



From the Principal....

September 5, 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to MPE for the 2018-2019 school year! We had a wonderful first week of school, and we're excited to have our new kindergarten students with us this week.

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

Staff Member	Position
Casey Bohnenblusch	Kindergarten Teacher
Stephanie Blatz	Second Grade Teacher
Kristi Ware	Third Grade Teacher
Amber Schreiber	Third Grade Teacher
Alexis Fischer	Fourth Grade Teacher
Lauren Hilliard	Fourth Grade Teacher
Risma Joseph	Fifth Grade Teacher
Sathya Sundaram	CCR Teacher
Kristen Johnson	School Psychologist
Kaila Skelly	School Psychologist Intern
Cindy McCorkle	Social Worker
Lindsey Hinson	Kindergarten Teacher Assistant
Jennifer Moxley	Media Assistant
Autumn Robertson	Second Grade Teacher Assistant
Joan Cadena	1:1 Teacher Assistant
Lucretia Valentic	Cafeteria Manager

Here Comes the Bus

WCPSS Transportation provides bus rider families with a free bus tracking system called *Here Comes the Bus*.

Here Comes the Bus translates GPS data into an easy to use customizable map that works on a computer, tablet or smartphone. The app allows you to see where the bus is and how close it is to your stop.

Get started with *Here Comes the Bus* at <https://herecomesthebus.com/getting-started/>. You will need the district code and your student's ID number to sign up. The **WCPSS school code is 67500**. For your smartphone or tablet, download the *Here Comes the Bus* app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

When entering your student's last name on the app, spell it as it appears on your Home Base/PowerSchool account. If there is a hyphen in the name, make sure you include it. Only enter the first 18 characters of your student's last name. Once activated, you can customize or edit features, including how the app will communicate with you and the size of the notification radius.



Volunteer Reactivation and Registration

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*.

Monthly Parent Newsletter and School Calendar

I will post all future parent newsletters 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 prefer a hard copy. Also, please refer to our MPE Google calendar on the school website for upcoming events and important information.

Urgent – PTA Volunteers Needed

The PTA needs many volunteers for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are new to Mills Park, this is a great way to get involved in the life of the school and to meet some wonderful people. The PTA offers many opportunities and fun events to the students, staff, and families during the school year, and without plenty of volunteers, some of these events cannot be held.

Please go to the PTA website (<https://millsparkpta.membershiptoolkit.com>) and sign up for one of the many volunteer opportunities listed. You can also email Kristin Molitoris, our PTA President, directly at president@millsparkpta.com to express your interest in volunteering.



MPE Open House

Please join us for Open House on September 17th (K-2) and 20th (3-5) 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. Both nights are heavily attended, so please plan accordingly to allow time to park.

Open House Schedule

- Monday, September 17, 2018
 - **PTA General Meeting in the gym, 5:45 – 6:25 pm**
 - K, 1st, & 2nd Open House, 6:30 – 7:15 pm

- Thursday, September 20, 2018
 - 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

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 2018

- Sept. 6: District 8 Board Advisory Committee (BAC) Meeting, 6:30 pm, Hortons Creek Elementary
- Sept. 11: 3rd Grade Beginning of Grade (BOG) Test (Reading), 9:15 am
- Sept. 17: PTA General Meeting, 5:45 pm, Gym
- Sept. 17: K-2 Open House, 6:30 – 7:15 PM, Classrooms
- Sept. 18: Boosterthon Student Pep Rally, Gym
- Sept. 19: **No School for Students and Staff**
- Sept. 20: 4th Grade AIG Parent Meeting, 5:50 PM, Media Center
- Sept. 20: 3rd-5th Open House, 6:30 – 7:15 PM, Classrooms
- Sept. 20: 5th Grade AIG Parent Meeting, 7:20 PM, Media Center
- Sept. 28: 1st Qtr. Interim Reports go home for 1st-5th Grade Students
- Sept. 28: Early Release Day, Students dismiss at 1:15 pm
- Sept. 28: Back to School Movie Night, MPE Field