

From the Principal....

November 14, 2017

Dear Parents,

I am proud to announce **Mrs. Kate Remer has been named Mills Park Elementary's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year.** Mrs. Remer has taught at Mills Park since we opened our doors in 2008. She currently teaches 2nd grade, but has also taught 4th and 5th grades at MPE. Mrs. Remer is an amazing teacher for many reasons, but the positive relationships she builds with her students is what stands out above all else. We are proud to have Mrs. Remer represent Mills Park Elementary at the Wake County Public School System's Teacher of the Year banquet in the spring. Congratulations Mrs. Remer!

Warms the Heart Program

We recently began our "Warms the Heart" program. This is an opportunity for the MPE community to support our less fortunate families and help them have a more comfortable holiday season. Below is a note from our school counselors, Mrs. Stavrakakis and Mrs. Miller:

The "Warms the Heart" program is getting underway once again. We have just hung up the large snowman outside the front office with hearts around it that list items for students at Mills Park Elementary School to have a warm and happy holiday season! Each heart represents a gift for a student at our school. You will find hearts for clothing and toys. We are requesting all items sent in are <u>NEW</u> items.

Only ADULTS may pick a heart off the wall. When you do, please <u>Sign the sheet</u> on the small table beside the snowman. You need to <u>record the Tag Number and Letter</u> which is in the upper left corner of the heart

***Please <u>gift wrap</u> each item, and <u>place the item in a bag</u> such as a Target bag. <u>Attach</u> the heart <u>to</u> <u>the bag</u>, and <u>not the gift</u>, and <u>return</u> it to the Guidance Offices no later than <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 8th</u>. Questions: See Nancy Stavrakakis and Rachel Miller.

Finally, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous donations to our Fall Fundraiser. Your kindness and support have been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. I also want to thank our incredible PTA Board for their hard work and leadership in pulling off another highly successful fundraiser.

I wish you all a safe and joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

Michael Regan Principal

Please see below for upcoming events



Upcoming Events for November 2017

Nov. 14: Fall Picture Make-ups, Stage, 9:15-10:30 am

- Nov. 15: Schoolwide Pajama Day
- Nov. 16: 4th Grade Field Trip, NC Museum of History, 9:30 am
- Nov. 17: Battle of the Books Practice, Gym, 8:00 am
- Nov. 17: Special Olympics,
- Nov. 21: Early Release Day, Students dismiss at 1:15 pm
- Nov. 22-24: Thanksgiving Holiday, No School for Students and Staff

Upcoming Events for December 2017

Dec. 5-6: 3rd Grade ITBS Testing, am

Dec. 8: 2nd Qtr. Interims go home with all students (K-5)

Dec. 15: 2nd Grade Winter Learning Experience, Classrooms, 1:15 pm

Dec. 15: K Gingerbread Play (Milberg/Harland), Classrooms, 9:30 am (Milberg) & 2:00 pm (Harland)

Dec. 18: K Gingerbread Play (Stewart), Classroom, 2:00 pm

Dec. 19: K Gingerbread Play (Huffman), Classroom, 2:00 pm

Dec. 20: 3rd Grade Learning Experience, Classrooms, 12:30 pm

Dec. 20: K Gingerbread Play (Kellogg/Cross), Classrooms, 2:00 pm

Dec. 21: Early Release Day, Students dismiss at 1:15 pm

Dec. 21: Kindergarten Polar Express Day, Classrooms

Dec. 22-Jan. 1: Winter Holiday Break, No School for Students and Staff

Jan. 2: First Day Back after Winter Holiday Break