

THE MILTON EXPRESS

May 31, 2019

Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is only weeks away! Throughout the year, your child has learned a tremendous amount of new information and skills. The month of June will provide many opportunities for us to celebrate their accomplishments and prepare them for the next school year ahead.

Grade level teachers have planned and organized exciting activities such as class picnics and learning celebrations as culminating events to a wonderful school year. During the week of June 10, we have also planned some move up days for children in grades kindergarten through second. The children will have the opportunity to visit and meet a classroom teacher and students from their upcoming grade level. This will give your child the opportunity to learn more about next year's grade level not only from the teacher, but also from the children who successfully completed that grade. These days were planned with the intent of allowing the transition from one grade level to the next to be smooth and exciting.

This year, each grade level will host a learning celebration in either language arts (Grades K and 1) or math (Grades 2 and 3). The purpose of these days is for the students to demonstrate how they have learned so much during this school year. On these special days, parents and guests will have the opportunity to visit the school, and children will share some of their accomplishments from this school year through the review of portfolios or engaging activities. Details about dates and times can be found below.

We look forward to a great last month of school!

Sincerely,

Nick Andrezza

LEARNING CELEBRATIONS

Mark your calendars! Our students are very proud to show you what they have learned this year and share with you their progress and accomplishments throughout the year.

Kindergarten: June 11, AM Class is 10:45 to 11:15 a.m., PM Class is 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Grade 1: June 6 from 12:50 to 1:30 p.m.

Grade 2: June 7 from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Grade 3: June 6 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

While you are here at school for the Learning Celebrations, please take the time to walk through the hallways and view the wonderful student artwork!

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **Milton Mile** is Saturday, June 1 at CMS, starting at 7:45 a.m.
- ◆ The **Planetarium** will be at Milton the week of June 3-7.
- ◆ **District Art Show** at CHS (A/B gym) on June 3 and 4, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Parent Meeting for Rising and New First Graders** is Wednesday, June 4 at 9:00 am in Media Center.
- ◆ **Walk to School Day** is on Wednesday, June 5
- ◆ **Pizza Parlor Day** is scheduled for Friday, June 7.
- ◆ **PTO Bingo Family Night** is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 7.
- ◆ **Third Marking Period** ends on June 13.
- ◆ **Early Dismissal** on June 19 and 20. See below for specific hours and events.
- ◆ **Report cards** available on the Parent Portal on June 20.

June 19 and 20: Early Dismissal

NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

Grades 1, 2, and 3: 8:35 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.

Kindergarten: AM session hours: 8:35 a.m.
- 10:35 a.m.

PM session hours: 10:35 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.

Preschool:

Full Day: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

AM session hours: 8:40 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

PM session hours: 10:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Last Day of School Activities

June 20, 2019

Third Grade Celebration at 11:30 a.m.

On the front lawn:

Parents are invited

Third Grade Clap Out starts at 12:25 p.m.

Note: Any changes in the above schedule will be communicated to parents via email.

Dismissal for PM Preschool is 12:20

MILTON MEETING



We celebrated our students at the monthly Milton Meeting on May 29 where we recognized achievements in Art, Music, P.E., Library and Technology, as well as the Principal's Student of the Month. Congratulations to all of our students who were recognized at our Milton Meeting!

Principal's Student of the Month Award: Harper Gibbons, Cate Carpenter, Liadain Hillman, and Shea Glynn

Outstanding Artist: Arven Srikanth, Daniel Gimore, and Blake Tuminaro

Marvelous Musician: Ryan Hogan, Matthew Hansen, and Roger Lin

MVP Award: Ethan Tritsch, Andong Lin, and Roman Sasunov

Library Legend: Jake Ryan, Rehaan Kalowala, Isabel Cabrera, and Third graders who tested in the library and read to Kindergarten and Preschool: Bennett Doroski, Justin Ferguson, Matthew Catalfamo, Jack McBratney, and Dylan Kagan

STEM Superstar: Desmond Bazadona, Mannix Mahoney, Enzo Chacon-Abanto, and Felix Cook

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOMS...

