



March Newsletter from Principal Pauls....

March 28, 2025

Dear Parents,

As we wrap up the third quarter of the school year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your generous donations of time, love, and support for our teachers and staff do not go unnoticed. Whether you've volunteered in the classroom, helped with school events, or simply sent words of encouragement, your kindness makes a world of difference in creating a warm and enriching learning environment for our students.

It's hard to believe we are heading into the fourth and final quarter of the year! These last months will fly by, filled with learning, growth, and exciting school activities. Let's continue working together to make the remainder of the school year a wonderful experience for our children.

I hope you have a safe and relaxing Spring Break (March 31 – April 4). Students return from Spring Break on Monday, April 7, 2025.

Thank you for your continued support.

Anne Pauls
Principal, Mills Park Elementary

Upcoming Events for April 2025

Mar. 31- Apr. 4: Spring Break, No School for Students & Staff

Apr. 11: Letterland Parade

Apr. 15: Spring Pictures & Class Pictures

Apr. 16: 3rd Grade Field Trip, Morehead Planetarium

Apr. 16: 1st Grade Field Trip, Powell Drive Park

Apr. 17: 1st Grade Field Trip, Powell Drive Park

Apr. 17: 4th Grade Field Trip, Wilmington

Apr. 17: 3rd Quarter Report Cards go home

Apr. 18: Holiday, No School for Students

Apr. 22: Spring Carnival

Apr. 23: ECS Field Trip, Lowe's Foods

Apr. 25: Kindergarten Grade Field Trip, Marbles

Apr. 29: 2nd Grade Field Trip, Durham Bulls

[2024-2025 WCPSS Traditional Calendar](#)



Kids Heart Challenge Update (from Mr. Rood)

I would like to thank everyone for participating in our Kids Heart Challenge event this school year. Our school did an amazing job raising \$12,925.39! All this money goes directly to the American Heart Association to help fight and find ways to cure heart disease. What an amazing thing our Mills Park family did! Thanks again for all your support for this great cause!

Spelling Bee - School and Class Champions

Congratulations to [Sahana Anandakrishnan](#), Ms. White's 5th grade class, for winning MPE's school spelling bee!

I also want to congratulate all our classroom spelling bee winners:

Schindler	1st	Abygail Szeto
Kellogg	1st	Arteus Kung
Bernier	1st	Noah Klimashevskiy
Noble	1st	Hannah Liu
Haskins	1st	Aiden Li
Cupick	2nd	Siddesh Ananthanarayan
Dowell	2nd	Athena Mehta
Hilliard	2nd	Keiran Baht
Giridhar	2nd	Karthik Pidaparathi
Smith	2nd	Ayantika Sharma
Tawfik	3rd	Asher Sonubi
Murawa	3rd	Rylie Rodriguez
Mihm	3rd	Jensen McArthur
Katzenberger	3rd	Anvika Chirumamilla
McCann	3rd	Patrick Liu
Moxley	3rd	Ishaan Neradugomma
Reichel	4th	Architha Raghavan
Oney	4th	Vihaan Shah
McNamara	4th	Micah Chung
Howald	4th	Akira Chauhan
Ware	4th	Pranathi Pattisapu
Murray	5th	Akshara Yarragunta



White	5th	Sahana Anandakrishnan
Mohn	5th	Arjun Patel
Zhang	5th	Valora Neradugomma

MPE Reflections Winners

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. It offers students opportunities to express themselves creatively in six different art categories and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a pre-selected theme.

Participant Name	Category	Winner Spot
Krish Saxena	Film Production	1st
Hannah Liu	Visual Arts	1st
Pavin Kulandaivelu Pandiarajan	Visual Arts	2nd
Mila (Amelia) Roether	Visual Arts	Honorable
Daksh Saxena	Film Production	1st
Insiya Quazi	Film Production	2nd
Akira Chauhan	Music Composition	1st
Akira Chauhan	Literature	1st
Valora Neradugomma	Literature	1st
Aashvi Patwari	Literature	2nd
Ayana Gatti	Literature	Honorable



We are so fortunate to serve such amazing students! Please celebrate the students below for their participation in clubs and awards received.

First and Fitness

Mile Run-

5th- Christopher Li

Evelyn Whitaker

4th- Aaron Zhong

Cambrie Kennison 5th place

3rd- Patrick Liu

Evelyn Cardillo

Shuttle Run-

5th- Tristan Kennedy

Moriah Thomas

4th- Cruz Kennison 2nd place

Quinn White

3rd- Harrison Rojas

Grace Pang

100yd Dash-

5th- Liam Liu

Ryann Sadler 1st place

4th- Harris Bradshaw

Isabella Guidice

3rd- Danila Buchatskii

Kate Erickson

Pull-ups-

5th- Taylor Curtis 3rd place

Juliette Fleeman 2nd place

4th- Raman Yanusheuski 4th place

Emberly Andersen 4th place

3rd- Aiden Johnson 3rd place

Lillian Yang



Standing Long Jump-

5 th - Lucas Liu	Callie Strahl
4 th - Neil Zeng 3 rd place	Caiden McDonald
3 rd - Matthew Francart 4 th place	Dido Liu

Speed Rope-

5 th - Ian Chang 1 st place	Thara Mani
4 th - Diego Soto-Diaz 2 nd place	Ekaterina Klimashevskaya 5 th place
3 rd - Max Zhao 5 th place	Mia Chang 2 nd place

TRIATHLON-

5 th Keshav Villegas	Janey Zuo 2 nd place
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Coming Next Month: Battle of the Books, and Odyssey of the Mind

*****Reminders*****

End-of-Grade (EOG) Test Schedule

EOGs must be administered during the last ten days of school. Below is our tentative EOG test schedule. This could change based on updated guidance from the district or state.

- June 2, 2025: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Math EOG
- June 4, 2025: 5th Science EOG
- June 6, 2025: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Reading EOG

[Wake Pre-K online application now available](#)

Families of children who will be 4 years old by Aug. 31, 2025 are eligible to apply. Families can submit one application to determine their eligibility for one of three different services: WCPSS Title I Pre-K, NC Pre-K or Telamon Head Start.