

Principal's Newsletter

Milford Middle School
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Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

We at Milford Middle School are looking forward to the possibilities and challenges that the New Year may bring. We hope that all families had a restful and peaceful winter recess.

As students move through the middle school, one of our goals is to provide them with more and more opportunities to acquire independence and responsibility. This will assist them to be prepared for the high school and beyond. The school and your child's teachers provide many opportunities to do just that. Students are required to write down their assignments daily in their Agenda books and they also have access to their team and teachers webpages to check on their assignments.

PowerSchool, our Student Management and Grading System, has provided students with even greater opportunity to be self-monitoring of their progress throughout the school year.

All students, as well as all parents, have logins and passwords to PowerSchool. Some teams require that students check PowerSchool every week or every couple of weeks to help them see their progress in class. PowerSchool is another link in this chain providing another level of communication between home and school. However even with all of the positives that PowerSchool has to offer, it can also have a negative effect if students begin to check it too often and begin to put undue pressure on themselves.

Home and school should work together to help students

reach their goals and to develop the responsibility necessary to help them be successful. Weekly check-ins are great, daily check-ins are not. Please speak with your child if you see them becoming obsessive with PowerSchool. We want students to take ownership of their education in a healthy way.

Like all good things, PowerSchool is best in moderation.

We allow students to enter the building if the temperature falls below 20 degrees Fahrenheit (we do take into account wind chill).

We base our decision on the Middle School's weather station located on top of the building. Parents have access to the same weather information on the middle school's website and at www.wunderground.com

It is winter and with winter comes snow and the possibility of snow days, delayed openings and early dismissals. It is important that the main office has your most recent emergency contact information and that if it changes the information is updated quickly. The School district sends out "No-School" and "Snow day" announcements through an automated phone messaging service.

The District receives the parent contact phone numbers through each school's current parent data. It is equally important to have your emergency contact information up to date in case we cannot contact a parent or guardian directly.

Please be sure to speak with your children about what to do in case of an early dismissal, while rare, they have taken place in the past.

Best Wishes and Happy New Year!

Tony DeMarco, Principal

January 2019

Important Dates

- Jan 8—Music Boosters Mtg
- Jan 12—VEX Robotics Competition—7:30—2:30
- Jan 16—PTO Meeting
- Jan 16—Geography Bee
- Jan 16—Gr7 NWEA Testing
- Jan 17—Gr6 NWEA Testing
- Jan 18—Gr8 NWEA Testing
- Jan 21—Martin Luther King Day—No School
- Jan 23—Spelling Bee



We're on the web
www.milfordk12.org

News from the Assistant Principal

Now that winter is here, we have been reminding students to dress warmly for school. When students arrive, they will be standing outside in the mornings unless the temperature or wind chill is below 20 degrees. We encourage warm jackets, layers of clothing, gloves and hats. Students also go outside for recess during the winter months as well. Since there may be snow on the ground during recess times, it is also important for students to wear warm shoes if possible. Due to the limited amount of space on the playground, basketballs are not permitted during the winter months, since students are encouraged to stay on the pavement.

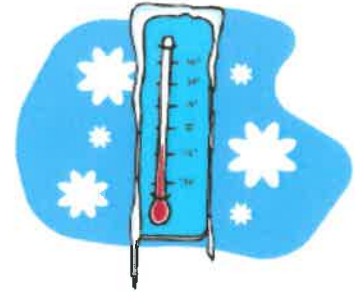
Other rules students are made aware of for safety reasons include:

- (1) Snow needs to remain on the ground (In other words, "no throwing snowballs")
- (2) Students are not allowed to climb on snow banks.

We appreciate your assistance in helping your children stay warm!

Colleen Hackett

Assistant Principal



News from the Curriculum Coordinator

Curriculum Corner

As we bring 2018 to a close there is much to celebrate here at Milford Middle School. Early in the month students in grade 7 attended a performance at the Encore Chamber Theater in Concord, NH where they experienced five separate performances of various classic short stories as a culminating activity following their unit on short stories. Attending the performances of the short stories allowed for students to see the stories come to life. Following the performance students constructed a paper reflecting on the experience.

Throughout the month of December much holiday cheer was incorporated into student learning.

There were preparations in the music department for the band and chorus performance. Mrs. Lowy and Mrs. Galster worked with groups of students in each grade level and brought the entire group together for a wonderful performance of holiday music from around the globe. The students played beautifully for MMS, the school community and the wider community of parents and friends of the students.