PRE-SCHOOL: This year, the preschoolers were busy learning their numbers, colors, shapes, and letters. They also practiced writing their names, drawing lines & shapes, sorting various items based on 2-3 attributes, measuring, and exploring many topics. This past month the preschool students completed their Recycling Study and began a study of bugs. They completed a study on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and thoroughly examined the life cycle of a butterfly. Each preschool classroom raised caterpillars and observed them grow and change into beautiful butterflies! They also learned about various bugs and insects and explored the unique characteristics of bugs vs. insects. To wrap up the school year, the students will complete an interactive exploration of balls. They will learn about various sports and activities that involve balls and conduct experiments to observe which balls roll and bounce. This was such a fun and exciting year filled with so many GREAT learning experiences!



KINDERGARTEN: Kindergarten has really enjoyed writing during our nonfiction "How-To" unit and sharing all our knowledge! We have been reading and writing informational texts and learned a lot of new information, especially about honey bees. Did you know a honey bee has 5 eyes?! In math, we focused on the topics of measuring and sorting. We also enjoyed Field Day - the kindergarteners did a great job problem solving, persevering and working as a team while participating in the activities! In June, we're looking forward to our field trip to the zoo, our Learning Celebration, and class picnic!

FIRST GRADE: It is hard to believe we are in the last few weeks of first grade! Our fantastic first graders are finishing up a year where they have grown in so many ways. In math, we have completed our unit on shapes (Geometry), learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes and all their attributes (ask your first grader what that word means!) In reading, we have been taking a closer look at characters and adventures in fiction. We have published our realistic fiction stories (or writing a book series) and are currently writing opinion pieces. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our Flat Stanley's. This will give us the opportunity to learn about map skills and geography, make presentations to our class, and for our classmates to generate questions. We are looking forward to our Writing Celebration on Thursday, June 6th from 12:50-1:30 and for our class picnic on June 18. Please continue to have your child read and practice math facts over the summer. It will help them with their transition into second grade. Have a wonderful and safe summer! .

SECOND GRADE: May was an exciting time in second grade. All second graders started to learn about the plant life cycle by planting Brassica Fast Plant seeds and observing its 42 day life cycle. Students continue to wonder on a daily basis what will happen next in their plant's life cycle. In Writing Workshop, students wrote persuasive letters to other readers sharing opinions about their favorite characters in books. They learned how to form an opinion and support that opinion with strong reasons, evidence and examples. June will be just as exciting as we get ready for our Math learning celebration on June 7, followed by the end of year second grade picnic on June 12. As our students relax over the summer, there are still a few activities that would be beneficial to engage in during the break from school. Keeping a summer journal and reading daily is a great way to maintain reading and writing skills. Additionally, practice of addition and subtraction facts will help maintain fact fluency.

THIRD GRADE: Third graders continue to work hard as they come to the end of the school year and their time at Milton Avenue School. They are busy participating in research clubs during reading workshop and becoming experts on new non fiction topics. In math, third graders are continuing to practice multiplication strategies by working with multiples of 10 and then using greater numbers to solve real life word problems using all four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The students were excited to welcome Mrs. Russo, Lafayette Avenue School principal, to Milton Avenue School at the end of the month and listen to her share the routines and programs of fourth grade. We will follow up in June with a visit ourselves to LAF, meet our 4th grade buddies and tour the building. Third graders are also preparing to welcome family members to our Math Learning Celebration. One of our last technology projects will be a PowerPoint presentation all about a 3rd grader. The students will then present their project to second graders during Move Up Day. The science concepts of habitats and traits will conclude with the field trip to the Meadowlands Environmental Center. The students will explore the estuary and get hands on experiences with a scavenger hunt and a trip to the waterfront. The year will come to a close as the students enjoy their very special picnic at Minisink, thanks to the Third Grade Spirit committee and all the parent volunteers.



