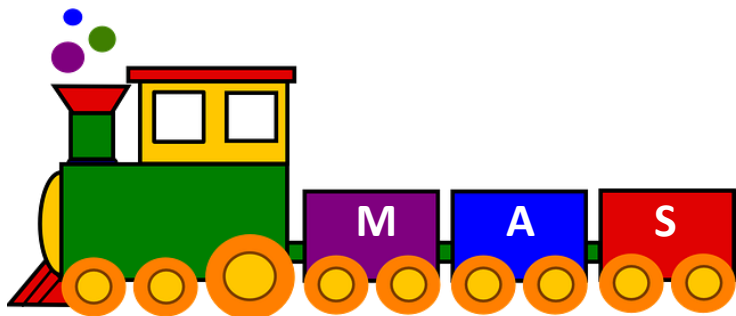


THE MILTON EXPRESS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018



Message from the Principal

I would like to once again welcome you to another exciting year at Milton Avenue School! We are off to a fabulous start, and I am looking forward to a year full of growth and development on the part of the students. It's always so memorable to see the eager looks on the students' faces as they come through our doors on that first day of school!

There are many things that happen behind the scenes that allow for such a successful start to the school year. Words cannot describe the amount of thanks that our secretaries deserve in preparing for opening day. They worked many hours to ensure the successful transition to a new school year, and they continually demonstrated hard work and dedication in preparing for the first day of school. BRAVO!

Milton Avenue School is a great place to be and it shows. Our custodians did a fabulous job getting our building prepared for the first day of school. Whether it was stripping and waxing the floors, moving classrooms, or working on numerous projects in our building over the summer, our custodians worked hard in creating a safe and clean environment for the students and staff.

Our PTO continues to provide support for the students and staff at Milton Avenue School. I know there is a lot of planning involved in enhancing the experiences for our learning community, and our staff is truly grateful for their tremendous generosity!

Last, but not least, our teaching staff... Whether it's the school nurse, case managers, related arts teachers, guidance counselor, related services staff, or classroom teachers, everyone continually strives to discover ways to enhance the students' learning experiences in anticipation of this new school year. Our paraprofessionals further promote the learning that occurs in the classrooms by supporting the students and the classroom teachers.

The month of September brought about many memorable events for our Milton Avenue School learning community! The first day of school opened the doors for students to engage in meaningful learning experiences in all content areas, including Readers Workshop and Writers Workshop. The families in our community were welcomed through such great events as the Welcome Back to School Picnic. Back-to-School Night on September 20 allowed the opportunity for parents to visit their children's classrooms to learn more about the wonderful experiences they are able to encounter each and every day. Our first Milton Monthly Meeting, held on September 26, allowed all of us to come together as a learning community to acknowledge the many accomplishments of our students. Students in grades 1-3 were given the opportunity to earn awards in the areas of art, music, physical education, library, and Design & Technology. In addition, one student from each grade level was recognized as the Student of the Month for that grade level. Be sure to check out the "Milton Meeting" section in this issue of the Milton Express for the names of this month's recipients!

I look forward to working with the staff, students, and parents in continuing to make the 2018-2019 school year a success! My door is always open so please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nick Andrezza



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

The month of October provides many opportunities for members of the learning community to come together to support our school and families.

- ◆ We will celebrate the **Week of Respect** in the state of New Jersey from October 1-5.
- ◆ **After School Enrichment** begins on October 1.
- ◆ We are very excited about our **Enchanted Forest Book Fair** beginning on Tuesday, October 2. **Family Night** at the Book Fair is Wednesday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Students **do not have school** on Monday, October 8 (Teacher Professional Day).
- ◆ We will have our first **Walk-to-School** Day on Wednesday, October 10. An officer from the Chatham Police Traffic Safety unit will visit.
- ◆ Second grade bike test will be October 10 during their gym class.
- ◆ Smile pretty! **Picture Day** is October 11.
- ◆ **Pizza Parlor Day** is scheduled for Friday, October 12.
- ◆ The **Third Grade Bake Sale** is scheduled for after school on October 19.
- ◆ Our children can focus on getting physically fit by taking part in our annual **Duathlon** on Saturday, October 13.
- ◆ Please be sure to attend the **PTO meeting** at 9:00am on Thursday, October 18. Stacey Winters, Supervisor of Mathematics K-12 Chatham District, will be our guest.
- ◆ Be on the lookout for a flyer to outline the details of the Halloween parade which will be held this year on October 31.

