

Oct. 11, 2019

Millstone River School Weekly Update

Oct. 17, 18 and Oct. 21, 22: Early Dismissal for Grades K-5 for Parent/Teacher Conferences

PTA News

- **Oct. 17** - 4th Grade Record Breakers is next Thursday, Oct. 17. We cannot run this event without parent volunteers to help with the games and motivate all students - [sign up and join your children at this event!](#)
- **Oct. 24, 9:30 a.m.** - Please join other parents and our Millstone River School counselors for our very first **Coffee with Counselors** for the year. This is an opportunity to get together informally with our school counselors and other parents, share coffee and treats and speak about topics relevant to our children. We will also come to understand the term *HIB - Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying* with a short presentation and discussion to follow. We welcome back our parents from last year and strongly encourage our newer parents to join in this wonderful opportunity to have enriching and lively conversation and build a stronger connection to our Millstone River community! RSVP to miilstonepta@gmail.com
- **Nov. 13** - Participate in 'Reflections' - a National PTA program that recognizes student achievement in different art forms. Students who participate have a chance to be recognized at school, county, state or national level. The theme for 2019-20 is LOOK WITHIN. Click [here for the entry form, rules and other information](#). Need more information or have questions? Please email reflections@millstoneriverpta.org

Mark your Calendars:

- Oct. 17: 4th Grade Record Breakers
- Oct. 18: Last date to send in Box Tops and/or dimes
- Oct. 24 : Coffee with the Counselors (HIB Training)
- Nov. 13: Deadline to submit Reflections entries
- Nov. 14: MRS Parents Night with Marc Griffiths

Useful links: [PTA Facebook Page](#) | [PTA Website](#) | [Join the PTA](#)

SEPTSA

- SEPTSA is a districtwide PTSA supporting parents, guardians and students who receive special education, related services and accommodations for physical, emotional and or learning challenges.
- If you have a student with an IEP or a 504 plan and you missed our table at Back To School Night, click [here](#) for the membership form.
- **SEPTSA's First Parent Workshop** is Nov. 14, 7 p.m. at Community Middle School. Dr. Teresa Herrero Taylor, PhD BCBA-D, will present on the evaluation referral process and assessments (educational, psychological, speech-language) conducted by the child study team. Learn more about how testing determines special education eligibility and shapes IEP development.

Useful Links: [WW-P SEPTSA Facebook](#) | [WW-P SEPTSA Website](#)

School News

- Check out the [Academic Calendar](#) to see upcoming dates.
- **Early Dismissals** for Parent/Teacher Conferences are Oct. 17-18, 21-22

Pink Out Day

Tuesday, Oct. 15: MRS faculty and staff will be wearing pink for breast cancer awareness.

SEL Assemblies

The continued progress of the district's strategic goals enhances our focus on the daily work with students. This past week, teacher leaders facilitated assemblies focused on SEL - Social & Emotional Learning. All students learned common definitions, but more importantly, mindfulness strategies they can use independently. Teacher professional learning will continue to include additional strategies to be employed in the classroom. Kudos to our teachers for their organization and presentation of these assemblies.

Follow MRS on Twitter

We are doing our best to highlight school events and news, but our reach is not as far as we would like. Please consider following us on Twitter!

@MRS_Eagles

@Dalton_MRS_WWP

@ErinFalk1

@HeatherShanklin

What Are We Reading?

A large group of Millstone River School teachers will soon begin a book club focused on Cornelius Minor's new book, **We Got This: Equity, Access, and the Quest to Be Who Our Students Need Us to Be.** Mr. Minor presented at Barnes and Noble this past Monday and many WWP folks were in attendance. We look forward to discussing the strategies he shares related to reflection and our daily interactions with students. The book club and newly learned strategies will add to the work of MRS supporting all WWP district goals. Kudos to our teachers who propose ideas such as this book club.

Parent University

Are you aware of the Parent University offerings in WWP? Stay informed, learn from others' experiences. Mark your calendar for upcoming offerings. The first event is scheduled for Oct. 24.

http://www.west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us/newsroom/news/parent_university_2019-20

MRS PTA - THANK YOU!

Millstone River School thanks our PTA for the support. We must recognize their financial support for two big topics. First, they funded the cost of a new EAGLE mascot costume to be used at school events. Fred, our mascot, was featured at our recent pep rally and was a big hit. Second, they funded the framing of the student murals now hanging throughout our hallways.

