



March Newsletter from Principal Pauls....

May 2, 2025

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe how quickly this school year is moving. Time truly flies when you're surrounded by joy, growth, and learning. Each day, I am in awe of the incredible students we have the privilege to serve. Their curiosity, kindness, and determination inspire us all.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Anne Pauls
Principal, Mills Park Elementary

Upcoming Events for April 2025

- May 5: PTA Meet the Board, 9:15am
- May 13: Kindergarten Orientation, Gym, 12:45pm
- May 15: Field Day (Grades K-2, ECS, Pre-K)
- May 16: Field Day (Grades 3rd - 5th)
- May 16: 4th Quarter Interims go home
- May 20: PTA Spirit Night for Nourishing Noggins
- May 26: Memorial Day Holiday, No School for Students and Staff
- June 2: Math EOGs (Grades 3-5)
- June 4: Science EOGs (Grade 5)
- June 4: Reading EOGs (Grade 3)
- June 6: Reading EOGs (Grades 4&5)
- June 13: 5th Grade Ceremony, Gym, 10:30am
- June 13: Last Day of School
- June 16-17: EOG Remediation with Readministration

[2024-2025 WCPSS Traditional Calendar](#)

Not Returning to Mills Park Elementary for the 2025-2026 School Year?

Please click on this [link](#) and complete the short form for each of your students who will **NOT** be returning to Mills Park Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year. You do not need to complete this form if your child is a current 5th grade student.



Field Day -Thursday, May 15th and Friday, May 16th - Message from Mr. Rood

Mr. Rood is planning for Field Day and needs your help! Our Field Day this year will be Thursday May 15th (Grades K-2, ECS, Pre-K) and Friday May 16th (Grades 3rd - 5th). Please visit the link below to sign up to volunteer your time to help on field day or if you're not able to attend you can help donate cups, bottled water, or gift cards for materials. Please make sure you pay close attention to your child's classroom teacher name, as each time is different grade levels and 1st, and 4th grade a split up at two different sessions. Feel free to sign up for one session, two sessions, or all day on both days! Your time and help are greatly appreciated to help make Field Day (the student's favorite day of the school year) successful! You must be an approved WCPSS volunteer and if you are not, you can go to the website to register: <https://myvolunteer.com/wcpss/volunteer/login>.

**Field Day Sign up: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4FA8AE2BAB9-55830068-mills#/
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EOG Remediation with Readministration Opportunity – June 16th & 17th

At the end of the school year, 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students will participate in the regular administration of North Carolina End-of-Grade (EOG) tests. Students who score Level 3 or higher on these assessments are considered proficient. Students who do not score a Level 3 or higher on the EOG and have passed the course/ subject during the school year will have the option to participate in a Remediation with Readministration opportunity. Our remediation with readministration opportunity will be held on June 16th & 17th for eligible students. Transportation will be provided, and breakfast and lunch will be available.

WCPSS Panorama Family Survey

Thank you to the families who have taken the Family Survey. We are excited to receive feedback from you so we can strengthen partnerships with families and strengthen family engagement to support strong student academic and social outcomes for students. You have until May 16th to complete the survey.

Families will be surveyed on the following topics:

- *Barriers to Engagement*
- *Family Engagement*
- *School Climate*
- *Background Questions*

We are excited to learn more from our families by your honest and thoughtful responses. We use the results of this survey as we work on our school improvement plan with our leadership team and entire school staff. This way we can continue to strive to make your child's school experience as positive and beneficial as possible.



All Wake County Public Schools families are being asked to take this survey. The survey is school specific, so make sure you select Mills Park Elementary. The survey has 22 questions and takes on average 7 minutes to complete. It is live from April 7 - May 16.

If you are having trouble finding the link to the actual survey, click [HERE](#). On that screen you will see the survey is available in 7 languages. You know you have completed the survey when a "Thank You" screen shows up.

