

# Millstone Township Elementary School

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Dear Millstone Elementary Families:

The start of school is just two and a half weeks away and we couldn't be more excited! For my family, back-to-school shopping has begun. Gone are the days (at least in my house) of spreading out the Sunday circulars to find the best deals on all those supplies and new clothes. Instead Joey, my soon to be 4<sup>th</sup> grader, found the perfect backpack on Amazon (2-day shipping with Prime) and price compared new Nikes (he can *only* wear Nikes) using a shopping app! Although Sunday circulars seem to be a thing of the past, the feelings of anticipation and wonder brought upon by a new school year continue to be a time honored tradition.

Students often wonder if we get bored or lonely over the summer. Luckily, we stay busy all summer preparing for the upcoming school year. This summer, Mrs. Bogusz, Mrs. Barry, and I hosted K-5 literacy boot camp for teachers. Thanks to the amazing teacher leaders at the ES and PS, teachers refreshed their skills and explored new ideas all while learning from one another. We were so proud of all who participated! Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Ferrandino gathered and organized everything we need for a smooth opening, while Mr. Louk and his team made our building sparkle and shine! With our summer work starting to conclude, we eagerly await the opportunity to welcome students and families. It's going to be a great year at Millstone Elementary School.

Millstone Elementary School remains committed to providing high-quality instruction. During the 2017-2018 school year, students will explore new ideas, generate rich questions, and create solutions to real-world problems. Throughout the year, you will hear about Reader's and Writer's Workshop, the Steam Lab, and our Go-Math program from your student and teacher. Please also be on the look-out for our Principal's Newsletter, issued monthly starting in September, in which we will highlight our monthly character education themes, upcoming events, and share important building news. **You can also follow us on Twitter at @MillstoneElementary and Instagram at millstoneelementary. Staying connected via Twitter and Instagram allows us to share real time events from around the building!**

At this time, we would like to invite you to our Back-to-School Night presentation on September 14th. The Principal's presentation will start at 6:30 PM in the Gymnasium followed by the first classroom session of the evening beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. Information regarding Back-to-School Night will be sent home with your children early in September.

Finally, we would like to publicly thank the custodial staff, teaching staff, and main office staff for all of their hard work over the summer to prepare the school for a successful and productive opening day. Good Luck to all in the new school year!

Sincerely,

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