GO BLUE! for the Week of Respect

Monday, October 1 is the start of Milton's Week of Respect. Lets show our support of anti-bullying by sending a powerful message! All parents, students, staff and friends are asked to join Milton students as they take a stand against bullying by wearing blue on October 1

THIS 'N THAT

CONTACT INFORMATION: It is vitally important that we have **correct and complete information** about how to contact you in an emergency. Please take the time now to review and update the Parent Portal for your child(ren), and update this site whenever your information changes.

FRIDAY IS SPIRIT DAY!

EVERY FRIDAY IS MILTON SPIRIT DAY!
WEAR YOUR **MILTON** GEAR OR **BLUE AND WHITE** EVERY FRIDAY TO SHOW YOUR SPIRIT.

Counselor Corner Carole Soder csoder@chatham-nj.org

Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to our new Milton students and their families. I began the year by visiting each of the classrooms in the month of September to do a mini lesson and activity about the role of a school counselor. We discussed our Kindness Tree and what it means to do Random Acts of Kindness. I challenged all of our students to keep the spirit of our Milton Motto alive, "The little School that makes A Big Difference", by filling our tree with as many Kindness hearts as possible! We also reviewed the importance of including others and the meaning behind of our "Buddy Bench" at recess. In addition, for our new students, we met in small groups to get acquainted with one another.

The counseling lessons will begin in the month of October and the first theme will be Respect, which will coincide with our week of respect that begins in the first week of October. The week of Respect begins on October 1. Throughout the week, students and faculty will engage in activities centered around anti-bullying, standing up for others and kindness. Other topics to be explored with our character lessons this year will be aligned with our Second Step Social Emotional curriculum.



MILTON MEETING

We celebrated our students at the first monthly Milton Meeting on September 26. Mr. Andrezza explained the Milton Meeting and what it means to be recognized, he complimented students on a great start to the new school year and showed the slide show from Back to School Night. Students cheered when they saw their friends and class! Students sang the school song (a first for our new staff members and the Kindergarten classes) and awards were given in several areas. Congratulations to all of our students who were recognized at our first Milton Meeting!

Principal's Student of the Month Award: Henrietta Wang, Julia Rajappa, Matthew DiMarco, and Madeline Klatt

Outstanding Artist: Clotilde Hayes, Max Keltz, and Emily Garlewicz

Marvelous Musician: Amanda Piskadlo, Quinn Byrne, and Megan Gibney

MVP Award: Marco Nigido, Jane Shuster, and Dylan Kagan

Library Legend: Maximillian Sokolowski, Jack O'Donnell, Sadie Derkowski, and Sinclair Apoian

STEM Superstar: Anna Kang, Brennan Feeley, Thomas Mierkiewicz, and Bianca Treloar

From the Art Room

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HELLO ALL! I am looking forward to a new and exciting year of art creation with the first, second and third graders! The young artists are off to a great start, learning new skills while making worthwhile connections with a variety of subject matter.

First grade is learning about Elements of Art, like shape, line, and color. Students were given the task of shapes to create pictures inspired by Paul Klee's "Castle and Sun. 1928"

Second graders are working on "Name Art." They were given the task of using their names to create an abstract piece, where they colored in shapes created by the spaces around their letters. We made connections also to Paul Klee who is known for creating abstract pieces using among other things letters.

Third grade is learning about "Radial Symmetry," building off their understanding of symmetry learned in previous years. For this project they learn how to create a design that will mirror itself on all corners of the paper, creating a unified and balanced artwork that appears to "radiate" from the center of a folded paper. The work so far is quite stunning. We will finish off the work tracing in sharpie and coloring with markers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOMS...

PRE-SCHOOL: September has been an exciting month for our preschoolers! The preschool classes have been working to familiarize themselves with their new classrooms, classmates and school staff members. They began learning to follow class rules and routines and have enjoyed playing with their new friends. The preschoolers are looking forward to beginning a study on TREES in October! They will be exploring how trees grow and change, what grows on trees and who cares for trees. The preschoolers look forward to observing the trees as they change outside their classrooms this fall!