NOTES FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

VISITOR BADGES: If you have one of our red **Visitor** badges in your junk drawer or jewelry box, please return it to school!

LOST AND FOUND: Please stop by the table in the front hallway while you are at your Learning Celebration. We will be donating all items by June 14!



THE STETHO-SCOOP

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Sunny days ahead... Please apply sunscreen to your child prior to arrival to school if necessary.

Sunscreen is not available in the Health Office and any sunscreen sent into school must be labeled and include a form for permission to apply to your child.

EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR: If your child requires that emergency medications be on hand while they are in school, such as an EpiPen and/or a rescue inhaler, you will need to submit updated doctor's orders and the prescribed medications PRIOR to the beginning of the new school year. **For Medication meetings at MAS, please stop by the Milton Avenue School Health Office between 9am and 2pm on Thursday, Aug 22nd, Monday, Aug 26th or Thursday, Aug 29th.**

If your child currently has medication in the health office, please stop by to collect it on the last day of school. Medications **cannot** be left in the cabinet over the summer months and must be discarded if not collected. All medications must be collected by a responsible adult and will not be sent home with your children in their backpack.

Is your child off to LAF? If you have medications and orders to drop off, or special health concerns to discuss with the LAF nurse, Mrs. Kelly, please stop by her office between 9am and 2pm on Tuesday, July 9th or Tuesday August 13th. No appointment is necessary. If you have any questions, Mrs. Kelly can be reached by phone at (973) 457-2543 or by email at sally.kelly@chatham-nj.org.

***Report absences
via ParentPortal:***

***DO NOT email
teacher!***

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

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First Grade: Students have discussed summer safety during recreational activities. We talked about how to stay safe at the pool, hiking, bike riding, and playing various sports! We discussed developing an awareness of potential hazards to personal health and safety.

Second Grade and Third Grade We covered sun and water safety; a timely topic for this time of year. The students understand the importance of getting shade, using sunscreen, and staying hydrated. Some important concepts that we learned regarding water safety were: wearing a lifejacket on a boat, swimming with a buddy in a supervised setting, knowing your limits, knowing where it is and isn't safe to dive head first, and many other practical concepts. This is a topic that I review every year, and is something the students can apply to their everyday lives.

Our theme for May was positive Self Esteem. Childhood experiences that contribute to a healthy self esteem include being spoken to respectfully and listened to, being given deserved affection and attention, and having achievements, as well as failures, adequately acknowledged. After a group discussion about qualities we admire in ourselves, we read a book called "I'm Gonna Like Me" by Jamie Lee Curtis and "I Like Myself" by Karen Beaumont.

The class participated in various activities in which we made crafts such as bookmarks, self portraits and bracelets using some words to describe what they love about themselves. In addition, I gifted each classroom with a "YOU ARE" jar, which is a jar with positive affirmations!



A Spotlight on Design & Technology

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Kindergarten—Build a Bird Nest Challenge—*Students did a wonderful job gathering natural materials and constructing their nests just as bird engineers would do. They presented their nest designs and shared the strengths and weaknesses of each design.*



First Grade—Biomimicry Design Challenge—*Students designed and constructed their own "invention" to solve a problem that humans may have. Their invention was inspired by, or mimicked, an animal adaptation they learned about in their research.*

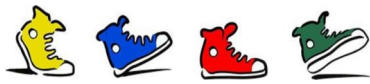
Second Grade—Erosion Prevention Design Challenge—*Students are in the middle of testing and evaluating their erosion prevention solutions. We have created a model of a beach that simulates waves going in and out of the shore. Students are observing and critiquing their designs based on how much their design prevents sand from going out with the tide.*



Third Grade—Human Impact Research Project—*Students are now finishing up their human impact presentations and getting ready to present them to their classmates. They have done impressive research and have done a great job showing off their technology skills.*



Don't forget to practice typing at home!



On the Run

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First graders reviewed many of the activities we have done at some point in the year. This allows the students to not just learn how to play a new game or focus on a new skill, but rather, to use their past experiences from playing the game, to strategize, and perform at a higher level. It has been an absolute pleasure working with the first grade students this year. They always come in ready to participate and they have shown such social and emotional growth since September.

