



October Newsletter from Principal Pauls....

October 31, 2024

Dear Parents,

October was a lively and successful month at MPE, filled with events that showcased the hard work and dedication of our PTA Board, as well as our incredible parents and students. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for Movie Night, Walk to School Day, Boosterthon, Spirit Night, the Cultural Arts assembly, Trunk or Treat, Book Fair, field trips, and so much more.

A special **thank you** for your generous support during our Fall fundraiser! With your help, we surpassed our goal of raising \$21,000. The students had a fantastic time celebrating their whole-school reward with a Lip Sync battle featuring MPE staff members and the Booster team. If you heard about it and would like to catch a glimpse of the event, you can find it at the top of our website page in the scroll bar or using the links below.

[K-2 Lip Sync Battle](#)

[3-5 Lip Sync Battle](#)

Even though Thanksgiving is still a month away, I wanted to take a moment to wish you and your family a holiday filled with happiness, love, and of course, delicious food. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Anne Pauls
Principal, Mills Park Elementary

Upcoming Events for November 2024

- Nov. 1: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- Nov. 4: Fifth Grade Field Trip, Duke University
- Nov. 5: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- Nov. 6: First Grade Field Trip, Cary Fire Station #8
- Nov. 7: First Grade Field Trip, Cary Fire Station #8
- Nov. 8: Qtr. 1 Report Cards go home with all students
- Nov. 11: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- Nov. 12-14: 3rd Grade COGAT Testing
- Nov. 19: WCPSS Magnet Mini-Fair, 10:00AM – 11:30AM
- Nov. 21: Second Grade In-School Field Trip, Mad Science
- Nov. 22: Second Grade In-School Field Trip, Mad Science
- Nov. 27-29: Thanksgiving Holiday, No School for Students and Staff



[2024-2025 WCPSS Traditional Calendar](#)

Kindergarten Enrollment for 2025-2026

If you have a child who will turn 5 years old by August 31, 2020, enrollment for Kindergarten has begun! Please click on the following link for enrollment details. [25-26 Enrollment Information](#)

Spelling Bee 2025

- Class Spelling Bees (grades 1-5) will be held the week of Jan. 13th. Your child's teacher will communicate the exact date as we get closer to January.
- The School Spelling Bee is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2025. 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.
- Your child's teacher will email you the links to the Classroom and School Spelling Bee Lists within the next two weeks. Unfortunately, we are not permitted to post these lists on our school website.

Process to Follow When Students Check-in Late or When Students Check-out Early

Just a reminder that if a student is arriving at school *after 9:15 AM* or being picked up *before 3:15 PM*, parents/guardians must come to the office to check the student in through our WCPSS Visitor Management System. A driver's license is required.