Metrics**

To find the most current data on COVID-19 cases at all WPCSS school, please go to [WCPSS's COVID-19 Metrics site](https://wcpss.net/COVID-19Metrics).

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan  
Principal

<https://www.wcpss.net/millsparkes>

**\*\*\*\*See below for upcoming events for April 2022\*\*\*\***

### **Upcoming Events for April 2022**

Apr. 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards go home with all K-5 students  
Apr. 1: Author Visit, Scott Reintgen, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Gym, 9:30 am  
Apr. 1: [MPE Night at Stemarga](#), 5:15 – 7:00 pm  
Apr. 2: NC Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament, Cullowhee NC  
Apr. 6: Spring Pictures  
Apr. 6: [MPE School Spirit Night, Mirchi's Indian Kitchen](#), 11:30 - 2:00; 5:30 – 10:00, (Bring Flyer)  
Apr. 7: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip, Old Salem, Winston-Salem, NC  
Apr. 8: Mills Park Maniac Marathon – Final Mile, 9:30 am  
***April 11-15: Spring Break, No School for Students***  
Apr. 25: District 8, Board Advisory Meeting, Mills Park Elementary, 6:30 pm  
Apr. 26: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, Durham Bulls Park  
Apr. 26-28: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip, Powell Drive Park  
Apr. 29: ECS Onsite Field Trip, Mad Science  
Apr. 30: Spring Carnival, MPE, 4:00- 7:00 pm