



# Elementary News...

November 2018

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## This Month at a Glance

### Important Dates

- November 6 - No School Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 8 & 9 - No School Teacher's Convention
- November 12 - BOE Meeting
- November 13 - PTO Meeting
- November 15 - Barnes & Noble Night
- November 14 & 16 - American Education Visitation
- November 16 - Crazy Hair Day
- November 20 - Picture Retakes
- November 21 - Shortened Day Thanksgiving Break
- November 22 & 23 - No School Thanksgiving
- November 26 - BOE Meeting


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# A Message from Ms. Guidry

It's no surprise, I'm sure, that November's character virtue is gratitude. The Thanksgiving season is often marked with conversations at home about everything for which we are thankful and similar discussions are beginning to occur in classrooms throughout the school. We have so much to be thankful for here at Millstone Elementary. As principal, I am reminded each day what it is that makes our school so special. There are so many reasons to be thankful that it is hard to even begin listing them all. Simply put, I am thankful for our incredibly talented faculty and staff; our strong partnerships with parents and community members, and the 317 inquisitive children who fill our hallways with laughter.

November also brings with it an opportunity to connect with families during parent-teacher conferences. Conferences will be held this year on **Tuesday, November 6th**. If you have not already scheduled your conference, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible as spots fill quickly.

During your conference, you will learn about your child's academic progress as well as how to support that progress at home. Developing consistent homework routines, reading nightly, and practicing math facts are just some simple ways you can partner with us here at school. While we know you are eager to learn about your child's academic progress, we encourage you to also ask about your child's academic habits. The development of these habits, also known as the **Characteristics of a Successful Learner** on your child's report card, is crucial to your child's long-term success in school and beyond. The demand for sustained independent work on a task (especially pencil-paper tasks as opposed to computer-based tasks) increases steadily over the elementary years. Students should also be developing stronger self-regulatory skills allowing them to follow directions and work collaboratively with peers within the classroom. Here at Millstone Elementary, we understand that when ***habits of learning*** are reinforced at home and at school children experience greater academic success here at school. We look forward to talking with you about your child's habits for learning at conference time.



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## Nursing Notes

Parents/guardians must bring in their 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,

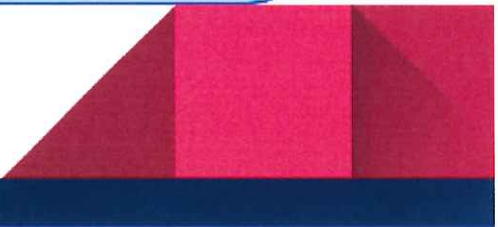
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### American Education Visitation at the ES

The Millstone Township School District will be celebrating the annual American Education Week during the week of November 12<sup>th</sup>. The Elementary School welcomes parents to visit us on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please join us on either day from 9:15am-11:00am or 1:30pm-2:45pm for visitation



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## Spotlight on....

### 4th Grade

Last month, 4th graders applied their fact power to multiply larger numbers. Students use the distributive property or partial products to multiply two and three-digit numbers. In reading, 4th graders are studying characters closely while practicing their comprehension skills (visualizing, predicting, summarizing, etc.). Students closely monitor their character's actions, thoughts, and feelings to grow big ideas about what they are reading. 4th graders used the R.A.C.E (restate, answer, cite, extend/explain) strategy to respond to their reading and construct well-developed paragraphs. This year, our 4th graders will be exploring New Jersey and it's state history during social studies. Students have already learned about New Jersey's four regions as well as the Lenape Tribe. Finally, during science students created eye models and explored how sensory structures support animal survival!

## Ask Your Student About This Month's Character Virtue...

November's Character Virtue...

### **Gratitude**

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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