The Scholastic Book Fair came to a successful end. Thank you to the many PTA volunteers for the hours of support to make the event run smoothly. Our students and teachers were excited to attend. Initial news from PTA leadership is that the fundraiser was a success!

PTA Membership

Have you joined the Millstone River School PTA? Are you aware of the many ways the PTA supports our school?

The Millstone River School PTA supports students and the goals of the school through membership, volunteerism, fundraising and dialogue with school leadership. Not all members are required to volunteer, but every effort helps. Membership helps too! Membership raises the level of communication and involvement. Our school population

is over 1,000 students and we would like to see our PTA membership to be commensurate with that number. Help us grow!

<https://millstoneriverwvp.memberhub.store>

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Lost and Found

Lost and found items have begun to collect in our cafeteria. Lost items will be placed on tables in the front hallway on conference days. Please consider checking with your child to be certain they have all of their belongings - coats, lunch bags, etc.

Millstone River School - School Spirit Days

- Nov. 1: Crazy Hat Day - Wear your favorite, silliest, or most outrageous hat! Be creative and unique!
- Dec. 6: PJ Day - Wear your favorite comfy PJs and slippers!
- Jan. 3: Super Hero Day - Who's your Superhero? Pick one and dress the part!
- Jan. 31: Sports Day (Due to the Super Bowl) - Wear your favorite team jersey, uniform, hat (pro/college/HS/rec).
- Mar. 2-6: Dr. Seuss Day - Door Decorating Contest - (special activities TBA all week). Dress in Dr. Seuss colors, or costume, or hat... be creative and unique!
- Apr. 3: Crazy Hair Day - Wear your hair in the most outrageous or silliest way! Be creative!
- May 1: Buddy Up Twin Day - Get a partner and dress alike! Have fun. Be interesting!

Around the District News

- Mark your calendars for [Wicoff's Centennial Celebration](#) Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.! Wicoff is encouraging families to carpool and park at the Plainsboro Plaza Shopping Center as parking will be limited on school and church property.
- The annual [HSN vs. HSS Serve Up Hope Game](#) will be held on Oct. 14. All proceeds will benefit the Rainforest Alliance.
- Save the date for the High School North National Honor Society's Trunk or Treat 4-6 p.m. Oct. 26 in the HSN Stadium Parking Lot. Click [here](#) for more information on this event.
- Register now for High School South's Math League sponsored WW-P Math Expo. This Oct. 26 event is open to students in grades 3-8. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.
- Join us at the 11th induction ceremony of the WWPHS South Hall of Honor on Nov. 2! The hall of honor was founded to connect the past to the present and the

future; in recognizing those who have brought honor to our school we keep alive the spirit of South. These honorees are an integral part of our history. Check out the [website for this year's inductees and to purchase tickets](#) or send a check (for \$25 made out to WWPHSS Hall of Honor) to Cathy Tantum at HSS.

District Updates

- [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Event Calendar](#)

Counseling and Wellness

- The first Parent University event of the school year will be held Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at High School South. The topic will be "The Road to Resilience: Developing a Growth Mindset." Please visit the district website for more information on this and other upcoming [Parent University Events](#).

Community Education

- Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement starts on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Parents are invited to come and learn about money management skills to set you up for a future beyond work. [Sign up with Community Education under the 2019-20 Adult & Youth Programs](#). Registration closes on Sunday, Oct. 13.
- Family Fun Friday is Oct. 18! Parents and children are welcome to join us for step-by-step canvas painting. You and your child will be creating coordinating S'mores paintings. No artistic experience necessary. [Sign up with Community Education under 2019-2020 Adult & Youth Programs](#)
- Extended Day Program registration is ongoing throughout the school year! [Sign up when you need it.](#)

Community Events

- Are you looking for programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!

Food Services

- Make sure to download [Sodexo's So Happy app](#)! Download the app to view nutritional information, allergens and more. Check out the [menus](#) for October!

WW-P Board of Education

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meetings](#) and materials.

WW-P Education Foundation

- Mark your calendars for the [WW-P Education Foundation's Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival](#) Oct. 19, 2019, at Grover Middle School. This event is broken up by grade level: grades K-3 will meet from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and grades 4-8 will meet from 2- 4 p.m.

Make sure to follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.

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