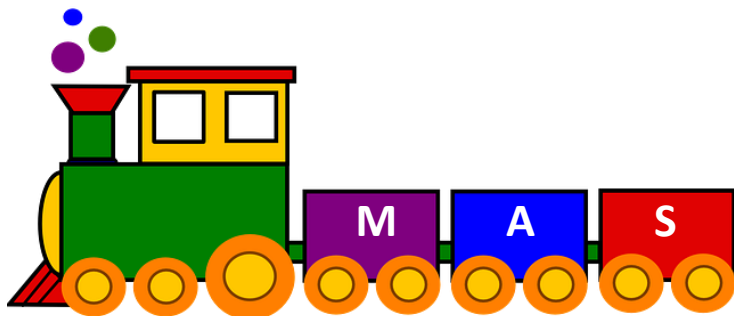


THE MILTON EXPRESS

OCTOBER 31, 2018



Message from the Principal

Autumn is such a special time of year! There is an extra “nip” in the air, the days are getting shorter, and pumpkins and haystacks decorate many houses in the neighborhood. This time of year also provides numerous opportunities for us to recognize how thankful we are for the people and things that surround us in our everyday lives.

I am extremely thankful for the opportunity to work with the students and staff at Milton Avenue School. We have such a wonderful learning community where all individuals are celebrated for the special skills and traits that they bring with them on a daily basis. Each person in the learning community contributes to the success in bringing about the best in each and every child who enters through our doors. We have been dedicating a great deal of time explaining to the children how important it is to respect ourselves, respect others, and respect our environment. Just taking the few seconds to stop and look at someone in the eyes to say, “Good morning!” goes a long way in not only showing respect for someone else, but also in showing how thankful we are for that person in being a part of our lives.

In addition to being a part of important lessons being taught in the month of October, the students at Milton Avenue School were able to take part in many meaningful experiences. During the Week of Respect (October 1-5), the students attended an assembly where we read the book **Stick and Stone** by Beth Ferry. Afterwards, students and staff from grades K-3 walked on to the front lawn where we created the shape of a giant blue heart. This heart was created to symbolize the care, respect, and kindness that we should be displaying at all times in order to be people of good character. Please take some time to visit our website to see this photo scrolling across the top of our page! In addition, an assembly was generously provided by our PTO as a culminating activity at the end of the week.

I would like to thank all of the members of the learning community for making such a positive difference for our students; teachers, support staff, parents, and the community working together in partnership to promote and witness amazing growth and development on the part of our students. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break with your family and friends!

Sincerely,
Mr. Nick Andrezza



NOVEMBER 4
TURN YOUR
CLOCKS BACK
AN HOUR!

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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

- ◆ **Walk-to-School Day** is on Wednesday, November 5.
- ◆ Our **UNICEF** collection ends on November 2.
- ◆ **Veterans Day assembly** is on November 12. See the last page of the Milton Express for a fun family activity!
- ◆ Candy and supplies for the troops ends on November 14.
- ◆ **Picture Day retakes** will happen on Thursday, November 15.
- ◆ **PTO meeting** is on Thursday, November 15 at 9:00 am.
- ◆ **Pizza Parlor** is scheduled for Friday, November 16.
- ◆ **Spirit wear** is every Friday!

School's Closed!

NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS

Teachers Convention: There is an early dismissal on Wednesday, November 7, and school is closed on Thursday and Friday, November 8 and 9.

Thanksgiving Break: There is an early dismissal on Wednesday, November 21 and school is closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23.

HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BOTH HOLIDAYS:

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 session hours: 9:00 a.m.— 12:00

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

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



Veterans Needed!

Milton Avenue School will be celebrating Veterans Day on Monday, November 12, 2018. We are pleased to invite all veterans (who will be introduced by their MAS student at the assembly) to take part in the festivities with us at 9:15 a.m. that morning! If you are a veteran or know a veteran who would like to join us, please ask him or her to mark the date on the calendar and RSVP to Trish Martin (pmartin@chatham-nj.org) by November 2, 2018.