School Entrance

As the end of the school year approaches, there are many opportunities for you to visit the school and the school becomes a very busy place. The front office staff is going to be vigilant in ensuring everyone who visits the building is accounted for. Please remember as you buzz into the front doors, you will be asked how you can be helped and to only allow yourself into the building and to not hold the door for others. This ensures we talk to every individual and provide top notch customer service.

Lost and Found

The lost and found table is overflowing with winter wear, many coats, hats, and sweatshirts. Please stop by or remind your child to check the table if they are missing anything. All items will be donated the last week in May.

End-of-Grade (EOG) Test Schedule- Updated 5/2/25

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



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

Battle of the Books

Team 1: The Reading Champions	Team 3: The Book Destroyers	Team 5: Best of the Books	Team 7: The Book Munchers	Team 9: The Book Cookers
Sambhav Pathak	Faaris Islam	Ben Ye	Akshar Puliagri	Yashas Nekkanti
Shaurya Komuravelli	Aarush Lekkala	Kevin Ye	Brian Nolan	Ethan Yuan
Diego Soto Diaz	Sohum Sathe	Vihaan Natarajan	Aashrith Medicherla	Edward Zhu
Vihaan Sharma	Eric Guo	Adelyn Truong	Aiden Li	Insiya Quazi
Sean Lee	Jason Zhou	Janey Zuo	Aadi Gulabani	Dylan Diaz
				Faviola Lopez
Team 2: Reading Race Cars	Team 4: Quotable Queens	Team 6: Starbooks	Team 8: People of the Books	Team 10: THE fantastic reading rockstars
Vihaan Shah	Yashvi Katpelly	Sophie Shah	Kai Duryea	Thara Mani
Viyana Reddy	Vedhika Menon	Apeksha Bonthala	Daksh Saxena	Aarya Mehta
Akshay Menghani	Amyra Minhas	Ariana Thakker	Dylan Zhang	Keerthi Thiyagarajan
William Zhu	Pranathi Pattisapu	Kanisshka Kulandaivelu Pandiarajan	Ethan Zhou	Ayana Gatti
	Swathi Thirukonda	Pahal Karbhari	Jay Sharma	Valora Neradugomma
			Timmy Zhang	



Odyssey of the Mind

Student First Name	Student Last Name
Siya	Ahuja
Karthik	Pidaparthi
Eliana	Chuang
Siddesh	Ananthanarayan
Mya	Harris
Alex	Birch
Darwin	Righi
Pahal	Karbhari
Sanhitha	Amarasekara
Akshara	Yarragunta
Rishi	Chaudhuri
Adelyn	Truong
Avani	Bolia
Dylan M.	Diaz-Colon
Kanisshka	Kulandaivelu Pandiarajan
Akshay	Menghani
Aarya	Mehta
Sohum	Sathe
Meera	Kalyanam
Aariv	Vachhani
Janani	Nachiappan
Saanvi	Manda
Sara	Guevara
Akshar	Puligari
Cameron	Yurco
Vihaan	Sharma
Ariel	Sonubi
Amyra	Minhas
Eric	Guo
Eytan	Billard
Dylan	Zhang
Vedhika	Menon
Yashas	Nekkanti
Anvika	Chirumamilla
Yeva	Kandel
Ethan	Bernier
ChengKuan	Ye
ChengBin	Ye



Panther Pride

Vihaan	Natarajan
Insiya	Quazi
Sean	Lee
Nishika	Giridhar
Aashrith	Medicherla
Ayana	Gatti
Brian	Nolan
Keerthi	Thiyagarajan
Thara	Mani
Matthew	Liu
Kai	Duryea
Valora	Neradugomma
Ishaan	Neradugomma
Bhagya	Bhoovaraghan
Faris	Tawfik
Nabiha	Quazi
Aashvi	Patwari
Sandhya	Hariharan
Faviola	Lopez
Vivian	Stroud
Daksh	Saxena
Tanmi Midhunya	Midhun
Thea Blokager	Kjeldsen
Akshara	Koppolu
Arjun	Patel