



From the Principal....

September 5, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to MPE for the 2017-2018 school year! We had a wonderful first week of school, and we're thrilled to welcome our new kindergarten students, who started their first full day of school today.

We have several new faces at Mills Park this year, so I'd like to formally introduce our newest teachers and staff to you.

Katie Oechslin	First Grade Teacher
Jennifer Schindler	First Grade Teacher
Jeri Lane	Third Grade Teacher
Lori Mosakewicz	Fourth Grade Teacher
Crystal Rosen	Technology/STEM Teacher
Jocelyn Whitfield	Cafeteria Manager

Lunch Prices

The lunch price has changed for the 2017-2018 school year. The cost for lunch is \$2.35. This is a ten cent increase from last year's price. Please adjust your child's lunch account accordingly.

Here Comes the Bus

Year-Round and Modified calendar bus rider families are now able to use a free bus tracking system called **Here Comes the Bus**. Traditional calendar families will be provided access to the app several weeks after the start of school. **Here Comes the Bus** translates GPS data into an easy to use customizable map that works on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. It allows you to see where the bus is and how close it is to your stop. Since the **Here Comes the Bus** app will be activated soon, Mills Park ES is no longer utilizing **Remind** to notify parents that a bus has left campus.



Volunteer Reactivation and Registration

I would like to remind continuing volunteers, approved during the 2016-2017 school year, to reactivate your status as a volunteer no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 31, 2017. Volunteers may go to any WCPSS site and register through the intranet. After October 31, 2017, 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 October 31, 2017.

New volunteer applicants for the 2017-2018 school year must register and have an approved criminal record check prior to engaging in volunteer work. Applicants may register at any WCPSS site through the intranet. The volunteer system will be open daily for registration through October 31, 2017.

Monthly Parent Newsletter and School Calendar

I will post my parent newsletter on the school website (<http://millsparkes.wcpss.net>) on the last Tuesday of each month. We'll have copies of the newsletter at the main office if you would prefer a hard copy. Also, please refer to our MPE Google calendar on the school website for upcoming events and important information.

MPE Open House

Please join us for Open House on September 18th and 19th to learn important information about the curriculum, classroom management, grading, and other specifics about your child's class. You will report directly to your child's classroom at 6:30 pm.

- Monday, September 18, 2017
 - 4th Grade Parent AIG Meeting in media center, 5:50 – 6:20 pm
 - **3rd, 4th, & 5th Open House, 6:30 – 7:15 pm**
 - 5th Grade Parent AIG Meeting in the media center, 7:20 – 7:50 pm
- Tuesday, September 19th
 - PTA General Meeting in the gym, 6:00 – 6:25 pm
 - **K, 1st, & 2nd Open House, 6:30 – 7:15 pm**



We look forward to working with you this year to ensure a successful school year for your child. If you need assistance during the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me or Anne Pauls, our assistant principal. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan
Principal

Please see below for upcoming events

Upcoming Events for September 2017

- Sept. 12: 3rd Grade Beginning of Grade (BOG) Test, 9:15 am
- Sept. 15: Back to School Movie Night, MPE field, 7:30-9:30 pm (Food trucks arrive 6:30 p.m.)
- Sept. 18: 4th Grade AIG Parent Meeting, 5:50 PM, Media Center
- Sept. 18: 3rd-5th Open House, 6:30 – 7:15 PM, Classrooms
- Sept. 18: 5th Grade AIG Parent Meeting, 7:20 PM, Media Center
- Sept. 19: PTA General Meeting, 6:00 pm, Gym
- Sept. 19: K-2 Open House, 6:30 – 7:15 PM, Classrooms
- Sept. 21: Teacher Workday, No school for students
- Sept. 29: Early Release Day, Students dismiss at 1:15 pm
- Sept. 29: 1st Qtr. Interim Reports go home for 1st-5th grade students