KINDERGARTEN: September has been all about making new friends and learning about how to work together in the classroom. Our classroom routines are falling into place throughout each subject area. In math, we are beginning to learn all about numbers through counting and cardinality. We are beginning our "We Are Readers" unit in reading workshop and looking forward to reading words and pictures independently. In October, we are getting excited for fall activities like learning about season characteristics and changes.

FIRST GRADE: First graders are learning the routines and procedures of a full day of school! They enjoy going to specials and eating lunch at school. They are learning the importance of listening from our *Second Step Program* with Ears Listening, Eyes Watching, Voice Quiet and Body Still. This is the way to be learning! First graders have their own workbooks in math and we are beginning to learn about addition and subtraction and how they are related to each other. We will be using the Splash Math program for homework at the end of the month. Students are also learning how to choose books and how to take care of them. They are working hard at being authors and illustrators in Writing Workshop. We are looking forward to going to the Reeves Arboretum in October for our first field trip!

SECOND GRADE: Things are in full swing in second grade! The students have adjusted to the routines and demands of second grade. As readers, students have been building their reading stamina, and filling their book boxes with "just right" books. As writers, students have been busy collecting ideas and memories in their lives to share with others through personal narratives. As scientists, students have been carrying out Science and Engineering Practices as they ask questions and gather information during explorations. As mathematicians, students are learning different math strategies to help them add and subtract fluently. They are beginning to rotate between differentiated math centers that will enrich the math units. In October, social scientists will begin learning about their role as good citizens within their communities, as well as how leaders of the past have helped shape communities. Second graders will also dive into our character education program, Second Step, which gives students the tools to manage social and emotional situations. In conjunction with these lessons, growth mindset lessons will be infused as well.

THIRD GRADE: Third Graders were eager to get back into the school routine this September, and haven't slowed down since! They have been working hard across all areas of the curriculum. As writers, students have been focusing on small moment writing and using workshop skills to write personal narratives. As readers, students have been building reading stamina, choosing a variety of books to read, and recording thoughts about books along the way. We are looking forward to delving into character studies in the near future. After a jumpstart into our new math program, students are working on multiplication strategies. The focus of "New Jersey" in Social Studies has already taken us through map skills and community. We will soon start to research the explorers who helped to find New Jersey, as well as the American Revolution. In Science, each class has been exposed to some basic knowledge of what a scientist does. We encourage you to ask your children about the questions they are solving through the science and engineering process!





The Stetho-Scoop

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***Report absences
via ParentPortal***

Welcome new families and welcome back all students and staff! I am so happy to be part of the Milton family starting this school year! Please know I am here if there are ever any medical questions or concerns.

Just a reminder...ALL classrooms are **'Peanut and Tree nut-free'**—peanuts and tree nuts can only be consumed in the non-restricted area of the cafeteria during lunchtime. You must read all ingredients on any foods that you send to be sure that no peanuts and /or tree nuts are present. Please also remind your children that no food is to be 'shared' with anyone at school. Students should only be eating food brought from their home or ordered by their parent.

Please note, if you think your child has a fever, please check their temperature with a thermometer. If their temperature is 100 degrees or greater, please allow them some restful time at home to recuperate and get well. Your child must remain home for 24 hours after the fever has subsided without fever reducing medication.

Please enter absences in the Parent Portal or call the absentee line before **8:30am and 12:00pm for the afternoon sessions**, if your child will not be coming to school or will be late.

After School Enrichment Classes start October 1st. Please remember to call the absentee line if your child will not be attending their enrolled enrichment class if they were in school earlier that day. All after school enrichment classes end at 4:05pm. Please be prompt in picking up your child.

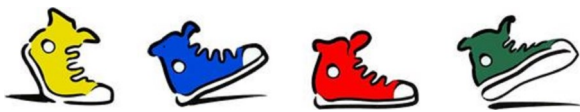


MUSIC NOTES

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We've had a lot of fun in our first few September music classes! **First graders** started with some listening games, singing voice games and songs. They are working on matching pitch while singing and will start learning about quarter note and eighth note rhythms very soon! The **second grade** is reviewing pitches and rhythms from last year with fun singing games like "Snail Snail." **Third grade** has been learning a fun singing game called "Zudio" and will start to learn about our national anthem very soon!

We have also begun to prepare for our Holiday Concerts in December! The children are excited to share these songs with you, so you might hear your child singing about winter already! Please see the Milton calendar for concert dates and times.