Second and Third graders have been preparing for field day by practicing the various events. Each event focuses on different skills; manipulative, locomotor, and strength! With each event, the classes have aimed to work as team and be cooperative to be successful with each team challenge.

We are looking forward to the big day and the Milton Mile!



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First Grade has learned another note – La! We use these notes – Mi, So, and La – to read our singing game songs on the music staff. We are also learning about dynamics (*piano* and *forte*) with a fun game called “Lucy Locket.”

Second Grade has learned the notes of the pentatonic scale – Do, Re, Mi, So, and La. We are reviewing dynamics learned in 1st Grade (*piano* and *forte*) and learned some new dynamics (*pianissimo* and *fortissimo*) with a fun game called “Black Snake.”

Third Grade has been busy learning about the musical alphabet and beginning to play recorders! They will learn three notes on recorders and play several songs together in Music. This is a great beginning for those interested in learning Band or Orchestra instruments in 4th Grade! Students will be bringing home their recorders after their final music class in June and Mrs. Maldonado will have fun websites and games posted on the MAS Music Webpage to practice note reading and playing [recorders](#) at home. Third Grade students who have signed up for Quaver Music accounts can also access recorder songs played during music class!

Quaver Music: If you have any questions about signing up, please visit Mrs. Maldonado’s [Quaver Directions](#) and email Mrs. Maldonado!

FROM THE ART ROOM

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The district Art Show will be at Chatham Middle School on June 3 and June 4. Milton students will be well represented. Please join us!



CHATHAM ART DISTRICT SHOW 2019

CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL A/B GYMNASIUM
JUNE 3 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
JUNE 4 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM

AWARDS, DEMONSTRATIONS & REFRESHMENTS



Library Lore Jill Mills

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What a great year we had in the library! Thank you to everyone who "popped" into great books and kept on reading! Through the generosity of our PTO, and all of our students' reading, our classes donated close to 100 books to the library! Thank you, too, to all of our library volunteers. Our program would not run without the support of our parent volunteers!

If you want to keep up all of that great reading, be sure to check out the public library this summer. With their "Universe of Stories" theme, you may discover there are nearly as many new books to read as stars in the sky! Speaking of which, classes will be visiting the Planetarium during library classes the first week of June. Invite your student to share the amazing stories that we can find in the constellations!

The timing of our Planetarium visits works out well since we will no longer be borrowing books after May 31st. **All books will be due to the library on Friday, June 7.** Notices will be coming home about overdue, lost, or damaged books. Please note there is no fine for overdue books, but lost and damaged books will need to be replaced and the cost will be included in the notice. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about books signed out to your child.

I wish you all a wonderful and happy summer!

PTO NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTO VICE- PRESIDENT

Congratulations to all the Milton Families on another school year almost complete! We had many wonderful events at Milton this year, including our annual Book Fair, Holiday Shop, Family Fun Night, Milton Mile, and Field Day. The students enjoyed many wonderful assemblies and had a great time on their field trips! Summer is finally here and with it, hopefully lots of sunshine!

I want to thank our outgoing PTO President, Yvonne Greenwood, for all her hard work and support this year! Yvonne went above and beyond the call of duty and really dedicated so much time and energy into our school, one that she loves very much. She has been an asset to Milton and will be greatly missed next year. I also want to thank our executive board members for all they have done for our school. We could have not accomplished everything we did this year without you. I am grateful for the work you do!

A very special thank you to our amazing principal, our wonderful staff, and MAS parents who have given a tremendous amount of support, time and dedication into making this another successful school year. You are what makes this little school shine!

As incoming PTO President, I look forward to another successful school year filled with lots of happiness and excitement! Enjoy your summer!

Sharon Piskadlo
MAS PTO President 2019/20

OTHER PTO NEWS

Save the date! Milton will be holding **Rubber Ducky Bingo** on Friday, June 7th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Come say goodbye to a great school year with a BYOP (Bring Your Own Picnic). Bring a blanket and dinner. We'll provide the fun and a sweet treat.