All MAS students are invited to show their support by wearing patriotic colors that day!

If you would like to fill out another “heart for a Veteran,” a blank form is at the end of this document!

MAS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS AND VETERANS!

In honor of Veterans Day, MAS will lend a hand in support of our troops. Now through November 14th, we will be collecting items for care packages that Operation Jersey Cares sends out to currently deployed military as well as Veterans and loyal military families in need. Information has been shared with families but check out the Milton website for a [detailed list of donation items](#). Thank you for supporting this wonderful project!



MILTON MEETING

We celebrated our students at the monthly Milton Meeting on October 30. We recognized students for achievement 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: Carter Wong, Gavin Nyilas, Erik Abseck, and Genevieve Conneely

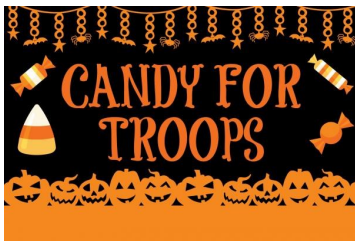
Outstanding Artist: Sonja Aasland, Nigel Callahan, and Caitlin Deuchler

Marvelous Musician: Toby Hunter, Hudson Hindelong, and Stacey Kim

MVP Award: Dylan Fischer, Bridget Kang, and Tomasso Gianusso

Library Legend: Finley Look, Lauren Osika, Lucas Stroud, and Meghan Suh

STEM Superstar: Patrick Walker, Sarah Alcantara, Morgan Kocis, and Yuki Stevenson



Leftover Halloween Candy Collection

Please donate any leftover or unwanted Halloween candy to send to our troops! Drop your extra candy outside the main office so we can pass it along to Operation Jersey Cares. Collection begins November 1st and will run through November 14th.

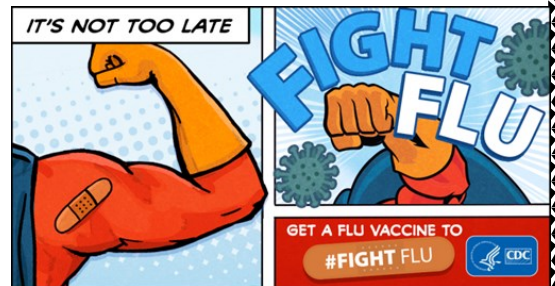


The Stetho-Scoop

Erin Zotti, RN School Nurse/Health Educator,
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**Report absences
via ParentPortal**

Flu season is beginning... The CDC recommends that you and your family members should get a flu vaccine before flu begins spreading in your community. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against flu to develop in the body, so make plans to get vaccinated early in fall, before flu season begins. The CDC recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October.



It is required that any child attending Preschool, ages 59 months and younger obtain a flu vaccine and documentation is provided to Mrs. Zotti by January 2nd 2019. Students will be excluded from school by the Health Department until March 2019 if it is not received by that date.

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 after-noon sessions, if your child will not be coming to school or will be late.



The month of October began with the Week of Respect. The students and teachers engaged in activities that highlighted being an “upstander” and why sticking up for others is important. As a way for us to show that *kindness is at the “heart” of Milton*, the whole student body and staff formed a heart on the front lawn of our school—what a terrific way to begin our week!

The Counseling Classroom lessons focused on being respectful listeners and The Golden Rule. In November I will be utilizing our Social Emotional Learning curriculum-Second Step. Lessons are focused on our feelings and showing compassion for others.

COUNSELING GROUPS

I will be offering small group counseling this year. Small groups support and enhance the development of personal and social skills and promote educational success. Small groups provide additional social-emotional learning experiences and give the students a chance to belong, a chance to express themselves, and a chance to benefit from the support of group members.

