



From the Principal....

March 26, 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy Spring! It is hard to believe we are entering the last academic quarter of the school year.

Not Returning to Mills Park Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year

This is the time of the year when we begin planning for the next school year. Teacher allotments as well as other staff allotments are based on the total number of students enrolled at Mills Park. To this end, it is critically important for us to know if your child(ren) will **NOT** be returning to Mills Park Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year. I can't emphasize enough how important this information is. For example, last year we were unaware of approximately 20-25 students who were not returning to Mills Park, and as a result, we lost a teacher and teacher assistant.

If your child is a current K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade student, please click on the link below and complete the short form for each of your students who will **NOT** be returning to Mills Park Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year. You do not need to complete this form if your child is a current 5th grade student.

Click Here>>>> [NOT RETURNING FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR](#)

Single Subject Acceleration – Nomination 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 nominate their child to skip a grade level of content in either English Language Arts or Mathematics. Nominated 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 Nomination Window is April 23-May 6, 2019. No late SSA Nominations will be accepted.
- The SSA Testing Window is May 14-20, 2019.
- Nomination forms will be available online on April 1st. The link will be posted on our school website when it is live. Nomination forms should be turned in to your child's teacher between April 23rd and close of school on May 6th.



2019 WCPSS Family Engagement Survey

On March 25th, you should have received an email from **Team Panorama Education** regarding the **2019 WCPSS Family Survey**. Last year was the first year the survey was given, and we had approximately 300 families respond. We would love to double that number this year. Your feedback is very important to us. Our Leadership Team uses the survey data to create action steps for our School Improvement Plan. More importantly, it helps us better understand parent perspectives and how we can engage families in a more substantial manner.

The survey shouldn't take more than 10-15 minutes to complete. If you have more than one child at our school, families should use the oldest child as the basis of their responses since they have been at Mills Park Elementary the longest. If you do not receive an email about this survey or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school counselor, Nancy Stavrakakis (919-466-1466 ext. 20790; nstavrakakis@wcpss.net). The survey window is open from March 25th to May 3rd.

I hope you have a safe and relaxing Spring Break (April 15 – April 22). Students return from Spring Break on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan
Principal

Please see the next page for upcoming events in April



Upcoming Events for April 2019

- April 1: 1st Grade Field Trip (Katzenberger/Richardson), Powell Drive Park, 9:30 am
- April 2: 3rd Grade Field Trip (Dowell/Ware/Reichel/Treichler), Mordecai Historic Park, 9:30 am
- April 2-3: 5th Grade Overnight Field Trip (Pyon/Joseph/Daddona), Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Ctr.
- April 3-4: 5th Grade Overnight Field Trip (Del Verne/Pagach/Williams), Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Ctr.
- April 5: 3rd Qtr. Report Cards go home with all students
- April 8: 1st Grade Field Trip (Riggsbee/Noble), Powell Drive Park, 9:30 am
- April 8: District 8 Board Advisory Committee Meeting, Olive Chapel ES, 6:00 pm
- April 10: 3rd grade Field Trip, Old Salem
- April 11: PTA sponsored Cultural Arts Performance (K-2), Pete the Cat
- April 15-22: Spring Break, No School for Students
- April 22-May 3: Pasta for Pennies Fundraiser sponsored by MPE Student Council
- April 22: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- April 23: Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) Nomination Window opens
- April 23: 5th Grade Parent Meeting, Human Growth and Development, Media Center, 8:00 am
- April 23: 3rd Grade Field Trip (White/Robertson/Schreiber/Mohn), Mordecai Historic Park, 9:30 am
- April 23: 4th Grade Field Trip, Wilmington, NC
- April 26: 2nd Grade Field Trip, Museum of Life and Science, 9:30 am
- April 30: 1st Grade Field Trip (Schindler/Fox/Bernier), Powell Drive Park, 9:30 am

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.