

Jan. 31, 2020

## Millstone River School Weekly Update

### PTA News

**Coffee with Counselors: Friday, Feb. 7, 9.30 a.m.:** 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 learn some strategies you can use to identify and start to change unhelpful negative thinking. The topic is *Correcting Negative Self-Talk and Quieting Your Inner Critic*. To help us plan better please send a confirmation to [millstonepta@gmail.com](mailto:millstonepta@gmail.com) by Tuesday, 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>

**Millstone River Annual Party 2020: Friday, Feb. 21, 6.30 p.m.** Ticket order forms will be accepted only until Feb. 13. You can [click here for the ticket form](#). This Annual Party is an exciting evening for our students and families. Events include:

- 'Samulnori Drums' - Sounds of nature from the land of Korea
- Magic Show by *Magician and Illusionist Miles Thorn!* [More details in the flyer!](#)
- Mega 4 Square with our PE teachers
- Tickets are only \$8 per person and include a free slice of pizza, water, craft, photo booth, and more!
- Mini food court

Millstone parents, we need your help to make this an exciting evening for our students. Support the event by volunteering or/and donating towards our dessert table:

- **Volunteer** on the day of the event:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AA5AB2BA3FF2-millstone39>
- **Donate** towards the dessert table:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AA5AB2BA3FF2-mrsannual>

**BOX TOPS and DIMES Contest:** Please continue to send in your unexpired Box Top clips and 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 Science Fair: Saturday, Mar. 7:** All students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade can participate. Science projects can be done individually or as a group of two, three or a maximum of four students working together. Each entry will be given table space in the cafeteria to present their project. All attending participants will be awarded a certificate of participation. For group projects, only one person needs to register the group and provide the names of the rest of the participants. Please ensure you read all the information in [this flyer](#) before signing up. The registration fee is \$5 per entry plus processing fee. The registration deadline is Feb. 24. **Use this link to register:** [Millstone River Science Fair](#)

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

## 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.

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

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## School News

**Upcoming Author Visit - Book Orders are due Feb. 28, 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. 28. [See the attached book summaries and order form for more details](#).

**[5th Grade Health Parent Preview Night](#)** - Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m., (snow date: Feb. 26) Millstone River School's health educators will present a preview night for

parents regarding the upcoming puberty and growth unit. \*Please note, this evening is for adults only.\*

**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**

### Reminders

- Check out the [important upcoming dates in February](#). Reminder, all schools will be closed Friday, Feb. 14 (Professional Development Day for staff) and Monday, Feb. 17.
- 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

- 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!

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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.
- 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.
- Innovation Fair 2020: The Foundation's Youth Committee will hold auditions for **WW-P's Got Talent** at the HS South Playhouse, from Mar. 5 - 7. The district-wide talent show will be held May 16, 2020, and is a fabulous forum for kids to show off their talents. Acts may include individuals, groups and bands and is open to students in grades K-12! [Click here](#) to register to audition.

### **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](#)