Principal’s Note

Happy Fall!

We are off to another great school year at MPE! Thank you to all of you who attended any of our many family engagement events so far this year, including Back to School Night, Open House, Reading Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, PTA No Cook Nights, Awards Assemblies, and our first ever Buddy Breakfast! We had over 600 people in attendance for our Buddy Breakfast. It was great to see so many people come together in fellowship. Shout out to our amazing Family Engagement Committee and to our awesome PTA for working hard to provide these opportunities for us to come together as a school community! We have events happening throughout the year. Please check out our school’s website: www.brandywineschools.org/mpe and our PTA’s website: www.mpeptade.com for updated information. Also, our family handbook is available on our school’s website for specific information about school procedures, some of which is reviewed in this newsletter.

WE ARE... MPE!

We have adopted the slogan “We are MPE” as a way for our school community to show connection and school pride. All students were given an MPE bracelet at the beginning of the year with this slogan and you may have also seen this on t-shirts and new posters in our school. As a celebration of our school spirit, Mr. Morris Irvin came back to MPE for our first marking period PBIS assemblies. We showed our school pride around our 3 to Be at MPE: Be Responsible. Be Respectful. Be Safe. Students continue to be recognized through pride points (individually) and class compliments for showing the 3 to Be at MPE. Please help us by going over these expectations with your children. Ask them what this looks like and sounds like in the different locations of our school, including the bus. Thank you!

As you know, consistency is key when it comes to raising children and having them achieve their goals. It is with this in mind that I encourage you to make a habit of reading with your children nightly and have them practice Math on Dreambox. If you have any questions about accessing Dreambox, please speak with your child’s teacher.

Thank you for your continued support of MPE!

- Mr. Auerbach

Reminders

Morning Drop Off: Please adhere to the posted signs and do not drop off students at the front of school, which should only be utilized for buses and walkers. Students should never cross Duncan Rd. without an adult. Our drop off is located at the rear entrance of the school and it is open until 8:45 am.

Parking: Please be sure to park in our rear parking lot for any school-wide event, not in the Bellevue Community Center or in the Walgreens parking lot. Please also be considerate of our neighbors and do not park on their property when we have special events happening at the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bus Questions: Please call 302-762-7181 for any questions regarding your child’s transportation.

Communication: Please be sure the main office has your current e-mail address, home address, and phone numbers. The phone & e-mail alert system will be utilized to notify families of school events and emergencies, such as school closings, early dismissals, delays, etc. If you are not connected to your teacher’s Class Dojo, please do so ASAP.

Gifted Services and the Naglieri Test:
The parent nomination window for gifted education services opens on December 1st and will remain open until January 24th. All of the necessary information is available under Gifted Education Services on the district website.

The Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test is a brief, culture-fair measure of school ability. The test items have been selected to ensure fairness across gender, race, and ethnicity. Each December kindergarten students in all of the Brandywine School District schools are provided an opportunity to take this test. This group-administered online test takes 30 minutes. Individual schools choose the date in December that they will be testing. As a predictor of scholastic achievement, the results of this test may indicate that a student should be reviewed by a panel in the spring to determine if he or she needs gifted education services. If you have any questions about the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test or Gifted Services, please contact Ann Marie Fitzgerald at giftedservices@bsd.k12.de.us.

Shout Outs!
- Shout out to all of you who attended a parent teacher conference and/or another one of our family engagement events!
- Shout out to our Dragon Dudes. Check out the PTA website to sign up!
- Shout out to Ms. Evans, Mrs. Toft, our Reading Tutors and other teachers who helped plan an engaging Reading Night!
- Shout out to Mr. Farina and Mr. Fronczkowski for a fun and memorable Field Day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/5 PTA Barnes & Noble Night
12/9 PTA Meeting 6:30
12/12 PTA Dragon Dudes Day
12/17 4th & 5th Grade Winter Concert 2:00
12/20 Pajama Day
12/23-1/3 No School—Winter Break
1/6/2020 Back to School Interims Distributed
1/13 PTA meeting 6:30
1/15 PTA Dragon Dudes Day
1/20 No School—MLK Jr. Day
1/30 MPE Spirit Day—sports or team day
1/31 No School—PD Day
2/3 PTA Dragon Dudes Day
2/7 PTA Movie Night (K-2)
2/10 PTA Meeting 6:30
2/11 Report Cards Distributed
2/12 1st Gr. Awards 10:30
KN Awards 2:15
2/13 4th & 5th Gr. Awards 9:15
3rd Gr. Awards 12:15
2nd Gr. Awards 2:15
Spirit Day—Red/Pink/Valentine’s theme

From the Nurse: A doctor’s note is required if your child needs to stay indoors for recess. Since there is no other place for a child to stay indoors, they will need to stay in the nurse’s office where they may be exposed to other students and their germs. Outdoor recess exposes children to humidified air, whereas, indoors the air is recirculated and dry, irritating the airways.

Attendance: We want all of our students to get the most out of their education at MPE and we are here to help. Please contact our main office if you need assistance.