





Principal's Note

Happy Fall everyone!



We are off to another great school year at MPE! Thank you to all of you who attended one of our family engagement events so far this year, including our Back to School Night/Community Resource Fair, Open House, Reading Night, and Parent Teacher Conferences. Reading Night was a big hit, with over 400 people in attendance! Shout out to the Mt. Pleasant High School football team for making an appearance and helping us tackle reading this year! We have several special events coming up this year, so please stay tuned. Our website is: www.brandywineschools.org/mpe. You will find important dates there as well as other information, such as our family handbook.



We are now in our second year of implementing *mindfulness* at MPE. We begin our days with three deep breaths as a way to “anchor” ourselves and regulate our emotions. Jasmine Fuego came to our school in October and led an exciting assembly on mindfulness to all of our students. We will look for other ways to bring mindfulness and a trauma informed lens to the work we do at MPE this year. Please be in touch if you have questions or suggestions. Thank you!

Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Safe.

We have a new *3 to Be* at MPE this year and students are stepping up to the challenge! All students have had the opportunity to cash in their *pride points* at our new PBS Cart and homerooms have been racking up *compliments* as they demonstrate the *3 to Be*. Please help us by going over these expectations with your children - *Be Responsible. Be Respectful. Be Safe.* - and discuss what they look like in the different parts of our school. For more information about this initiative, please go to: <http://wh1.oet.udel.edu/pbs/>. Thank you!



Please be sure your child reads nightly, either with you, another family member or by themselves. Please also ensure your child is using *Dreambox* or *Reflex Math* to support their understanding of math. This routine will help build your child's fluency and confidence in Math and Reading.

Thank you for your continued support of MPE!

- Mr. Auerbach

Reminders

Morning Drop Off: Our doors open at 8:35 AM. Please adhere to the posted signs and do not drop off students at the front of school, which should only be utilized for our buses and walkers. Our drop off is located at the rear entrance of the school. Please refer to our Parent Handbook, posted on our school's website for further information. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking: Please be sure to park in our rear parking lot for any school-wide event, not in the Bellevue Community Center or in the Walgreens parking lot. Please also be considerate of our neighbors and do not park on their property when we have special events happening at the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bus Questions: Please call 302-762-7181 for any questions regarding your child's transportation.

Communication: Please be sure the main office has your current e-mail address, home address, and phone numbers. The phone & e-mail alert system will be utilized to notify families of school events and emergencies. Also, please be sure you are connected to your Class Dojo.

Gifted Services: The parent nomination window for gifted education services opens on December 1st and will remain open until January 31st. All of the necessary information, including the nomination form, is available under Gifted Education Services on the district website. You may contact ann.fitzgerald@bsd.k12.de.us if you have any questions regarding Gifted Services. Thank you.

From the Nurse: A doctor's note is required if your child needs to stay indoors for recess. Since there is no other place for a child to stay indoors, they will need to stay in the nurse's office where they may be exposed to other students and their germs. Outdoor recess exposes children to humidified air, whereas, indoors the air is recirculated and dry, irritating the airways.

Attendance: Last week you should have received a flyer about the importance of attending school and being on time. We want all of our students to get the most out of their education at MPE, and we are here to help if you have any needs that arise around attendance. Please contact our main office if you have any questions regarding this.

Shout Outs!

- Shout out to all of you who attended a parent teacher conference! We hope your children enjoyed the NUT pass and treats.
- Shout out to our Literacy Committee and to Mrs. Toft and Ms. Evans specifically who helped plan an awesome Reading Night!
- Shout out to Mr. Farina and Mr. Fronczkowski for an amazing and memorable Field Day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/31 Spirit Day-Fall Colors
- 11/5 PTA Meeting 6:30 PM
- 11/6 No School - Election Day
- 11/12 No School - Veterans' Day
- 11/14 VIP Luncheon-
2nd/4th/5th grades
- 11/15 VIP Luncheon-
KN/1st/3rd grades
Spirit Day-Disney Shirt
- 11/16 No School - PD Day
- 11/19-11/23 No School
Professional Days/
Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 Picture Re-Takes
- 11/30 Report Cards Distributed
- 12/3 PTA Meeting 6:30
- 12/6 KN Awards 9:15
3rd Grade Awards 10:45
- 12/11 2nd Grade Awards 9:15
- 12/12 1st Grade Awards 9:00
4th & 5th Grade Awards
10:00 AM
- 12/18 4th & 5th Grade Winter
Concert 2:00
- 12/21 Pajama Day
- 12/24-1/2 No School—Break



Opportunity Grant Update

We are using funds from this grant to support our *mindfulness* initiative, now in its second year of implementation, and to fund our new full time Site Coordinator position in partnership with Children and Families First. Our Site Coordinator is Ms. Michelle Anderson. She can be reached at michelle.anderson@cffde.org. Ms. Anderson is working with our Administration to develop an enriching after-school program for 3rd-5th grade students and has already assembled our new **Family Resource Room** in room 173. Come check it out!



Become a Mentor at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School

Parents and other individuals from the community are invited to become Creative Mentors at **Mt. Pleasant Elementary School!**

What better way to make a difference at **Mt. Pleasant Elementary School** than to become a volunteer mentor? Get to know teachers, administrators, and other volunteers while making a difference in the lives of our students.

Creative Mentors are safe, trained, committed adults who spend time with a child who has been identified as needing some additional individual attention. All it takes is an hour per week and the desire to help a child become all he or she can be. It involves listening, sharing, and the greatest gift: your time.

Connecting Generations Creative Mentoring program will train you about the appropriate roles of a mentor, how to listen and connect with a child as well as how to handle difficult situations. Our training and Mentor Handbook will prepare you to build effective relationships with your mentee. All mentors complete an application and background checks.

To learn more about becoming a Creative Mentor, visit www.connecting-generations.org, call 302-656-2122, or talk to **Amy Spencer**, Mentor Coordinator at **Mt. Pleasant Elementary School**.