



Principal's Message

Our grade 6 teams had a wonderful week at Nature's Classroom camp during October. Students took part in a variety of classes and activities that are designed to enhance the grade 6 curriculum in science and social studies. This experience not only provides an extension of the grade 6 curriculum but it also provides students and teachers with an opportunity to team build and work collaboratively on problem solving activities. I would like to give a special thanks to the chaperones that attended this year's camp to make it such a special experience for all the children.

We held our 4th T.O.L.D. (Trash On the Lawn Day) Event on Friday, October 26th for our 6th grade science classes in association with the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (www.nrra.org) and the MMS Recycle Club. Trash On the Lawn Day is a hands-on learning opportunity that helps a school to assess waste management issues and see if there are any opportunities for improvement. Under NRRA guidance, our Recycling Club organized a waste sort of an entire day's worth of trash. All the trash is sorted into categories, weighed and recorded by the students to produce a report showing how much could have been diverted from the school's waste stream. This is part of the Recycle Club's continuous efforts to get MMS to Reuse, Recycle and Recover from our trash. Every year we are finding that we have less and less trash to sort through because **MMS Recycles!!!**

As the weather starts to turn colder, students should be reminded to wear appropriate outside clothing, especially in the mornings. Students are coming to school without jackets or coats and wearing t-shirts and flip-flops as the temperature has been steadily dropping on these cold Fall mornings.

Students are outside in the mornings until 7:30 AM when the bell rings. However, if there is inclement weather, students will be allowed into the building around 7:10 AM to wait in the corridors until the bell rings at 7:30 AM. I ask that you please speak with your child and remind them to dress appropriately for the weather. Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

We would like to remind parents that the Milford Middle School weather station is what we use to determine the temperature at the middle school.

The banner for the weather station reports is found at the bottom of the school's webpage.

After Fall comes Winter and with it is the chance of snow and the possibility of school cancellations and delays.

If a delayed opening is announced, students are expected to arrive at school two (2) hours after their normal time of arrival. Here at the middle school, students are expected to arrive between 9:15AM and 9:30AM during a delayed opening. If the weather remains bad and the decision has to be made to change from a delayed opening to the cancelation of classes for the day an announcement will be made over the media outlets listed before 8:00AM.



The announcement will be broadcast over the district's website (www.milfordk12.org) and following media channels;

WMUR-TV CH 9
<http://www.wmur.com/weather/closings>

CBS-TV CH 4

WCVB-TV CH 5

WGIR 101.1FM / 610AM

WZID 95.7FM

WBZ 1030AM

WOKQ 97.5FM

Sincerely,
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November 2018

Important Dates

Nov. 6—**VOTING /Teacher Workshop Day/No School**

Nov 9—Turkey Trot

Nov. 12 **NO SCHOOL Veterans Day**

Nov. 13 Music Boosters Mtg. 6:30

Nov. 14 PTO Mtg 7 PM

Nov. 19 PARENT/TCH CONF NITE

Nov. 21-23

**Thanksgiving Break—
No School**

News from the Assistant Principal

November's Student of the Month theme is Obey School Rules.

Every month, teachers nominate students for Student of the Month. This is an opportunity to recognize students that demonstrate good citizenship and act as role models for their peers. We are continually trying to encourage positive behaviors with students throughout the year. In order to help reinforce these behaviors and recognize those students who are trying hard in a variety of ways, nominations are based on a theme for each month.

Student of the Month Themes

December – Be prepared to learn

January – Support others who may need help

February – Be courteous and polite

March– Make good choices for my behavior

April -Make a positive contribution to my community

May – Open communication when concerned about something

With November's theme focusing on school rules, we recognize that middle school students may not always understand the reason for rules, nor agree with them at times. We try to help students understand that rules are put in place, not only in schools, but in a variety of settings to provide personal safety, as well as to help create an atmosphere of respect. We appreciate the efforts your children make in following these rules. This will be recognized in this month's theme.

Colleen Hackett
Assistant Principal

News from the Curriculum Coordinator

Curriculum Corner

One important aspect of curriculum is professional development. One targeted area for our building is Social and Emotional Learning. Earlier this month a group of teachers consisting of representatives from each grade level, guidance, Mr. DeMarco and I attended a wonderful workshop in Andover, Massachusetts, hosted by the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS) on Responsive Advisory for Middle Schools. This program is based upon the structures of Responsive Classroom, which is part of the structure and culture of the elementary schools in district but is developmentally appropriate for adolescents. The program helps teachers create a structure and framework for building meaningful connections and developing respectful and trusting relationships while meeting students' developmental needs. This learning will continue for all staff members later this year in preparation for a school-wide advisory program.

