

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Millstone Elementary Monthly Newsletter

Important Dates

- December 19 Winter Concert—MPAC 6:45pm
- December 22 Shortened Day
- December 25-January 1st No School— Winter Break
- January 3rd BOE Meeting

December's Character Virtue...

Generosity

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

A Message from Ms. Guidry

Thank you to all our families who visited our schools during American Education Week last month. We relish opportunities to open our doors to the community and share the wonderful things happening at Millstone Elementary School. This month I am eager to close out 2017 with some exciting news!

Over the last several weeks our playground has been undergoing a few improvements. Areas along the building have been regraded and seeded to allow for more level playing areas come spring. A large blacktop pad has been added adjacent to our playground equipment ready to house several 4-square courts (be sure to ask your child about 4-square). Even our kickball field is slated to get a facelift! While recess has been temporarily relocated during these renovations, we look forward to students enjoying our playground improvements in the new year.

I would be remiss if I did not publicly acknowledge those who have helped to make these playground improvements possible. First, I would like to thank our PTO for their continued generosity. Each fall the ES is the recipient of a generous PTO gift made possible by your continued support and participation in PTO events. These funds continue to allow us to enhance programs and spaces to positively impact students. I would also like to publicly thank Dr. Huss, Mr. Bernie Biesiada, and Mr. Patrick Sullivan, our new Supervisor of Building and Grounds, for their continued support. Lastly, I would like to thank the ES staff, especially Mr. Hobson, Mrs. Blazier, as well as our recess, custodial and maintenance staff for their continued creativity and commitment to students! The vision of these fine folks resulted in exciting updates and we look forward to continued enhancements.

On behalf of the entire ES school community, we wish you a happy holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Notes from our School Nurse

Recently we have had a very small number of students treated for head lice. While grade level notices are always sent home to provide parents with information, we wanted to remind families about how they may help in the prevention of head lice.

With the colder weather setting in, we know it can be tempting for friends to try on one another's hats. Please remind your child not to share hats or combs. Additionally, if you receive or have received notification from the nurse about a confirmed case in your child's grade level, we recommend continuing to check your child for signs of lice throughout the school year.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school health office.

Thank you,

Lori Blazier
School Nurse
For more information regarding head lice:

http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen_info/fags.html

OFFICE REMINDERS

ATTENDANCE CALLS

Recently we have changed our daily attendance call procedures. Each day, at approximately 9:30am, an automated phone call is placed to any family whose child has been marked absent. Families receive this call regardless of whether or not they have reported the absence to our health line. If your child's absence has already been reported, no further action is required. Kindly remember to report all absences to our health line as soon as possible. If you feel that you received the message in error and your student should be present in school, please contact the main office.

Cold Weather Dress

As the weather turns colder, please remember that we do send students outside for recess weather permitting. Please encourage your student to bring their winter jackets, hats, and gloves to school each day! Additionally, kindly label your student's winter items. This helps us return garments that are left outside.

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