



From the Principal....

September 28, 2018

Dear Parents,

Yesterday, we culminated our Fall fundraiser with an exciting day of Fun Runs. With some quick adjustments due to the weather, it was a wonderful success. I want to express my sincerest gratitude to you for your generous donations and assisting your children secure other donations from family and friends. Your substantial support provides MPE students, families and staff with programs, events, and resources that enrich our school community and enhance our students' learning. On behalf of the teachers and staff, thank you for your unparalleled support.

Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month

October is Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month. We kick off the month on Monday, October 1st, World Bullying Prevention Day, by wearing BLUE to show your support. MPE will have a Bullying Prevention Spirit Week October 22nd - 26th. More information will be forthcoming in an email from your child's teacher as well as the PTA newsletter.

Make-up Days for Sept. 13, Sept. 14, and Sept. 17

- Thursday, Sept. 13th: the make-up day is October 31st.
- Friday, September 14th: the day will be made up by changing the two Early Release days scheduled for September 28 and October 19 into normal student days (9:15 am – 3:45 pm).
- Monday, September 17th: banked instructional time will be used to make up the time.

Lockdown Drill

During the month of October, the Mills Park Schools (elementary & middle) will conduct a Lockdown Drill. We are not sharing the actual date with teachers, students, or parents, so that we can conduct an authentic drill. This type of drill helps us practice what to do in the event there is an immediate and dangerous threat on our campus. The teachers and staff are trained annually on lockdown procedures, and they practice these procedures with students each year prior to the first lockdown drill. Parents will be notified on the actual day of the drill.



Volunteer Reactivation and Registration 2nd Reminder

I would like to remind continuing volunteers, approved during the 2017-2018 school year, to reactivate your status as a volunteer no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 15, 2018. Volunteers may go to any WCPSS site and register through the WCPSS internet site (www.wcpss.net) and clicking on the *Community* Tab and then *Volunteer Registration*. After November 15, 2018, individuals previously approved may not volunteer without a new criminal record check. To avoid unnecessary costs to the school system, please remember to reactivate early in the school year – and no later than November 15, 2018.

New volunteer applicants for the 2018-2019 school year must register and have an approved criminal record check prior to engaging in volunteer work. Volunteers may go to any WCPSS site and register through the WCPSS internet site (www.wcpss.net) and clicking on the *Community* Tab and then *Volunteer Registration*.

Checking Students Out Early

If you need to check your child out early from school, please do so before 3:15 pm. The end of the day is a very busy time for us, so we need to take care of early check-outs before 3:15 pm. If you cannot make it by 3:15, you must use the carpool line and follow the afternoon carpool dismissal procedures (see below).

Carpool Afternoon Dismissal

Carpool tags must be displayed on your rearview mirror for pick-up. If you need a carpool tag, you may pick one up at the main office. To ensure a safe and smooth carpool dismissal, please adhere to the following carpool dismissal procedures:

1. Hang carpool tag on rearview mirror.
2. Follow the carpool line.
3. Please do not park and walk up to check your child out of carpool.
4. Pull up to a designated loading zone.
5. Students will be loaded by an adult or safety patrol.
6. If you do not have a carpool tag, you will be asked to sign your child out in the office.
7. Please refrain from using your cell phone while in the carpool line

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan
Principal

Please see below for upcoming events



Upcoming Events for October 2018

- Oct. 3: 5th Grade On-site Field Trip, Science is Fun, 11:00 am – 3:30 pm
- Oct. 3: Odyssey of the Mind (OM) Parent Information Meeting, Media Center, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 4: Kindergarten Field Trip (Kellogg/Huffman/Salva/Bohnenblusch), Fire Station, 9:30 am
- Oct. 5: Kindergarten Field Trip (Milberg/Davis/Cross/Harland), Fire Station, 9:30 am
- Oct. 5: 1st Qtr. Interim Reports go home for 1st-5th Grade Students (originally scheduled for 9/28)
- Oct. 9-11: 3rd Grade COG-AT Test, 9:30 am
- Oct. 10: Walk to School Day
- Oct. 10: PTA Room Parent Meeting, Media Center, 9:30 am
- Oct. 10: OM Coaches Meeting, Media Center, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 17: Special Programs (AU I & II) Field Trip, Camp Royall, 9:30 am
- Oct. 17: WCPSS Magnet Mini-Fair for Pre-kindergarten Families, MPE Gym, 9:30 -11:30 am
- Oct. 19: Regular Student Day, MPE, 9:15 am-3:45 pm (originally scheduled as an Early Release Day)
- Oct. 22-26: Bullying Prevention Spirit Week
- Oct. 22-Nov. 1: Book Fair
- Oct. 22: 2nd Grade Field Trip (Durgin, Hassler, Oney, Blatz), Historic Oakview Park, 9:30 am
- Oct. 23: 2nd Grade Field Trip (Murray, Westbrook, Smith, Remer), Historic Oakview Park, 9:30 am
- Oct. 23: 2nd Grade On-site Field Trip, Science is Fun
- Oct. 24-26: Kindergarten On-site Field Trip, Snapology
- Oct. 24: Fall Pictures
- Oct. 25: Donuts with Dad (Last Name A-L), MPE Cafeteria, 8:00-8:45 am
- Oct. 25: 2nd Grade On-site Field Trip, Science is Fun
- Oct. 26: Donuts with Dad (Last Name M-Z), MPE Cafeteria, 8:00-8:45 am
- Oct. 30: 2nd Grade Fall Learning Experience, Classrooms, 1:30 pm
- Oct. 30: End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 31: Kindergarten Letterland Parade, MPE, 9:30 am
- Oct. 31: Regular Student Day (make-up day for 9/13, MPE, 9:15 am – 3:45 pm)