



October Newsletter from Principal Pauls....

October 31, 2025

Dear Parents,

October was a lively and successful month at MPE! Our school was buzzing with activities that highlighted the incredible dedication of our PTA Board, as well as the enthusiasm and support of our amazing parents and students. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended events, and contributed to making our community so special.

A heartfelt **thank you** for your generous support of our **Milliethon fundraiser**! Together, we raised **\$34,994.54**! This is an outstanding achievement that directly benefits our students and school programs. To celebrate this accomplishment, students enjoyed a fun-filled Lip Sync Show featuring MPE staff members. The laughter, energy, and smiles made it a day to remember!

If you'd like to see the show, a 19-minute video is posted on the homepage of our school website:
<https://www.wcpss.net/millsparkes>.

Simply click on the light orange and light blue homepage slider to access the video and enjoy the fun!

As we look ahead to November, I want to take a moment, even before Thanksgiving arrives, to share my gratitude for our wonderful MPE community. I wish you and your family a season filled with happiness, love, and plenty of delicious food. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Anne Pauls
Principal, Mills Park Elementary



Upcoming Events for November 2025

Nov. 3: Fifth Grade Field Trip, University of North Carolina
Nov. 4: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
Nov. 5: PTA Yearbook Committee Meeting
Nov. 7: Third Grade Field Trip, Old Salem
Nov. 7: Qtr. 1 Report Cards go home with all students
Nov. 11: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
Nov. 12: PTA Coffee at Simmer House Coffee 9:15AM
Nov. 14: First Grade Field Trip, Downtown Cary Park & Cary Regional Library
Nov. 25: PTA Spirit Night: Lazza Pizza
Nov. 26-28: Thanksgiving Holiday, No School for Students and Staff

2025-2026 WCPSS Traditional Calendar

Kindergarten Enrollment for 2026-2027

If you have a child who will turn 5 years old by August 31, 2021, enrollment for Kindergarten has begun! Please click on the following link for enrollment details. [26-27 Enrollment Information](#)

Spelling Bee 2026

- Class Spelling Bees (grades 1-5) will be held the week of Jan. 12th. Your child's teacher will communicate the exact date as we get closer to January.
- The School Spelling Bee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Only class spelling bee winners from grades 3, 4, 5 will participate in the School Spelling Bee.
- [Word Club App](#) - this year, the Bee's premier study tool is completely free for students. Download the app and allow your student(s) to learn their study words through spelling games and quizzes.
- Your child's teacher will email you the links to the Classroom and School Spelling Bee Lists within the next two weeks. Unfortunately, we are not permitted to post these lists on our school website.



Exciting Travel Opportunities for Mills Park Elementary Students and Families

We're thrilled to share that Mrs. Salva is offering incredible international travel opportunities for students currently in 3rd-5th grade and their families in the coming years! These educational experiences abroad are a chance for students to see the world, connect with new cultures, and make lifelong memories. Please RSVP if you're interested in either the Japan 2026 trip or the Greece 2027 trip. If you have questions email Mrs. Salva at jsalva@wcpss.net. These trips are through a program called Education First Travel and are not school sponsored trips.

***Summer 2026:** Japan (information will be given at the end of the meeting for Greece) ***Still space if interested**

Summer 2027: Athens and the Islands (Greece/Turkey) RSVP for the info session here:
rsvp.eftours.com/manage-meeting/2932071ZH/df6j28s