

Jan. 17, 2020

Millstone River School Weekly Update

Monday, Jan. 20: All WW-P schools and board offices will be closed.

PTA News

Friday, Jan. 24: Candy Bar Bingo Family Fun Night is next Friday! Join Asst. Principal Mrs. Shanklin and teacher Mr. David Eggert for one of the most loved family fun nights. Entry is only \$2 per person and will be donated to the local charity of your choice. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m.! All ticket payments will be accepted at the door.

Friday, Feb. 7, 9.30 a.m. - Coffee with Counselors: The topic is *Correcting Negative Self-Talk and Quieting Your Inner Critic*. Please join Millstone River's counselors and share in conversation regarding negative self-talk and its effects on your body, your mind, and how it impacts your life. Come and sip coffee and learn some strategies you can use to identify and start to change unhelpful negative thinking. R.S.V.P to millstonepta@gmail.com by Feb. 4.

Friday, Feb. 21, 6.30 p.m. - Millstone River Annual Party 2020: Get ready for the biggest event of the school year! An evening of entertainment, fun activities, delicious food, photo booth, silent auction and more! Block your calendar and bring your family and friends to this exciting evening. Ticket order forms were sent home this week. You can also [click here for the ticket form](#). This year, MRS PTA brings to you 'Samulnori Drums' - Sounds of nature from the land of Korea and a spectacular show by *Magician and Illusionist Miles Thorn!* [More details in the flyer!](#)

Millstone Parents, we need your help to make this an exciting evening for our students. Support the event in one or two ways:

- **Donate** goods, services or contribute towards the event:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AA5AB2BA3FF2-millstone40>. All donations received will be gratefully acknowledged on our promotional material.
- **Volunteer** on the day of the event:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AA5AB2BA3FF2-millstone39>

BOX TOPS and DIMES Contest: Help support our school by participating in the second contest of the year. Please continue to send in your unexpired Box Top clips and please download the Box Tops for Education App and scan your receipts. You can also give credit to your child's teacher on the app for the contest all throughout the year. If

you don't have any Box Tops or don't purchase Box Tops products, just send in any dimes you have at home. The dimes really do add up!

Unexpired Box Top clips and/or dimes can be sent to school in a baggie or envelope with your child's name, grade, and teacher. One class in each grade will win a prize for the highest number of clips, receipt scans, and dimes. The deadline is Thursday, Feb.

13. [See the flyer for updated information.](#)

Millstone River 2019-20 Yearbook: Please place your order for the MRS Yearbook. It is 80+ pages full of pictures and memories of the school year. The yearbook is available for purchase online **only**. Click the link that follows to place your order:

<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/MRS2020>

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

SEPTSA

- **Jan. 30: PTSA Meeting "Understanding How to Improve IEPs and 504s" - 7 p.m.**, at Community Middle School (55 Grovers Mill Rd, Plainsboro). The speaker, Beth Manes, J.D., Special Needs Attorney, will help parents understand how to effectively use IEP documents and evaluations to improve your child's school experience.

Please contact Jennifer Riccards (jenballen@yahoo.com) for questions or to RSVP.

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

- **Jan 28:** [SPAN, Parent Advocacy Network](#) will present "**Look to the Future: Transition from School to Adult Life**" hosted by WW-P and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Association Jan. 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at Community Middle School. Click [here](#) for more details and registration information.
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School News

School Closed - School is closed on Monday, Jan. 20 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Safety and Security - MRS continues to focus on safety and security. We ask your cooperation with driving and parking on school grounds. Please follow speed limit and directional signs on school property. Parking should never block access to walkways or passage of other vehicles.

Attendance and Illness - Students absent from school are not permitted to attend after school or evening events on the same date. Students must be symptom free and have been in school attendance to participate in after school or evening events. Those absent for other reasons must seek permission from the office during the school day if permission is being sought for attendance at such events. Reasons of illness will not be considered.

6th Grade Orientation - Current 5th grade parents who have children attending Community Middle School or Grover Middle School in the Fall of 2020 are invited to a Parent Orientation Meeting at their respective Middle School at **7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27**. Please mark your calendar.

Reduce Waste - Wednesday, Jan. 22 will be recognized as [*Reduce Utensil Waste Day*](#) in the cafeteria. The daily lunch menu includes choices in which no utensils are needed. Please be reminded that lunches sent in from home will need utensils or feel free to join by preparing a home lunch that does not need utensils.

Genesis - Make sure your **emergency contacts in Genesis are UPDATED**

Parent Programs - Dr. Fowlin will be presenting to 8th grade students and offering an evening program for parents. All are welcome to attend. MRS parents may find the program, ["Mykee: You Don't Know Me 'Til You Know Me,"](#) informative.

Reminders:

- Check out the [important upcoming dates for January and February](#).
- Click [here](#) for the district's communication process and please make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up-to-date in Genesis.

Millstone River School - School Spirit Days

- 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

- [WW-P athletes and fans can now find out about game and practice cancellations by calling our athletic hotlines.](#)
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District Updates

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

Athletics

- Check out the [WW-P Athletics monthly newsletter](#) with information on spring sports registration, exciting upcoming competitions, and honors achieved by our student athletes.

Counseling and Wellness

- **Parent University:** The next Parent University event will be held Thursday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. at CMS. The topic is "Vaping: What Your Kids Don't Want You to Know." Check out the 2020 dates for our upcoming [Parent University Events](#) or review the previous presentations.

Community Education

- **Extended Day Program** registration is ongoing throughout the school year. [Sign up by clicking here.](#)
- Space is available in the morning and afternoon **Kindergarten Extension!** [Register by clicking here.](#)

- **Upcoming SAT Programs** - Community Education sponsored classes through [Kaplan](#), [Princeton Review](#), and [Lentz & Lentz](#) are offered throughout the school year at High School North and South.

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

- **Reduce, reuse, recycle:** Sodexo will be celebrating "[Reduce Utensil Waste Day](#)" Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020, in each of the WW-P elementary schools. The day's menu items will not require a utensil to eat. If bringing a lunch from home, try and create your own "utensil free" lunch.
- Download the [Sodexo's So Happy app](#) to view nutritional information, allergens, [menus](#) and more.

WW-P Board of Education

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meeting](#) dates. Agenda and materials for Board meetings are published after 3:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

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

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