



## September Newsletter from Principal Pauls ....

### September 29, 2025

Dear Mills Park Families,

We are off to a fantastic start this school year! The energy in our building has been full of excitement, curiosity, and joy as students have settled into routines and begun diving into their learning. It has been such a pleasure watching friendships form, classrooms come alive, and our school community grow stronger each day.

This year, our theme of *Purpose + Intention = Infinite Impact* is guiding our work. Already, I see our staff and students living this out in big and small ways. From the careful planning of lessons to the kindness shown in the hallways. Together, we are creating the kind of school experience where every child feels seen, supported, and challenged to grow.

I am also proud to share some incredible news about our school performance. Mills Park Elementary earned a letter performance grade of an **A**! Even more exciting, our students **exceeded growth** with a score of **+6.29** which is the highest growth rating in MPE history! This accomplishment reflects the hard work of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the strong partnership we share with our families.

As always, our doors are open to you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Chris Lewis, our assistant principal, if you need anything at all. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Anne Pauls  
Principal, Mills Park Elementary



### **Upcoming Events for October 2025**

Sept. 29 - October 3 : Milliethon Fundraiser

Oct. 1: PTA sponsored Chick-fil-A spirit night

Oct. 3: Milliethon Fun Run

4 & 5: 10:00

Pre K , ECS, K, & 1: 11:00

2 & 3: 12:00

Oct. 8: PTA sponsored Walk and Roll to School Day

Oct. 8: Room Parent Meeting

Oct. 10: PTA sponsored Movie Night

Oct. 13: No School: Teacher Workday

Oct. 14 - Oct. 30: MPE Artist in Residence: Leni Newell & Kip Baker

Oct. 20: No School: Teacher Workday

Oct. 23: Yearbook Picture Day

Oct. 24: PTA Sponsored Trunk or Treat

Oct. 24 - Oct. 31: Book Fair

Oct. 31: Quarter 1 Ends

**[2025-2026 WCPSS Traditional Calendar](#)**

### **MPE Fall Fundraiser - Milliethon**

Our Mills Park Elementary Fall Fundraiser - Milliethon kicked off today. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! We can't wait to make this week unforgettable for our Panthers. 🐾 Thank you in advance for your support!

Mills Park Elementary PTA is excited to launch our brand-new fundraising campaign: **Milliethon** and we are off to a great start! Check it out, [here](#)

This is a **no-fuss fundraiser**—no laps to count and no products to sell. We simply ask that you:

1. Create a PTA account
2. Share your student's personalized page with friends and family

That's it! We're handling the details so that your contributions directly support our school.

Our fundraising goal is **\$35,000**, which will ensure we can fully support the students, staff, and families of Mills Park. Donations may be made online or in person.

- All students get to participate in the event day, regardless of financial participation
- All students will receive a free t-shirt



The fun run on Friday, October 3rd is a great community event. Parents are invited to come cheer for their students and be part of the fun!

**Milliethon Schedule - October 3rd**

25-26 MPE Fun Run	
10:00	4 & 5
11:00	PreK - K - 1 - ECS
12:00	2 & 3

Our school has always relied on fundraising to provide exceptional opportunities to enhance student learning and we need YOUR HELP registering your student(s) and sharing with friends and family.

**MPE Artist in Residence**

We are thrilled to welcome artists Leni Newell and Kip Baker as our Artists in Residence! Together, they will work with every student in the building to create a banner project that will hang proudly in our entryway. Dyed fabrics and acrylic stamping, custom designed for our school! Every student will participate in making these banners for display in the school's main lobby. This special opportunity allows each child to leave their mark on MPE, and we couldn't be more excited! It's been many years since we've done something like this!

To make this project a success, we need several volunteers. **No art background is required—just a willingness to jump in and be part of the fun!** Come spend part of your day with us and see the magic unfold.

👉 Sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E44AAA62EA13-59029831-artist>

**\*\*\*Reminders from Beginning of Year Newsletter\*\*\***

**2025 WCPSS Policy on Cell Phones and Smartwatches**

Students' personal cell phones must be silenced and kept in backpacks throughout the school day.

***Smartwatches may be worn and used as watches throughout the school day, but any features that require wireless connections to a smartphone must be disabled*** including texting and gaming. If you need to reach your child during the school day, please call the office and if students need to reach you during the day, they will notify their classroom teacher or office so we can call you from a school phone.