



Elementary News...

September 2018

This Month at a Glance

Important Dates



- September 10 - Rosh Hashanah School Closed
- September 11 - BOE Meeting
- September 12 - MS BTSN Shortened day for all students
- September 19 - Yom Kippur School Closed
- September 20 - PS BTSN Shortened day for all students
- September 24 - BOE Meeting
- September 25 - Picture Day
- September 27 - ES BTSN Shortened day for all students

A Message from Ms. Guidry

Today, we welcomed back 316 elementary school students and suddenly our hallways were filled with laughter and excitement once again! Friends reunited after a restful summer break were eager to share their latest Fortnite victories demonstrating a dance or two. Students visited former teachers to share a hug or a high-five. The excitement was palpable.

There are so many milestones we cherish across a school year, but for me, the 1st day is always my favorite. As a child, I planned and prepared picking out the perfect supplies, carefully labeling each notebook, and finally packing my backpack. Admittedly, my adult back-to-school routines mirror those of childhood. Sleep is restless leading up to the first days as I imagine all the possibilities our careful planning will yield. First days are magical regardless of age and today was no exception.

Over the next few weeks we will settle into our new school routines. Teachers and students will spend time getting to know one another, learning about each other's hopes and dreams for the year ahead. We invite you to hear all about our hopes for the upcoming school year on September 27th as we host our annual Back-to-School Night. 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 next week. We can't wait to share all the exciting things happening at Millstone Elementary School!



Nursing Notes

Parents/guardians must bring in student's medications and accompanying physician's orders to the nurse, as this is the school's policy. **No student is permitted to bring in medications.** Medication order forms can be found on the nurse's website.

Should your child be ill or late to school for any reason, **the parent or guardian must** call the school's absentee health line to report the absence. The number is 732-786-0950 then follow the prompts.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Lori Blazier

School Nurse

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Parent Pick-Up Procedures

- Please remember to send in your notes for daily Parent Pick-up to the office. If emailing notes, please send correspondence to lpiccininni@millstone.k12.nj.us and your child's homeroom teacher.
- Any **change** in your child's regular dismissal plans **requires** a note
- Parents, please be ready to show ID even if you regularly pick up your student!

Gentle Reminders....



During the first weeks of school, the buses may take longer than usual for pick-up and drop-off at your appointed stop. Buses do not leave our bus loop until we ensure that students participating in community education programs or being picked up by parents have been accounted for. Once our routine is established, dismissal runs much smoother. To assist us in a smooth dismissal, we ask that should there be any change in your child's dismissal procedure a signed note is sent to our main office.

Student morning drop-off is located at the middle doors in the front of the school building. For morning drop-off, a staff member will open the doors at 8:55 am. For the health and safety of students, no student should be dropped off prior to 8:55am. We ask that in the morning, parents pull along the sidewalk outside the school near the middle doors, so that students can exit vehicles on the passenger side only. Should you need to park in the lot, you must escort your child to the doors to ensure they are not crossing in front of vehicles. If you arrive at school and the middle doors are closed, you must park and walk your student into the main office to be signed in and receive a pass to class.

In the afternoons, parents picking up their students will gather outside the main entrance. For the safety of students, parents are not allowed in the building during dismissal. Staff members will begin checking IDs at approximately 3:30. Please be sure to have your photo id ready whenever picking you child up from school. We will ask families, even those picking up routinely, to show identification at parent pick-up. Once we have verified our afternoon pick-up lists,, students will be dismissed from the building. Since our parent pick-up location is outdoors (even during inclement or cold weather), we encourage you to utilize district provided transportation whenever possible. If your child is going to be a regular parent pick-up dismissal, please send a signed note to the main office.

Parents who wish to have a child dismissed before the regular school dismissal must report to the main office and sign their child out prior to 3:15. After 3:15, all students will be dismissed from parent pick-up to ensure student safety. It is requested that early dismissals from school be held to a minimum as core classes are taught during 9th period. Children may only be picked up by parents/guardians or by another adult after the office receives a written note approving a pick-up from the parent/guardian. Please remember that any authorized adult picking up your student must have a valid picture ID.

Spotlight on....



Each month we will highlight a different grade level. Check back to read about what we are learning!

Ask Me About This Month's Character Virtue...

September's Character Virtue...

Cooperation

Each month the Elementary School will adopt and celebrate a different character virtue through read aloud, class discussions, and everyday reminders!

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