The small groups that I am offering this year are as follows:

Friendship Group (social skills) - Friendship groups are intended for students who need or would like to work on strengthening their friendship skills. Groups will focus on acknowledging and strengthening the friendship qualities we have to offer others, how to connect and communicate with others, building friendly behaviors, and dealing with friendship problems.

Peacemakers (emotional regulation) - This group is intended for students who need or would like to learn how to regulate their emotions. During group we will explore emotional triggers, learn how to identify different emotional zones as we enter them, and build effective coping skills.

FISH (Families in separate home) - this can be a group comprised of students from varying grades whose parents are divorced or going through a divorce.

These groups will start in late November and will meet for 30 minutes per week for six weeks (with the potential to extend). Teachers can refer students who they feel will benefit from small group support and parents can refer as well. If you have a child that you feel would benefit from one of these groups please email me.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOMS...



PRE-SCHOOL: October has been a fun and busy month for the preschoolers. We completed our TREE study by exploring different kinds of trees, how trees grow, and what animals can be found in trees. We spent time outside going on nature walks to collect sticks, acorns, and various types of leaves. We finished the month by learning about the sights and sounds of Halloween. We also turned the preschool playground into a pumpkin patch! The students were able to pick a pumpkin and play on the bales of hay. Next month, we will explore the topics of FAMILY, HARVEST and THANKSGIVING.

KINDERGARTEN: Kindergarten has been busy learning how to be storybook readers this month! We learned about different strategies to help us read and remember our favorite stories. In Social Studies, we have begun our unit about what makes each of us special and unique. We also got an extra special visit from the Chatham fire department. We learned about fire safety, the fire trucks and equipment, and even got to take turns squirting the hose! We got to meet our second grade buddy classes and create jack-o-lanterns showing different feelings together. We are looking forward to learning about Thanksgiving, gratitude and traditions in November. Gobble, gobble!

FIRST GRADE: First Graders worked very hard at school during the month of October. We learned new strategies and good habits for solving hard words when we are reading. They know to look for word parts in words and to try to read the word two ways (long and short vowel sound.) Ask your child about other strategies such as Eagle Eye, Stretchy Snake, Skippy Frog and Chunky Monkey. Hopefully they are applying these strategies when they are reading at home too! In math we have learned to use number lines and ten frames to help us with addition and subtraction. First Graders are learning about the moon in science and the different phases of the moon. Has your child shared about "Jack and Jill on the Moon" with you? You may never look at the moon in the same way again. We had our first field trip to Reeves Arboretum and learned so much about trees and nature. We are looking forward to November and learning about Thanksgiving traditions.



SECOND GRADE: October was a busy month for second graders! As readers, second graders have been working on using strategies to solve tricky words as well as posting their thinking when they read. As writers, they have been working hard on stretching out their small moment stories with elaboration and bringing those stories to life. Second grade scientists have been exploring the properties of matter and its different states. As we look ahead to November, second grade social scientists will read Molly's Pilgrim, a novel that teaches us that there are different kinds of pilgrims besides the Thanksgiving Pilgrims. After completing the novel study, the students will be asked to do a project at home to learn more about their family's past. More information about this project will be sent home in your child's folder around Thanksgiving.

THIRD GRADE: Third graders were busy in the month of October! Writing is well underway and students are working on developing their personal narratives to include sensory details, trying to SHOW not TELL, and sprinkling in dialog. Our next step is publishing! In reading, third graders are busy learning how to use post-its to stop and jot their thinking and then stretching their thinking by writing about it in their reading workshop notebooks. We have finished our first unit and are now into MYSTERIES! As we read we will try to read like a crime solver, trying to pay close attention to the text for clues to try and solve the problem before the book tells us! In math, we have finished our multiplication topics and are now learning about how multiplication and division are related. We are using known multiplication facts to solve division problems. PLEASE continue to practice multiplication facts every night! Each class also has a first grade buddy class whom we met with this month and completed a getting to know you activity! 3C is partners with 1T, 3K with 1Z, and 3R is with 1V.



