

# Millstone Township Elementary School

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Dear Millstone Elementary Families:

Here we are again, getting ready to welcome in a new school year. For us, it seems like just yesterday we were waving goodbye to students, wishing them well, and encouraging them to read all summer! In what seems like a blink of an eye, September and school are right around the corner. At my house, back-to-school routines are slowly being reintroduced much to the dismay of my tween. Like many of you, we are finishing up last minute summer tasks and beginning our back-to-school shopping. I'm learning what is "lit" and what has been "canceled" as we attempt to agree on a middle school wardrobe (cue the dramatic eye-roll and exasperated sigh). Joey, or Joseph (which he now prefers), will be off to Intermediate East this year joining a student body of over 1300 students; a significant increase from our small neighborhood elementary school. One of us is not ready for this milestone.

Students often wonder if we get bored or lonely over the summer. Luckily, we stay busy all summer preparing for the upcoming school year. Several teachers, along with Mr. Hobson and I, worked on different curriculum projects that we are excited to implement with students this school year. Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Piccininni gathered and organized everything we need for a smooth opening, while custodial staff 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 2019-2020 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 and Math 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 19th. 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 in Take Home Thursday 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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