The 8th grade band and chorus students performed at Heron Pond Elementary as well. All of the students' demonstrated true growth mindset through skill development from the start of the year to now. We look forward to their spring performance!

A school wide door decorating competition also took place with a winter holiday theme, which incorporated the curriculum of each classroom.

Each classroom door was decorated by the homeroom advisory groups. The doors were extremely creative and were judged by Mr. DeMarco, Ms. Hackett and Mrs. Gibney.

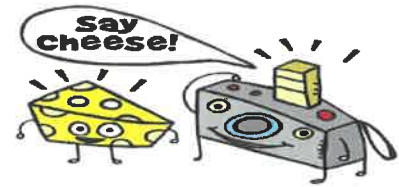
As we look forward to 2019, we would like to extend to you all a wonderful holiday season in hopes that the new year allows for making new memories with friends and family.

Milford Middle School Athletics

Team and Individual Picture Schedule

Team and individual pictures will be taken in the Middle School Chorus Room on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019. All students and coaches should report to room 501 for the time listed on the right. Coaches will hand out forms in advance with various options to make a purchase. Students should bring their form to the session.

- 2:30 pm - Ski Team
- 2:45 pm - D2 Girls Basketball
- 3:00 pm - D6 Girls Basketball
- 3:15 pm - Cheer Team
- 3:30 pm - D6 Boys' Basketball
- 3:45 pm - D2 Boys Basketball
- 4:00 pm - Wrestling



The Team members must be dressed in their uniforms at the designated times.

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 payable to Milford Middle School.

Winter Storm Cancellations and Delays



Winter is coming and with it is the chance of snow and inclement weather; the Superintendent of Schools may call a delayed opening or may determine that cancelling classes for the day would be in the best interest of the students' safety. When classes are canceled every effort will be made to have the announcement made by 5:00AM and no later than 5:30AM. 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

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 cancellation of classes for the day an announcement will be made over the media outlets listed above before 8:00AM.

During the winter months, the drop off / pick up area around the Loop is often congested with snow, especially after a large storm. It takes our maintenance department some time to go from school to school clearing the snow away and opening the traffic lanes. We ask that you be patient and courteous with one another in the Loop at all times. Parents should always pull up as far as they can in the Loop to give access to everyone. Above all else, please be cautious and aware of the students that are in the Loop getting picked up. Students always have the right of way. Thank you.

Winter Clothing Drive 2018

The 17th Annual Winter Clothing Drive was a great success. We had over 662 items brought in. There was 280 pairs of socks donated!! All the brand new items were taken to SHARE for distribution with holiday gifts around the community. The used items were taken to the SHARE's Clothing Barn for the community's needs.

The winning home room for 6th grade was Mrs. Danhof, 7th grade was Mrs. Dobson, and 8th grade was Dr. Frenkiewich. All homerooms will be receiving a free breakfast sponsored by the Milford Middle School PTO. Thank you to all those who sent items in for this great community event!!



Door Decorating Winners

Grade 6—Ms. Barry

Grade 7—Mr. C. Erdody

Grade 8—Ms St. George



Adult Door—Mrs. Nannicelli, Room 202

Honorable Mentions: Both Art Rooms! Both Music Rooms! And Michael Hill for Door Engineering!!

Winner and Honorable mentions will receive a free breakfast this month!

**Congratulations to November
Students/Staff of the Month.**

The theme for this month is:

Obey School Rules

Grade 6:

Team daVinci: Kaylie VanBlarigan

Team Edison: Isabella Cornaro

Team Newton: Ella Hutcheons

Grade 7:

Team Explorers: Evan Bulman

Team Navigators: Lakota Dodson

Grade 8:

Team Freedom: Nathan Caron

Team Liberty: Lacey Densmore

Staff:

Mrs. Almeida

Mrs. McCarroll



**Student of the Month for
November and
December**

**Congratulations to December
Students/Staff of the Month.**

The theme for this month is:

Be Prepared To Learn.

Grade 6:

Team daVinci: Haleigh Lloyd

Team Edison: Javier Goodwin

Team Newton: Hayden Dyer

Grade 7:

Team Explorers: Isabel Lewis

Team Navigators: Anna Philbrick

Grade 8:

Team Freedom: Jonathan Kiner

Team Liberty: Yashvi Patel

Staff:

Mrs. Lowy

Mr. Scott

