



From the Principal....

November 30, 2022

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe November is gone and tomorrow is the first day of December. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

December is typically a whirlwind at an elementary school. As we all get excited for the holidays, I will continually remind students to show Panther Pride...be good listeners and make good decisions. I would appreciate you reiterating this message of "Panther Pride" to your child(ren) over these next few weeks.

MPE Warms the Heart Program (from Nancy Stavrakakis, School Counselor)

The "Warms the Heart" program is getting underway once again. Please click on [THIS LINK](#) for more information. We know that some families are finding themselves in need this holiday season and others are wanting to find ways to assist others. This is a program for both!

MPE Reflections Program

Reflections is a National PTA-sponsored arts achievement program that allows students to be recognized for interpreting a common theme through artwork. This year's theme was "SHOW YOUR VOICE". **Congratulations** to the following students who placed at the school level and advanced, along with other participants, to the County Level. The Intermediate division includes grades 3-5. All participants from the Primary division advanced to the County Level since there were fewer than 12 (we had 10 entries).

Intermediate Visual Arts Category

- **1st Place** - Yuna Kim (5th – Ms. White)
- **2nd Place** - Janey Zuo (3rd – Ms. Murawa)
- **3rd Place** - Saanvi Nanekar (5th – Mr. Mohn)
- **Honorable Mention** - Chengbin (Ben) Ye (3rd – Ms. Moxley)

Intermediate Literature Category

- **1st Place** - Kysan Lee (4th – Ms. Brooks)
- **2nd Place** - Anna Kranz (5th – Ms. Rochelle)
- **3rd Place** - Anna Kranz (5th – Ms. Rochelle)
- **Honorable Mention** - Nathan Zeng (5th – Ms. White)



*****Reminders*****

2nd Grade Art and Music Showcase

Please join us on December 8, 2022 to celebrate our 2nd Grade Art and Music students. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm by listening to several seasonally and culturally inspired musical selections. You will then have the opportunity to view and share in our MPE Artists' Visual Arts Show!

Spelling Bee 2023

- Class Spelling Bees (grades 1-5) will be held the week of Jan. 16th. Your child's teacher will communicate the exact date as we get closer to January.
- The School Spelling Bee is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2023. Only class spelling bee winners from grades 3, 4, 5 will participate in the School Spelling Bee.
- [Word Club App](#) - this year, the Bee's premier study tool is completely free for students. Download the app and allow your student(s) to learn their study words through spelling games and quizzes.
- By now, you should have received the Classroom and School Spelling Bee Lists from your child's teacher.

Kindergarten Registration is open for the 2023-2024 School Year

If your child is 5 years old by August 31st, 2023, you can register for kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. [Click HERE](#) to go to the Wake County website to access the online application process.

Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Happy New Year -

Michael Regan
Principal

<https://www.wcpss.net/millsparkes>
[2022-2023 WCPSS Traditional Calendar](#)

*****Please see below for the upcoming events for December 2022*****



Upcoming Events for December 2022

- Dec. 1: 4th Grade Guest Speaker, Paul Carr, 2:30 pm
- Dec. 1: 5th Grade Parent Meeting about Williamsburg Field Trip, Media Center, 5:00 pm
- Dec. 1: MPE STEM Night at STEMARGA, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Dec. 2: 2nd Grade In-School Field Trip, Mad Science
- Dec. 5: Early Release Day – Students dismiss at 1:45 pm
- Dec. 6: Make-ups for Fall Yearbook Picture
- Dec. 7: 3rd Grade ITBS Test
- Dec. 8: 3rd Grade ITBS Test
- Dec. 8: 2nd Grade Art and Music Showcase, 6:30 pm
- Dec. 9: 2nd Grade In-School Field Trip, Mad Science
- Dec. 14: 5th Grade Field Trip, Marbles Museum/IMAX Theater
- Dec. 16: 2nd Quarter Interim Reports go home with all students
- Dec. 20: PTA-sponsored Cultural Arts Program (PreK-5), The Math Machine: Number Drummer
- Dec. 21: Early Release Day – Students dismiss at 1:45 pm
- Dec. 22 – Jan. 2: Holiday Break, No School
- Jan. 3: First Day of School after Holiday Break