ON THE RUN

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First grade students are very enthusiastic and have been giving a great effort in class. We have been spending a lot of time working on throwing and catching skills this year. I like to use beanbags for many of the activities, because students are able to easily catch it without being scared of being hit. The improvement in many of the students' skills so far has been quite remarkable. A couple weeks ago, we went outside and practiced throwing Frisbees, and I was very proud of their effort and ability to pick up the skill. The students have done a good job in being prepared for class with sneakers, which helps keep them safe.

Second and third graders have completed fitness testing concepts in the following area; Pacer Run (cardiovascular endurance), Push Up Test (muscular strength), and Curl Up Test (muscular endurance). Fitness has been taught as a life long skill and how fitness applies to different areas of daily life and activities. In the spring, a second assessment will be completed to compare growth and achievement. .

Library Lore

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During this month of respect, we shared stories about how to be a good friend, how to show respect in our communities, and how to respect ourselves. Grades 1 - 3 participated in Digital Citizenship lessons to introduce how to be respectful and respected when going online. Many of our students are already communicating in an online forum through social media and online gaming. Through our Digital Citizenship curriculum, students were introduced to strategies like STOP (step away, tell an adult, okay sites first, pause and think online) and THINK (is what you're about to post True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind).

We have kicked off our reading program, "Pop into a Good Book!" We are looking for students to write down the books they are reading and bring in reading logs to earn points with their classmates to dedicate books into the library! Every year, our library collection acquires over 120 books through this program! Reading logs can be printed at home—check out the [Milton website](#) for a copy!



THANK YOU FOR TRICK OR TREATING FOR UNICEF

PLEASE RETURN ALL BOXES BY

NOVEMBER 2

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF





MUSIC NOTES

Veronica Maldonado, vmaldonado@chatham-nj.org

Mark your calendars! The first week of December will be a busy week for our singers with holiday concerts (same week as Parent/Teacher Conferences).

First Grade – December 4 at 9 a.m.

Second Grade – December 5 at 9 a.m.

Third Grade – December 6 at 9 a.m.

And plans are being made for our Third Grade Chorus to perform again at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 1st! More details will be coming home with Chorus members soon.

Your child(ren) may be interested in signing up for a free account on the QuaverMusic.com website. Children will need parental assistance signing up, as a free account does require a parent email address and an access code from Mrs. Maldonado. From Quaver Street, students can explore several activities (games, songs, videos, music genres, etc) within each area: the Quaver Music Shop (including the Studio and Music Lab), the Music Room, and the Metro. [Directions to sign up](#) can be accessed from the Milton Related Arts webpage. Email Mrs. Maldonado with your child's name/class to receive a class QuaverCode or ask any Quaver questions!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

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First Grade—During the month of October students discussed and identified ways to prevent injuries at home, school, and in the community (e.g., fire safety, poison safety, accident prevention).

Second Grade—We recently did a lesson with the students on sportsmanship, talking about what good sportsmanship looks like, and the importance of displaying good sportsmanship when playing any kind of game. Another recent topic was physical fitness. The students learned that the 5 components of health-related fitness are: cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and body composition. The students did a good job demonstrating understanding of this topic.

Third Grade—Students recently learned about the components of skill-related fitness. We reviewed the concepts from last year when we learned about health-related fitness, and built on that knowledge. While health-related fitness will help people hopefully live a long and healthy life, skill-related fitness (agility, balance, coordination, power, reaction, and speed) help people perform skills well. In third grade,



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

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Students are hard at work developing their creativity and collaboration skills through their first design challenges of the year. Be sure to check out Milton's D&T website: <https://www.chatham-nj.org/Page/15211>

Kindergarten- Rosie Revere Engineer Invent a Flying Machine Project

- What do engineers do?
- Introduction to using laptops for learning

First Grade-Yertle the Turtle Tower Design Challenge

- How can we improve our tower designs to make them more stable for King Yertle?
- Introduction to the EduTyping program