Learning at a Glance

On October 30, both grade 6 and grade 8 students experienced an interdisciplinary unit with a focus on

the Mexican holiday, Dia de Muertos - Day of the Dead. The unit had a culminating experience where students applied what they are learning in world language, art, and music by creating art reflective of the culture and traditions of the Mexican holiday, the band played and the chorus sang songs that told of the traditions, and the students also made skull cookies in consumer education classes. It was a wonderful celebration of learning and performance.

As we settle into the school year many wonderful activities and new learning are occurring at each grade level. 6th grade just returned from a week at environmental camp, Nature's Classroom, where students learned about the natural world around them through hands-on activities, field group studies, experiments, and much more.

Throughout their stay, students learned a great deal about recycling and how waste impacts our planet. The application of their learning continued back at school, where the school recycling club, together with Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA), held the fourth annual Trash on the Lawn Day (TOLD). During TOLD, all 6th graders took part in analyzing the trash produced at MMS and helped determine how well we were composting and recycling as a school. MMS has developed an award-winning recycling program that has been embedded in

the culture of the school. Events like Nature's Classroom and TOLD are just some examples that help our 6th graders transition to the middle school.

The 7th grade teams have finished their introduction to laboratory procedures and microscopes in science, and have now begun the study of the identification, structure, and function of the basic building blocks of life: cells. Classic short stories such as, "The Tell-Tale Heart", "The Most Dangerous Game", and "The Magic Thread" have been studied. These same elements used to teach short stories will be transferred to the novel studies of Freak the Mighty by the Explorers and The Outsiders by the Navigators. The two teams will then switch books and continue their study.

Starting in November, during Response to Intervention (RTI) time, groups in 7th grade will be engaging students in book groups, where the students will have choice in their selection of book. There will be deep discussion around theme as well as targeted skill work for all students based on need. A problem-based performance task will be the culminating activity following the completion of their book.

Student of the Month

Congratulations to October Students of the Month. Theme for this month:

Respect for Myself & Others.

GRADE 6

Team daVinci— Logan Chamberlin

Team Edison—Bree Nichols

Team Newton— Quinn Johnson

GRADE 7

Team Explorers— Madalynn Bealand

Team Navigators— Evan Small

GRADE 8

Team Liberty— Leah St. John

Team Freedom -- Bailey Filteau

STAFF –

Mrs. Carter Mrs. Vaupel



Fuel Up To Play 60

The Fuel Up to Play 60 Team has been working on a mural for the cafeteria. It has the Fuel Up to Play 60 logo, and students have been drawing sports equipment and healthy foods and when that has been completed they will paint it in various colors.

The Annual Health Fair is November 1st and the team will have a booth. Team volunteers will challenge students with various activities.

We are also planning the Annual Touchdown Dance in December. It includes a Touchdown Dance Competition - students can show off their best dance moves!

We will be planning the Annual GaGa Ball Competition in the spring.

The Goal of the club is to promote healthy eating and exercise. Anyone can join. We meet every Wednesday morning from 7:15 to 7:30 am in room 207.



20th Annual Turkey Trot

The 20th Annual Milford Middle School Turkey Trot will be run on Friday, November 9th on the Milford High School track. Any student or staff member is welcome to participate. Students need a permission slip which can be picked up in the gym or café. Anyone participating needs to bring in a canned good or non-perishable food item to be able to run. All donations will be given to Milford's SHARE program

Rain date is:

Tuesday, November 13th



Parent Conferences



If you did not sign up for a conference with your child's teachers during Back to School Night and would like to, please call Student Services at 673-5221 ext. 1560 or 1552 to schedule one.

Conferences will be held during the week of November 12th and on Conference Night, November 19th.

Winter Clothing Drive

The Student Advisory Council and the MMS PTO are planning their 17th Annual Winter Clothing Drive. The clothing received from the drive will be donated to Milford's SHARE Program.

The drive will run from November 20th thru December 7th. The students are being asked to bring in their choice of brand NEW socks, hats, gloves, scarves and/or mittens. We will also be collecting gently used CLEAN jackets, coats, snow pants and boots that are in excellent condition.