MILTON AVENUE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Attention all Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade Parents- **DON'T MISS OUT ON ORDERING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE 2019–2020 SCHOOL YEAR!** 1ST Day School Supplies is our school supply vendor. Please order your supplies for NEXT year's grade at <https://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=67115> by **June 15**. Kits will be delivered to your student's classroom for the first day of school.

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Attention Third Grade Parents—School supplies for Lafayette are now for sale. The sale is running now through **June 30**. This is a hard deadline and no kits can be ordered thereafter. The website is www.1stDaySchoolSupplies.com, then enter our zip code and select Lafayette Avenue School. Any questions can be directed to me at dawneliz30@gmail.com

SUMMER CAMP LINKS

- [Chatham Summer Arts Camp](#)
- [Mr. A Day Camp](#)
- [String Fever Summer Program](#)
- [Colony Pool Camp](#)
- [Rutgers Reading Skills Summer Program](#)
- [After School Strings Enrichment—September](#)

thank
you!

FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE PTO PRESIDENT

I can't believe this school year is winding down. It has flown by so fast, but it was a great year here at Milton! It has truly been my pleasure being your PTO President.

I am so thankful for each and every one of my PTO committee members for all your hard work. The PTO events this year were such a success from staff appreciation week to book fair, family fun night, holiday shop, field day, luminaries, ladies night, walk to school and Milton Mile. Our PTO welcomed new Milton families, worked on the beautiful gardens and attended the town board meetings to keep us all informed. Every committee has a purpose at Milton, from our sunshine committee to our third grade spirit committee...they all help to run the wonderful PTO programs for our students, such as after school enrichment, community pass, Hasegawa's helpers and the reading program. They help us with fundraisers like supply kits, picture day and every single pizza parlor day. Thank you to all our room parents and drop-off parents; no sleet or snow or rain will stop them J. Thank you to every mom, dad, and grandparent who stepped up to volunteer to help with any PTO event in any capacity this year. The list just goes on and on BECAUSE it truly TOOK a VILLAGE to help make this school year at Milton a FANTASTIC YEAR!

To the incoming PTO President, Sharon Piskaldo, a HUGE thank you for always being by my side to help and advise. I couldn't have done this without you. Best of luck next year! You will be an amazing asset to Milton.

To the rest of my board, Suzanne David, Christine Flood, Virginia McVeigh, Nicole Mahoney, and Lindsay Grady - thank you so much for all your hard work. No one sees what goes on behind the curtains. You are the key ingredients in making the PTO shine!

To the entire staff at Milton, I thank each of you for helping to shape our children into wonderful caring kind intelligent human beings. And a special thank you to Melanie Hollingsworth, Lenore Paulan, and our principal Mr. Andrezza for making this all look so easy....it takes a lot of sweat to run this school. Thank you for working with me and always supporting the PTO.....I will miss you all very much.

I can't believe it's been 10 years since I first stepped onto the grounds of Milton. It really is that "little school that makes a difference". It did with all three of my kids. They all had different experiences, but I always knew I could talk to the teachers and they worked with me and helped to make it a safe and nurturing space for my children. Those of us who have other children at other schools know how truly personal and unique Milton is! It will always hold a special place in my heart, I will miss it! Best of luck to all you who continue on! And to Sharon Piskadlo and the MAS Board 2019-2020, I wish you a successful new adventure!

Enjoy your summer!

Yvonne Greenwood
PTO President, 2018-2019

CHATHAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION—End of School Year Tributes

Please consider making a contribution to the Chatham Education Foundation in the name of your favorite teacher, administrator, nurse, counselors or any educators. Honorees will receive a gourmet Belgian chocolate star and hand-written card from the donor. The CEF will deliver the gifts directly to the school offices to be placed in the teachers' mailboxes before the summer break.. For more information, check the [Milton website](#).