

Nov. 15, 2019

Millstone River School Weekly Update

PTA News

Mark your Calendars:

Dec 6: Special Holiday Supply Sale. The holiday supply sale is here! The sale takes place during lunch hours for all students. We need parent volunteers to help run the sale: [Click here to volunteer during the sale.](#)

Dec 9 - 13: Millstone Theater Week: "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 MRS 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](#). (*Click on the TheaterWeek Image*)

Joey's Little Angels Toy Drive: MRS is holding a Toy Drive to support the local organization, [Joey's Little Angels](#). All toys collected will be directly delivered to children in hospitals during the holiday season. Last year Joey's Little Angels collected over 2,000 toys and delivered them to 18 hospitals nationwide. MRS collected close to 100 toys last year and our goal is to donate over 100 this year! Toys should be NEW and UNWRAPPED. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to Joey's Little Angels. Toys will be collected until Nov. 27.

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.

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

School News

[Grovers Mill Road - Utility Pole Work](#) - MRS has been notified of continued utility pole work in Plainsboro. The work will continue onto Grovers Mill Road and may cause closures that can impact timely access to the school through the end of 2019.

Driving on School Property - We request assistance with cautious and controlled speed on school grounds at all times. From time to time we are experiencing excessive speed during early morning drop-off or late afternoon pickup at EDP. Though school may be closed, staff and families are walking through parking lots at any time - safety is a priority. Please drive **slowly** and **carefully at all times**.

MRS PTA - Thank you! Special thanks to the MRS PTA for arranging for a student assembly program and parent program on Thursday, Nov. 14. The program by Marc Griffiths, motivational speaker, ventriloquist and author was a finalist on Britain's Got Talent. <http://getoutyourbox.com/education/> Our PTA is a group of dedicated volunteers who bring great events to our students. **Your membership matters. Your willingness to volunteer matters.** Please consider joining our PTA and volunteering to assist our school and children. [If you have not already joined the MRS PTA, it's never too late.](#)

[Barnes and Noble MRS Family Night](#) - **Save the Date!** We are excited to host an MRS Family Night at Barnes and Noble on **Monday, Dec. 16, 2019**. There will be MRS guest readers from 5-8 p.m. The MRS event will count toward all in-store shopping

from open to close on Dec. 16 and all online shopping from Dec. 16-21. A percentage of all purchases will benefit MRS. More information to come as the date gets closer.

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.

Students Tying Shoes - Please help! We are noticing many untied shoe laces around the building. Please remind your children of the importance of tying their shoes (double knots) to help keep students safe throughout the day.

Millstone River School - School Spirit Days

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

- Reminder that all WW-P schools will have an early dismissal Wednesday, Nov. 27 and will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29. Check out the [Academic Calendar](#) to see additional upcoming dates.
- Believe it or not, **winter weather** will be coming soon. To be proactive and to ensure that you are "in the loop" on all announcements regarding weather-related closings or changes in schedules, please click [HERE](#) for our

district's Communication System. To sign up to receive additional messages from the townships please use the following links: [Plainsboro Township/Police Alerts](#) | [West Windsor Township/Police Alerts](#)

- Some fantastic WW-P high school theater productions will be occurring during the next two weeks. High School North will present *Clue* Nov. 14-16 and High School South will present *Moon Over Buffalo* from Nov. 21-23. Click [here](#) for show details.
 - Did you know that WW-P has an Athletic Hotline? [Athletes and fans can find out about game and practice cancellations by calling our hotlines.](#)
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District Updates

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

Counseling and Wellness

- The next Parent University event will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at Grover Middle School. "Parenting in the Age of Social Media" will be the evening's topic. Understand new realities, current trends and best practices for parenting in the digital age where social media has become a significant part of the adolescent experience. Check out the upcoming [Parent University Events](#) for the 2019-20 school year.

Community Education

- Winter After-School Enrichment is now open for registration. Registration closes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020. [Spaces fill fast, so do not delay.](#)
- Family Fun Nights and Upcoming Adult Programs: [Check out what is coming up with Community Education.](#)
- Extended Day Program registration is ongoing throughout the school year. [Sign up when you need it.](#)
- Upcoming SAT Programs - Community Education sponsored classes through [Kaplan](#), [Princeton Review](#), and [Lentz & Lentz](#) offered throughout the school year

at High School North and South. Find the right program for you and register online.

Community Events

- [Teen Vaping: What You Need to Know](#) - An informative presentation by Dr. Michael Steinberg, director of Rutgers Tobacco Dependence Program, Monday, Nov. 25, 2019, from 7-9 p.m. at Princeton High School Performing Arts Center. The evening is sponsored by Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.
- 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 this month and take the parent/student surveys!

WW-P Education Foundation

- The Education Foundation is accepting requests through Dec. 15, 2019, for the [STAR Campaign](#). Give a STAR to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or staff member who makes a difference in their lives. Your donation helps fund our many grants that enrich your child's education. Click on the attached flyer for more information.

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.

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