Second Grade- Piggy House Design Challenge

- Create and test our house designs
- How can we improve our designs?
- Introduction to Google Drive Tools

Third Grade- Gummy Bear Escape Design Challenge

- Create and test our parachute designs
- How can we improve our parachute designs?
- Using Google Drive Tools throughout the Engineering Design Process



Resources

[Typing Rocket ABCYa-Typing Practice for Kindergarten](#)

[Learn how to access EduTyping from home!](#)

[Ms. Turton's D&T Website](#)



From the Art Room

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First graders are learning about the color wheel. We created fall trees using warm and cool colors, while mixing colors where trees overlapped.

Second graders have created awesome owl mixed media artworks. After studying some references students used pencil, marker, oil pastel and paint to create patterned Owls.

Third grade will be working on painted tree compositions while focusing on positive and negative space,. Positive space is the subject of the artwork and negative space is the background. Students worked to create trees that filled the paper to create a nice balance of positive and negative space.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! We have had quite a busy October at Milton.

First off, thank you to Karen Bruzzo, Robin Engelson, Marcelle Leslie, and Lisa Dituro for running the Enchanted Forest Book Fair! It was a wonderful week at Milton. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped the students shop! You all helped to make it a success. We also had Respect week at MAS and the PTO presented a Bullying Assembly to the children, Stand Up-Step In. They learned valuable lessons about respect and to stand up for each other and themselves. Following that was Picture Day, which went smoothly thanks to Kathleen James and Lorraine Teisch. Everyone smiled and looked great.

We had our first Walk To School Wednesday. Meredith Eckert had our students guessing and laughing at how many "googly eyes" were in the jar.

We also held our first PTO meeting of the year. Thank you to Stacy Winters for a wonderful presentation on the Math Curriculum for Grades K-3. Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th at 9am. Our own Ms. Amanda Turton and Mrs. Jill Mills will be speaking about Digital Citizenship in our school; please join us.

November is lining up to be another busy month. Please consider donating leftover Halloween Candy and supplies for care packages for the troops. Your room parents sent you a list of the items needed and they were also included in the latest PTO Update.

Thank you so much! I do love the charitable spirit at Milton, especially during the holidays!

Have a wonderful and safe Halloween!

Yvonne Greenwood
PTO President



POP INTO A GOOD BOOK!

Milton students have been popping into many good books lately! Four classes have earned their first books to dedicate to the library. Mrs. Wertheim's afternoon kindergarten, Miss Vega's class, Mrs. Martin's class and Mrs. Rockoff's class will each get to dedicate a book. Miss Farrell's morning kindergarten class is just a few books away from earning their first book dedication as well. ALL of the classes are doing a great job so far and several are getting very close to dedicating their first book. Keep up the great reading, everyone!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Girl Scout Troop 4962 (Milton alum) are going for silver and will be collecting crayons and coloring books for the children at Mountainside Hospital, Chatham Family Practice, and Summit Medical Group. Check out their [flyer](#) for more information.

MILTON LUMINARIAS:

Block Captains are needed for the Luminarias! This is an easy, fun job that you can do with your children. Captains will help take orders and distribute the kits. To signup for your street, or ones nearby, go <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2544155/false#/invitation>

Any questions— please contact Dana Carroll at dhcarroll@gmail.com



Veteran's Day Community Project

Dear Milton Avenue School Families,

Veteran's Day is celebrated on November 11th each year. It is a day set aside to honor the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces. Here at Milton Avenue School, we would like to honor the veterans in our students' lives by completing the Veteran's Day Community Hearts project. The hearts will be displayed during our school assembly to show our appreciation for the men and women we know who have served, or are currently serving, in our military branches.

Please color and fill out a heart for each veteran your child knows and return it by Friday, November 2nd.

We thank your veterans for their service, and we thank your families for participating in our community project!

Sincerely,

The MAS Veteran's Day Committee