ON THE RUN...

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We have been busy the month of September in Physical Education. **First grade students** are off to a great start in PE. We started out the year by doing some parachute activities. I like to begin the year with this because it requires listening, safety and cooperation. The students have done very well with safety and listening, and I would just like to remind all students that they should wear sneakers on the days they have PE.

Second and third graders started the year discussing "Sportsmanship" - what it means as a participant and how it applies to best effort, teamwork and following directions. Icebreaker games were completed to practice what good sportsmanship "looks and sounds" like during activities! The **Second Grade Bike Test** will be held on October 10. Students are reminded to bring their bikes and helmets to school. Students will be evaluated on bike skills and safety by Mr. Visitacion and Mr. Finken in gym classes.

Our annual Milton's Duathlon is set for Saturday, October 13, at 8:00 a.m. at Chatham Middle School (check in begins at 7:45 a.m.). Students will complete a 15 minute bike ride followed by a 10 minute run! The bike ride will be for Milton students only, but parents are encouraged to run with their child during the running portion. For the safety of all students, we will only allow bikes. The children must have a helmet, a bike (in good condition), and a water bottle. More information will be coming home next week.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HEALTH

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First Grade: Classes learned about the amazing human body and all the things it can do (i.e. fastest speed a human can run, number of teeth). Students identified actions that they do each day to be healthy; brushing their teeth, getting plenty of sleep, and following good nutrition.

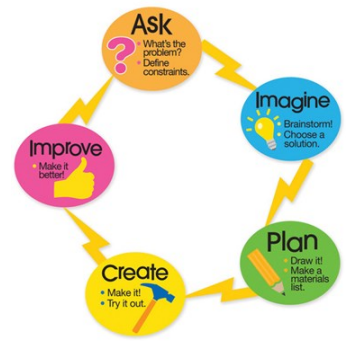
Second Grade: Students have just learned about bike safety. The weather is still nice for riding bikes so it is important for students to understand the rules of the road. The students have also learned about the "Dimensions of Health." These are the 5 branches of health and wellness: Physical, Social, Emotional, Spiritual and Intellectual. The main idea of this concept is for students to realize that Health is more than just taking care of your body. Covering this concept allows students to make connections and see the big picture.

Third Grade: Third grade students began the year by reviewing the Dimensions of Health (physical, social, spiritual, emotional, intellectual). These dimensions of health allow the students to see how other things besides physical health choices can play a role in their overall health and wellness. We also learned about outdoor fire safety. In the spring, the St. Barnabas Fire Safety House visits MAS and the students will receive a presentation from a firefighter. With that in mind, the focus on the lesson we do is on campfire safety. The students learn some good rules about being safe around campfires that they can hopefully remember throughout their lives.

Let's Peek Inside... **Design & Technology**

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Design and Technology is off to a great start this year! The MAS engineers are beginning to explore how they can use the Engineering Design Process to solve real-world problems. Our classroom laptops are also helping us to incorporate technology tools into the design process. You can check out our design projects and find helpful resources on Milton's Design and Technology website: : <http://chatham-nj.org/Page/15211>. Read more about what's coming up for each grade level below. If you have any questions about the Design and Technology program at Milton Avenue School, please feel free to email me at aturton@chatham-nj.org.



Kindergarten

- What is Design and Technology?
- How do we use the classroom laptops?
- **Designing with Blocks**

First Grade

- What laptop programs can we use for learning and research?
- How do we follow the steps of the Engineering Design Process?
- **Trophy Tower Design Challenge**

Second Grade

- How can we use Google Drive and Google Classroom to create and share documents?
- **Little Piggy House Design Challenge**

Third Grade

- How can we use our STEM notebooks the way engineers do?
- How can we infuse the use of Google Drive and Google Classroom into the Engineering Design Process?
- **Gummy Bear Parachute Design Challenge**



LIBRARY LORE *Jill Mills, jmills@chatham-nj.org*

Welcome back to a new year! The library had a big cleaning this summer and now the shelves are full of new, fun, and enticing books for all. This month, all grades have talked about our school community and how we can learn about each other through literature and conversation. Global awareness will be our theme in the library this year. I hope your reader will share with you stories from new authors, new ideas, and new places!

