



From the Principal....

October 29, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. The first quarter ended on October 25, 2021, and I want to thank you for your support, understanding, and patience as we continue to navigate school during a pandemic. It has been difficult at times, but with your partnership, we've had a successful first nine weeks. I ask for your continued patience and understanding as we try to create the safest learning environment for our students and staff.

I also want to take a moment to thank our amazing PTA Board for their tireless efforts and commitment to MPE. With many new members, the PTA Board has not missed a beat and have been going nonstop since school began....Fall Fundraiser, Book Fair, Spirit Nights, Teacher Support, etc.

Late Arrival/Early Dismissal

Please remember to sign your child in/out on the yellow pad in front of the main doors if you are dropping your children off after 9:15 am or picking them up before 3:45 pm.

Early Arrival Program – Space Available

Mills Park's on-site Before-School Care program has room for more students. If your child is enrolled in the program, you may drop him/her off as early as 7:00 am (park along bus loop and walk student into the cafeteria). The cost per month for each child is \$94.65. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$15.00 per child. You can enroll your child(ren) in Before School Care now by completing this [Before School Care Registration form](#).

School Board Approves November 12, 2021 as Non-Instructional Day for Students

On October 19th, the Board of Education approved a change to the 2021-2022 school year calendar that extends the upcoming Veterans Day holiday break in November. The decision means that, in addition to the Veterans Day holiday on Thursday, Nov. 11, the following day of Friday, Nov. 12, will be used as a remote workday for all staff, and will be a non-instructional day for students.

Spelling Bee 2022

Your child's teacher will email Class Spelling Bee and School Spelling Bee Study Lists to parents the week of Nov. 8th.

- Class Spelling Bees (grades 1-5) will be held the week of Jan. 3rd (the week we return from the holiday break)
- The School Spelling Bee is scheduled for January 14, 2022. Only class spelling bee winners from grades 3, 4, 5 participate in the School Spelling Bee.



Kindergarten Registration is open for the 2022-2023 School Year

If your child is 5 years old by August 31st, 2022, you can register for kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. [Click HERE](#) to go to the Wake County website to access the online application process.

Monthly Reminders

Isolation/Quarantine & Continuing Education

If a student attending school in-person must quarantine due to exposure to COVID or isolate due a positive test, your child's teacher will post assignments on their Google Classroom site. Parents will be contacted within three days on how to access the Google Classroom site and to provide any other pertinent information.

Students Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms

Students must stay home if experiencing any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a student is experiencing one of the COVID-19 symptoms listed above, he/she must meet 1 of 3 pathways to return after COVID-19 symptoms:

- negative PCR/Molecular COVID-19 test
- alternate diagnosis
- presumed positive

View wcpss.net/WhenToReturn for requirements to return after a COVID-19 diagnosis, exposure, or symptoms.



WCPSS COVID-19 Metrics

To find the most current data on COVID-19 cases at all WPCSS school, please go to [WCPSS's COVID-19 Metrics site](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan

Principal

<https://www.wcpss.net/millsparkes>

Upcoming Events for November 2021

Nov. 2: Teacher Workday, No School for Students

Nov. 8: District 8 Board Advisory Committee Meeting, Green Level HS, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Nov. 11: Veterans Day Holiday, No School for Students and Staff

Nov. 12: Remote Teacher Workday, No School for Students

Nov. 24-26: Thanksgiving Holiday, No School for Students and Staff