

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Millstone Elementary Monthly Newsletter

Important Dates

- February 12 BOE Meeting
- February 16 No School - Staff Development Day
- February 19 No School- President's Day
- February 20-22 Book Fair
- February 22 Family STEM & Book Fair Night 5:00-7:30pm
- February 26 BOE Meeting

February's Character Virtue...

Kindness

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

At Millstone Elementary School we recognize the occasional need to pick your student up early from school. With that said, it is requested that doctor appointments, dentist appointments, lessons, and vacation trips, necessitating released time from school, be held to a minimum. Core subject areas are taught during ninth period and regular absences from a subject area can have negative consequences on learning. If such appointments or trips cannot be met at any other time, a formal request for early dismissal must be made through the Main Office. Students will be called down for early dismissal upon your arrival in the main office. Our goal is to maintain students in their learning environment receiving instruction until they are signed out from school.

Additionally, parents who wish to have a child dismissed before regular school dismissal time must report to the Main Office and sign their child out **before 3:15pm**. Parents requesting dismissal closer to our normal dismissal time (3:35) will be asked to meet their student at **Parent Pick-up**. These procedures allow us to ensure a safe and efficient school dismissal and we appreciate your cooperation. Further information regarding school dismissal procedures is available online in our Elementary School Procedures Guide.

As always, should you have any questions or need clarification please do not hesitate to contact us.

Notes from our School Nurse

Parents/guardians must bring in their student's medications and accompanying physicians orders to the nurse, as this is the school's policy. **No student is permitted to bring in medications.** Medications order forms can be found on the nurse's website. Additionally, a doctor's note is required when medically excusing your child from PE class or other physical activities such as recess.

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

OFFICE REMINDERS

Important InfoSnap Message

We still have a number of families that have not completed this important information. If you have not completed your "1st day packet" via InfoSnap please do so ASAP. If you have not completed your forms via InfoSnap, we do not have updated emergency contact information for your student(s). Your timely attention and cooperation to this matter is appreciated.

Winter Conferences

Winter Conferences will take place on **Thursday, February 22nd**. This day will be a half-day for students with our conferences beginning in the afternoon. Traditionally, teachers will contact families with whom they feel a conference is warranted at this time. Please see the letter in today's Take Home Thursday for additional information regarding Winter Conferences.

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