

Nov. 1, 2019

## Millstone River School Weekly Update

**WW-P Schools are closed Thursday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 8. Due to the shortened week, there will not be a Nov. 8 newsletter.**

### PTA News

**THEATERWEEK - Dec. 9 through Dec. 13: "The Pied Piper's Wild West Show" -** *A Rootin' Tootin' Adventure by Taubenslag Productions - An Original Musical based on a classic tale, directed by Michael Taubenslag.* MRS PTA brings you the much awaited 'THEATERWEEK' - An elaborate full-scale Broadway style musical production starring Millstone River students. The students rehearse after school Monday through Friday and present the fully-staged musical production on the evening of Friday, Dec. 13 to the entire community! The last two shows have been a huge hit with parents and students! Every child will have a role and there are no prerequisites. There is a maximum capacity of 100 students. We will accept registrations on a first-come first-serve basis. Please read the [important information](#) before you register. Register now using the form included in the link above or register online at:

<https://Millstoneriverwwp.memberhub.store> (Click on the TheaterWeek Image)

**Nov. 14, 6.30 p.m. - Learn how to be a F.U.N. Parent** As parents we have to be lifelong learners! MRS PTA is bringing you an evening of fun and learning right here to the school. *Marc Griffiths* (a father of five, a motivational speaker, ventriloquist and an author) knows how difficult it is to balance family and work! He is traveling all the way from Atlanta to share with us how to be a **F**: Fabulous **U**: Understanding and **N**: move towards New beginnings as parents! Parents you wouldn't want to miss this free event. Seating is limited, doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more info, click [here](#) or email [millstonepta@gmail.com](mailto:millstonepta@gmail.com).

**Nov 15: MRS PTA's Annual Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser** - Just two weeks left to order your treats! Forms to order your favorite "ready to bake" treats from Otis have been sent home. These items are not available in stores. If you need more information or the order form, please reach out to [fundraising@millstoneriverpta.org](mailto:fundraising@millstoneriverpta.org) or click [here](#) for more details.

**Coffee with Counselors - Short Survey:** We want to hear from **YOU!** Please take a few minutes to answer the questions in this short survey to help us plan for future Coffee with Counselors. Thank you! <https://forms.gle/N2w2yryCh6bvBVGbA>

**Box Tops Homeroom Winners:** We are happy to announce that our *Box Tops and Dimes Collection* was a success! Here are the homeroom winners for the Fall Box Tops Collection: *3rd grade: Mrs. Efstathios, 4th grade: Mrs. McElrath, 5th grade: Mrs. Bange.* Thank you parents for your enthusiastic support towards this program. All students in the winning homerooms will be given a prize by the PTA.

### **Mark your Calendars:**

- Nov. 13: Deadline to submit Reflections entries
- Nov. 14: *Not to be missed* - 'MRS Parents Night with Marc Griffiths'
- Nov 15: Deadline to send in Otis order forms/order online
- Dec 5: Coffee with Counselors
- Dec 6: Special Holiday Supply Sale
- MRS Theater Week: Dec 9 -13. Show on Dec. 13 at CMS

**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.
- **Nov. 14: SEPTSA Meeting – Deciphering Tests and Evaluations**, 7 p.m. at Community Middle School (55 Grovers Mill Road, Plainsboro). **Speaker:** Teresa Taylor, Ed.Ph.D., Psychologist, Adjunct Professor at Rider University, and Director of Special Services in Freehold Regional High School District. Following our brief PTSA meeting, Dr. Taylor will discuss the Special Education evaluation process,

the tests often administered and their measures/ metrics to better understand how these tests assess the student's academic and cognitive needs. Contact Kathleen at [kkz4@verizon.net](mailto:kkz4@verizon.net) to let us know if you can attend and if you have any questions.

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

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## School News

### Upcoming Calendar Dates

Reminder that schools will be **closed Thursday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 8**. Check out the [Academic Calendar](#) to see additional upcoming dates.

### Notes to School

Please be certain that all notes sent to school, for early dismissal or other such things, contain the full name of your child, name of teacher and the current date. We receive many notes and seek to be certain that all information being processed is correct.

### Emergency Communications

- **District Alerts** - Please click here for information regarding our district's communication system - [HERE](#)
- **Plainsboro Township/Police Alerts** - <https://local.nixle.com/city/nj/plainsboro/>
- **West Windsor Township/Police Alerts** - <https://local.nixle.com/city/nj/west-windsor/municipal/>

### 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

## Millstone River School - School Spirit Days - CHANGE FOR December

- Dec. 6: Crazy Hat Day - Wear your favorite, silliest, or most outrageous hat! Be creative and unique! - **Change**
- 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

- **Pink-Out Football Game - TONIGHT, Nov. 1.** October is breast cancer awareness month! Support the WW-P United Football Team by wearing pink and black for the last home game at High School North. Long and short-sleeve, Pink-Out T-shirts will be for sale at the game. Proceeds will benefit Hope in a Blanket, a local charity.
- **WWPHS South Hall of Honor:** Join us at the 11th induction ceremony of the WWPHS South Hall of Honor on Nov. 2! Check out the [website for this year's inductees and to purchase tickets](#).

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## District Updates

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

## Counseling and Wellness

- Check out the upcoming [Parent University Events](#) for the 2019-20 school year.

## Community Education

- Winter After School Enrichment is now open for registration. Spaces fill fast, so do not delay! Download the brochure from the district [website](#). Registration closes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020.

- [Check out](#) some exciting Family Fun Nights and Upcoming Adult Program available through Community Education.
- Extended Day Program registration is ongoing throughout the school year! [Sign up when you need it.](#)
- Space is still available in the morning and afternoon Kindergarten Extension. Register through [Community Education](#) under 2019-20 Extended Day, KE, Pre-K.

### **Community Events**

- **The Big Disconnect: Family Life in the Digital Era:** WW-P parents are invited to attend a Hamilton Township School District sponsored presentation by Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair titled, "[The Big Disconnect: Family Life in the Digital Era](#)" on Nov. 13, 7 p.m. at Reynolds Middle School in Hamilton Township.
- 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 November!

### **WW-P Board of Education**

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

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

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Youtube](#)