The Clothing will be counted and tallied. Totals will be posted in the main office lobby. The classroom for each grade with the highest total will win a free breakfast from the PTO

Collection Dates:

Tuesday, Nov. 20th
Tuesday, Nov 27th
Friday, Nov 30th
Wednesday, Dec. 5th

Final Collection
Friday, Dec. 7th

PTO News

October: PTO was able to pay for a Registered Nurse to be with the kids at 6th grade Nature's Classroom camp. The kids, teachers, and parents appreciate it!

We are wrapping up the Opt-Out October Fundraiser that has brought in over \$1600! Kids have been excited to receive surprise gifts for the donations you give. We will continue to accept funds coming in by PayPal or checks sent in to the school office made out to: MMSPTO. Thank you for your support!

November: Brings new fun things to do with the PTO! Keep your eyes open for the SCRIPS fundraiser! SCRIPS is a gift card fundraiser that allows parents to purchase gift cards from over 750 top brands that will help support the PTO, all while keeping the face value of your gift card the same! Just in time for the Holidays.

THIS MONDAY, November 5th will be a restaurant fundraiser at **Grill603** a "Night Out To Eat Fundraiser". The flyer to give to the restaurant will be going home this week. Grill603 will donate 10% of your dining bill to the MMS PTO. YEAH!!

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yearbooks on Sale Now!

Only one full color book captures the year at MMS-the 2018-2019 Yearbook!! It's the only place to find full color pictures of your friends, fun, teachers, classes, sports, music, art, dances, camp and more. All this for only \$23.00. Additional options are available at an extra charge. To place your order for a yearbook, simply pick up a form from the MMS office and return it with your payment or check made out to Milford Middle School. You can also order online on the Lifetouch website at www.ybpay.lifetouch.com. School ID code 10118117



Team Photo

Team photo day was on October 24th. An order form was sent home to order your child's team photo. The Team panoramic photo is only \$12.95. Extra coatings on the photo are available for an extra charge.



A Titan head shape collage is also available for free with the purchase of the team photo. On this collage there is a mini photo of all students and staff at MMS. You can still order these photos on line with Hockmeyer Studios.

Barn Loop/Dropping Off and Picking Up

Parents are asked that when dropping off or picking up students after school to do so in the Barn Loop off of Osgood Road. During morning arrival times and afternoon dismissal times the front main entrance to the building is closed to through traffic for busses.

Winter is coming and the Barn Loop does get congested during the winter months. We ask that parents exercise caution when in the Loop watching for students and other cars pulling in and out.

The MMS Front Driveway is a FIRE LANE

Parents are reminded that the entire front of the middle school is marked as a FIRE ZONE. Please do not park or wait in your car in the afternoon to pick up your child in this area. In the afternoons there are plenty of empty parking spaces in the front of the building that face the main entrance, these are available for parents to park while waiting for their students to come out.



Health Fair

Milford Middle School will be holding its annual Health Fair on Thur. Nov. 1st, 2018. Each team of students, grades 6-8 will have an opportunity to visit with 12-14 vendors who have been invited to attend, to help our school promote healthy living through diet and exercise. Following are the vendors who have volunteered to attend. We would like to thank each vendor for taking time out of their busy schedules to come promote wellness to our students.

Breathe NH
Cabot Cheese
Cheshire County Co-op
Fuel Up to Play 60
Hampshire Hills
Milford Ambulance
Milford Fire Department
Milford Police Department
Milford Fire Department

Peabody Mill Environmental Center
Rite Aid
Tokyo Joe's Studios of Self Defense
Trader Joe's
Whole Foods

Health &
Wellness

Afterschool Ski & Snowboard Program at Pat's Peak

It is that time of year again! If you are interested in joining the Pat's Peak Ski and Ride program, pick up your forms in Student Services to register online.. You must register before November 16th to get the Early Bird price. The program runs for 5 Mondays starting January 7th and ends February 11th. We hope to see you on the slopes!

To register , go to Pats Peak Ski Area Website
Select Lessons and Rentals
Select Learn to Ski and Ride Program
Select Click Here to Register
If you are already a customer login
If you are not, select Register Here
Once you fill out your child's information ,
you will be asked to enter a school access coder: milfordmiddle2019

