

Jan. 24, 2020

## Millstone River School Weekly Update

### PTA News

**TONIGHT, Jan. 24: Candy Bar Bingo Family Fun Night @7pm!** Join assistant principal Mrs. Shanklin and teacher Mr. Eggert for one of the most loved family fun nights. **Update:** There is no entry fee for the event. Donations towards local charities are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Millstone River Annual Party 2020: Friday, Feb. 21, 6.30 p.m.** 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>

**Coffee with Counselors: Friday, Feb. 7, 9.30 a.m.:** 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](mailto:millstonepta@gmail.com) by Feb. 4.

**Valentine's Day & Dr. Seuss Special Supply Sale: Friday, Feb. 7:** This special supply sale takes place during lunch hours for all students. We need parent volunteers to help run the sale, please sign up:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AA5AB2BA3FF2-holiday>

**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](mailto: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.
-

## School News

**Upcoming Author Visit - Advance Book Orders are due Feb. 7, 2020** - Millstone River School will host author/illustrator John Patrick Green on Monday, Feb. 24. John Patrick Green has written and illustrated several graphic novels. All 4th graders will attend the assembly during which he will discuss his writing and illustrating process. If interested in purchasing his books, please print out the attached order form. Books ordered with this form will be autographed by John Patrick Green on the day of his visit. Order forms should be returned to your child's classroom teacher no later than Friday, Feb. 7. [See the attached book summaries and order form for more details.](#)

**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. Please adhere to designated traffic patterns and prompting from staff when directed. 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.

**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 Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the HSS New Theater. All are welcome to attend. MRS parents may find the program, ["Mykee: You Don't Know Me 'Til You Know Me,"](#) informative.

**Chamber Orchestra Concert - 5th grade** - The Chamber Orchestra concert will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

### 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!

## 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.

## Around the District News

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

---

## 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.
- With rising concern over the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak that is currently centered in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, the **West Windsor Department of Human Services** has issued a [Public Health Notice](#) in response

to questions regarding the illness and travel concerns that the local health department has begun to receive.

### **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 events section](#) on the district's website!

### **Food Services**

- Download the [Sodexo's So Happy app](#) to view nutritional information, allergens, [menus](#) and more.

### **WW-P Education Foundation**

- The Foundation is accepting requests through Feb. 9, for the [HEART Campaign](#). Give a HEART to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or staff member who makes a difference in their life. Your donation helps fund grants that enrich your child's education.

### **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](#)