



THE MILTON EXPRESS

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Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of such a successful school year! I have been absolutely honored to serve as the principal at Milton Avenue School. We are so fortunate to have a group of staff members who dedicate their energy and efforts in bringing out the best in each and every child. Nothing compares to seeing the smiles on the faces of the children as they enthusiastically enter the building for the learning journey that awaits them. The parent community has been so supportive throughout the year, and it has been wonderful working in partnership to bring Milton Avenue School to new heights. It truly is a privilege to be here!

Throughout the school year, your child has learned a tremendous amount of new information and skills. Summer provides the perfect time to practice essential skills to better prepare your child for the next school year. Try keeping your child's basic skills sharp through one of these engaging summertime activities...

Summer Scrapbook: As a family, maintain a scrapbook illustrating all of the wonderful memories or activities you share throughout the summer. Allow your child to paste photographs, write captions for pictures and illustrations, and write sentences in the scrapbook that describe some of the activities. This beautiful keepsake reinforces such skills as writing skills, reading skills, and art.

Summer Outings: Plan day trips during the summer which are meaningful and interesting for your child. There are many destinations that provide the right environment to reinforce science, history, art, and math skills. Some of these outings might include a trip to the zoo, a nature hike, a trip to the museum, or even visiting the ballpark!

Read, Read, Read: The best way to practice and increase reading fluency is by reading and rereading books. Be sure to take some time this summer to visit your local library. Very often, summer programs are offered that are of interest for multiple age groups. Try to continue the habit of reading at least 20 minutes each day.

Summer Journal: Help your child keep a summer journal. Have him/her draw or write something each day. This would be a great way to keep writing skills sharp, and it also allows the child to reflect upon a great summer when the next school year begins!

Game Night: Play board or card games that practice math skills such as counting and computation. Board games would also reinforce important social skills such as taking turns and good sportsmanship.

Many children are very excited when school is out and summer is here. By engaging them in activities that promote learning throughout the summer, we can maintain that level of excitement while reinforcing skills to better prepare them for the following school year.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

Nick Andrezza



THIS 'N THAT — REMINDERS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

The Main Office will be open during the summer from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Moving? Please contact Sally Moreno, Central Registrar (smoreno@chatham-nj.org). Student records will need to be sent to new schools and the sooner we know, the better for each school. **Even if you are only moving across the street, your home address should be updated in Genesis!**

Stay Connected—the Milton website calendar will be updated over the summer with fall events and important dates.

School Supplies — Thank you for your order. All kits and ordered items will be in your child's classroom on the first day of school. A full list of supplies is on the [Milton website](#).

THINKING ABOUT THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR ALREADY?

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS	SEPTEMBER 3
WELCOME BACK PICNIC (5:30—7:30)	SEPTEMBER 13
SCHOOL CLOSED: ROSH HASHANA	SEPTEMBER 30
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT	SEPTEMBER 19
FIRST PTO MEETING	OCTOBER 10



MILTON MEETING

We celebrated our staff and students at the monthly Milton Meeting on June 17. Mr. Andrezza reminded the children that if they get bored over the summer—Pick up a book! We recognized students for achievement in Art, Music, P.E., Library, and Technology, as well as the Principal's Student of the Month.

Principal's Student of the Month Award: Ellison Plauschinat, Ryan Hogan, Daniel Guralchuk, and Clive Bazadona

Outstanding Artist: Marco Nigido, Eamon Stitley, and Aaron Gentry

Marvelous Musician: Ethan Tam, Nolan Barnes, and Sophia Alberici

MVP Award: Olivia Buchberger, Eloise Haynes, and Kate Schell

Library Legend: Peter Callahan, Bella Flood, Daniel Gilmore, and Genevieve Conneely

STEM Superstar: Hana Daya, Jayden Chakraborty, Avery Hodges, and Luke Manicone

Congratulations to all our Milton students for a successful year!

PTO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of a volunteer to run our **Community Service projects**, as well as **luminaria** for next school year. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN EITHER OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW. THANK YOU!

[SIGN UP FOR PTO OPPORTUNITIES](#)