



**From the Principal....**

**September 24, 2019**

Dear Parents,

This Thursday we culminate our Fall fundraiser with an exciting day of Fun Runs. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you for your generous donations and assisting your children secure donations from family and friends. Your substantial support provides MPE students, families and staff with programs, events, and resources that enrich our school community and enhance our students' learning. On behalf of the teachers and staff, thank you for your incredible support.

**MPE Parent Academy Nights**

We are excited to host our first Parent Academy Nights this month. This first session will focus on literacy. The purpose is to provide you an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of an essential standard and to learn strategies to help your student at home. Given this is our first Parent Academy, your feedback is very important to us. At the conclusion of the evening, please take a few minutes to provide your feedback.

**Dates**

- October 1, 2019 (K & 1)
- October 3, 2019 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- October 10, 2019 (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Time**

- 5:30 – 6:00 pm (Rotation 1)
- 6:10 – 6:40 pm (Rotation 2)

**Lockdown Drill**

During the month of October, the Mills Park Schools (elementary & middle) will conduct a Lockdown Drill. We are not sharing the actual date with teachers, students, or parents, so that we can conduct an authentic drill. This type of drill helps us practice what to do in the event there is an immediate and dangerous threat on our campus. The teachers and staff are trained annually on lockdown procedures, and they practice these procedures with students each year prior to the first lockdown drill. Parents will be notified on the actual day of the drill.



### **Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month**

October is Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month. We kick off the month on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, World Bullying Prevention Day, by wearing BLUE to show your support. MPE will have a Bullying Prevention Spirit Week October 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming in an email from your child's teacher as well as the PTA newsletter.

### **Coffee and Conversation w/ Mr. Regan**

In October, I will host my first "Coffee and Conversation" with parents. The purpose of these conversations is to engage with one another around a specific topic. We also hope this time provides an opportunity for parents to connect with other parents within the school community. Below are the dates and topics for the 2019-2020 school year. We will meet in MPE's media center from 8:00 am to 9 am.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Topic of Conversation</u></b>
Thursday, October 17, 2019	Social/Emotional Well-Being
Friday, November 15, 2019	Academic Expectations
Thursday, January 16, 2020	Parent Communication Tools/Apps, etc.
Thursday, February 18, 2020	Safety and Security
Thursday, March 19, 2020	Technology
Thursday, April 30, 2020	Community Service/Engagement Opportunities

### **Make-up Days for Sept. 5 & Sept. 6**

<b><u>Inclement Weather Day</u></b>	<b><u>Student Make-up Day</u></b>
Sept. 5, 2019	Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019  **Please note that the original make-up day was Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> , but it has been officially changed to Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup> .
Sept. 6, 2019	Friday, Dec. 20, 2019



### **Volunteer Reactivation and Registration 2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder**

I would like to remind continuing volunteers, approved during the 2018-2019 school year, to reactivate your status as a volunteer no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 15, 2019. Volunteers may go to any WCPSS site and register through the WCPSS internet site ([www.wcpss.net](http://www.wcpss.net)) and clicking on the *Community* Tab and then *Volunteer Registration*. After November 15, 2019, individuals previously approved may not volunteer without a new criminal record check. To avoid unnecessary costs to the school system, please remember to reactivate early in the school year – and no later than November 15, 2019.

New volunteer applicants for the 2019-2020 school year must register and have an approved criminal record check prior to engaging in volunteer work. Volunteers may go to any WCPSS site and register through the WCPSS internet site ([www.wcpss.net](http://www.wcpss.net)) and clicking on the *Community* Tab and then *Volunteer Registration*.

### **Checking Students Out Early**

If you need to check your child out early from school, please do so before 3:15 pm. The end of the day is a very busy time for us, so we need to take care of early check-outs before 3:15 pm. If you cannot make it by 3:15, you must use the carpool line and follow the afternoon carpool dismissal procedures (see below).

### **Carpool Afternoon Dismissal**

Carpool tags must be displayed on your rearview mirror for pick-up. If you need a carpool tag, you may pick one up at the main office. To ensure a safe and smooth carpool dismissal, please adhere to the following carpool dismissal procedures:

1. Hang carpool tag on rearview mirror.
2. Follow the carpool line.
3. Please do not park and walk up to check your child out of carpool.
4. Pull up to a designated loading zone.
5. Students will be loaded by an adult or safety patrol.
6. If you do not have a carpool tag, you will be asked to sign your child out in the office.
7. Please refrain from using your cell phone while in the carpool line

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan  
Principal

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



### **Upcoming Events for October 2019**

- Oct. 1: K-1 Parent Academy, Classrooms, 5:30 pm - 6:40 pm
- Oct. 2: Walk/Bike to School Day, MPE
- Oct. 2: OM Coaches Meeting, Media Center, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 3: 2-3 Parent Academy, Classrooms, 5:30 pm - 6:40 pm
- Oct. 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Interim Reports go home for K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
- Oct. 4: PTA sponsored Outdoor Movie Night "Aladdin", MPE Field, 5:30 pm
- Oct. 8: Election Day, Municipal Elections, 6:00 am – 7:00 pm, MPE is a polling site
- Oct. 9: Teacher Workday – No School for Students, MPE
- Oct. 10: Battle of Books (BOB) for Parents, Media Center, 5:00 pm
- Oct. 10: 4-5 Parent Academy, Classrooms, 5:30 pm – 6:40 pm
- Oct. 11: ECS I/II, Camp Royall, 9:30 am
- Oct. 11: Kindergarten Field Trip (Cross/Nichols), Fire Station, 9:30 am
- Oct. 11: Kindergarten Field Trip (Bohnenblusch/Kellogg), Fire Station, 10:30 am
- Oct. 14: Kindergarten Field Trip (Milberg/Salva), Fire Station, 9:30 am
- Oct. 17: Coffee and Conversation w/ Mr. Regan, Media Center, 8:00 am – 9:00 am
- Oct. 17: PTA sponsored Cultural Arts Performance for K-2, Dogman, 9:30 am
- Oct. 21-25: Bullying Prevention Week
- Oct. 21-30: Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 21: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip (Noble/Riggsbee), Fire Station, 9:30 am
- Oct. 22: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip (Katzenberger/Ingle), Fire Station, 9:30 am
- Oct. 23: Fall Pictures
- Oct. 24: Donuts with Grown-ups (Last Name A-L), MPE Cafeteria, 8:00-8:45 am
- Oct. 24: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip (Schindler/Fox/Bernier), Fire Station, 9:30 am
- Oct. 24: Kindergarten Dental Screenings, Classrooms
- Oct. 25: Donuts with Grown-ups (Last Name M-Z), MPE Cafeteria, 8:00-8:45 am
- Oct. 29: Kindergarten Field Trip, Page Farms, 9:30 am
- Oct. 29: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade On-site Field Trip, Science is Fun
- Oct. 30: End of Quarter 1 (report cards go home on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Oct. 31: Regular Student Day (Make-up for Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> inclement weather day)