Our Birthday Book program flyer was sent home. Please consider donating a book to the library in honor of your child's birthday. Every year, we receive over 120 books to our collection through this program. Students love to find their names in books year after year. I would like to extend a great thanks to Christine Walter and Suzanne David for being the coordinators for all our library programs this year!

MESSAGE FROM THE PTO PRESIDENT

And we are off to great start! The school year is in full swing and I'm sure everyone has been active with sports and homework and all the driving! I don't know about you, but I know that my children and I are very much looking forward to fall and Halloween.

But...before we dive into October, let's thank those who helped to make it a great September at Milton. The Back to School Staff luncheon was a success thanks to Katie Hindelong, Dana Carroll and Mariellen Zaleck. The Welcome Back to School Picnic and New Family Playdate was so much fun for all; a special thank you to Debbie Hunter and Renae James for that!

Morning Drop-off has kicked off successfully; thank you to Andrea Koulichov and Nicole Mahoney for setting it up! And please - let's thank all the wonderful drop-off parents who provide this huge convenience to all!

Spiritwear sale was a hit thanks to Nicole Mahoney and Lindsay Grady. Let's also give a hand to Kathy Sprague and Lindsay Grady for coordinating Room Parents for the year. Thanks to the Room Parents themselves for their efforts at back to school night.

We have a busy October ahead of us starting with the Enchanted Forest Book Fair and Week of Respect, which are both next week. We have a great assembly lined up for Week of Respect. Walk to School Day, Pizza Parlor Day, Picture Day, the first PTO meeting of the school year, the Preschool Pumpkin patch, and the Halloween Parade are also coming up; please refer to the October highlights for all the dates. Happy Fall!

Yvonne Greenwood
PTO President



WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Our first walk to school day will kick off in grand fashion! A representative from the Chatham Borough Police Department will join us the morning of Wednesday October 10, to welcome walkers and talk to the MAS students about traffic safety for National Walk to School Day.



STAND UP/STEP IN ASSEMBLY

On Friday, October 5, students will enjoy an assembly sponsored by the PTO.

Using humor and participation, David Jack and his high-tech virtual character friend, Cozmo, entertain and engage students and teach them how to identify the players in a bullying episode and, more importantly, how they should deal with it. Students will learn how to recognize situations where bullying will likely occur and how to best avoid those situations. The show will include music, movement, virtual characters, dance, and interactive game shows.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

October kicks off with the After School Enrichment Program. The fall session begins Monday October 1. Please remember to be at the front door by 4 to meet your child!

PTO REMINDERS

<https://www.chathampto.com/>

Just a quick reminder!

MAS Volunteer Opportunities:

<https://signup.com/group/10873596200109>

Please consider volunteering at MAS! There are plenty of committees that still need help! Volunteering is a wonderful way to get involved in your child's school day! Openings are currently available for

- Pizza Parlor Day (Grades 1-3)
- Hasegawa's Helpers (Grades 1-3)
- Library Volunteers (PreK to Grade 3)
- Book Fair Volunteers (PreK to Grade 3)

BOOK FAIR



The Milton Book Fair is Coming!

The Enchanted Forest book fair is almost here! Classes will be visiting the fair from October 2nd through the 4th

to create lists and purchase books but don't miss family night on Wednesday October 3rd in the MAS Library! There will be something for everyone so please join the fun and foster your young readers. Thank you to Robin Engelson, Karen Bruzzo and Lisa Di for bringing this event to life!

NOTES FROM THE CAFETERIA COMMITTEE



Hickory Pizza will once again be providing pizza for MAS on pizza parlor days. Pizza lunch includes a slice of pizza, fruit, vegetable, and a choice of milk or chocolate milk for \$3.50. A second slice is an extra \$1.25. Water is an additional \$.50. Payment for Pizza Parlor Day will be through each student's Pay For It account. Gluten free will also available.

Mark your calendars for Pizza Parlor Day!

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| October 12 | November 16 |
| December 14 | January 11 |
| February 8 | March 8 |
| April 5 | May 3 |
| June 7 | |

COMMUNITY NEWS

Keep up to date on the latest happenings in the Chathams! Check out the [Milton website](#) as well.

Please join us at the next **Chatham Performing Arts Boosters Meeting** Wednesday, October 3, 7pm – 8pm, CHS Faculty Lounge ***all are welcome***

Chatham Education Trivia Night is coming!

