



## **October Newsletter from the Principal Pauls....**

### **October 27, 2023**

Dear Parents,

October was a bustling and successful month at MPE, thanks to the outstanding efforts of our PTA Board, as well as the dedicated parents and students who volunteered for Movie Night, Walk to School Day, Reflections Submissions, Spirit Nights, Book Fair, and Storybook Night. We're incredibly grateful for your generous support during our fall fundraiser with Boosterthon. Although we were just shy of our school goal, we raised an impressive \$23,475!

In October, I had the privilege of taking a team comprising of teachers, dedicated community supporters of Mills Park Elementary, and a MPE parent representative, to a community roundtable discussion with Dr. Taylor. As our newly appointed WCPSS superintendent, Dr. Taylor is actively engaging with stakeholders as he settles into his role, providing opportunities to celebrate achievements within our district and pinpoint areas where improvement is needed to elevate our district to the next level of national excellence.

Additionally, I attended the Board Advisory Council (BAC) meeting alongside our parent BAC representative. During this meeting, Dr. Taylor outlined his vision for his first 100 days in office, further emphasizing his commitment to the success of our district.

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 2023**

- Nov. 1: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- Nov. 2: Sip and Chat with the PTA Board at Soul Cups – 9:15am
- Nov. 2-3: PTA sponsored Operation Candy Drop
- Nov. 3: First Grade In-School Field Trip, Guest Speaker
- Nov. 6-9: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade COGAT Testing
- Nov. 7: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- Nov. 8: Fourth Grade Poetry Night 5:30-6:30pm
- Nov. 9: Qtr. 1 Report Cards go home with all students



Nov. 10: Veterans Day Holiday, No School for Students and Staff  
Nov. 13: Second Grade In-School Field Trip, Mad Science  
Nov. 13: First Grade Field Trip, Cary Fire Station #8  
Nov. 14: Kindergarten Field Trip, Cary Fire Station #8  
Nov. 14: Girls on the Run 5K Practice Run – 4:30pm  
Nov. 15: Second Grade In-School Field Trip, Mad Science  
Nov. 15: First Grade Field Trip, Cary Fire Station #8  
Nov. 17: Kindergarten Field Trip, Cary Fire Station #8  
Nov. 17: Fourth Grade Field Trip, North Carolina Zoo  
Nov. 22-24: Thanksgiving Holiday, No School for Students and Staff

[2023-2024 WCPSS Traditional Calendar](#)

### **Kindergarten Enrollment for 2024-2025**

If you have a child who will turn 5 years old by August 31, 2019, enrollment for Kindergarten has begun! Please click on the following link for enrollment details. [24-25 Enrollment Information](#)

### **Spelling Bee 2024**

- Class Spelling Bees (grades 1-5) will be held the week of Jan. 8th. Your child's teacher will communicate the exact date as we get closer to January.
- The School Spelling Bee is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 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.
- 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, parents/guardians must come to the office to check the student in through our WCPSS Visitor Management System. A driver's license is required.