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## Mill Creek Elementary

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Dear Friends,

Are you ready for an **ALL- STAR** year!!!!

Another great summer is coming to a close and it will soon be time to walk the halls of Mill Creek. I am more excited than ever about this year as we continue our traditions of excellence in becoming writers, mathematicians, and more determined than ever to become “readers for life” and not just “readers at school.” Bringing excitement and motivation into reading and allowing students to go places they haven’t gone before through great, authentic literature will be a tradition that we embrace throughout the year. As you well know, we have done this through our writing practices and have seen the passion and enthusiasm it generates within our learning community. At Mill Creek we pride ourselves in being life-long learners, never becoming stagnant in our instructional practices, but reaching beyond to improve student learning. Our commitment to our students continues to drive our vision, *“The Learning Community of Mill Creek will ensure that ALL achieve their fullest potential through challenging, purposeful learning opportunities; where learning is the only option!”* This will be an **All-Star** year of learning...

With school beginning soon, I wanted to give you some information that may be helpful in the upcoming weeks:

Calendar:

**Registration (going on NOW):**

If you will **NOT** be returning to Mill Creek, please call 547-3720 and let us know immediately. We want to make sure that we are staffed correctly for the upcoming year, as you and I both know it is always hard when we have to move students once school starts.

Also, if you have new neighbors or know of new families that have not come to register, please encourage them to do so ASAP. We know students are more successful when they are ready to start school the first day.

**PreK/Kindergarten “Meet the Teacher”:**

August 14 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm

We will begin in the CAFÉ with a brief informational meeting at **6:00PM**.

Pre/K and Kindergarten families are invited to meet their teacher, visit their classroom, tour Mill Creek, and gain important information about the upcoming year this evening. Teachers will also establish a schedule for the staggered start schedule for the week of August 18 – August 22. It is highly encouraged that all families plan to attend.

**Grade 1 – 5 Meet the Teacher morning:**

August 15 – 8:30am – 11:00am

**9:30am** – New Family Orientation – MCES Cafe

Children and families are invited to visit your child's new classroom, meet the teacher and put school supplies away. This time will not be dedicated to discovering classroom expectations, but rather getting acquainted with the classroom and teacher. Learning routines and schedules will be discussed during Open House on September 9. The Café and Extended Day staff will be available for parents to gain information about these programs.

**First day of school:**

August 18 – regular school hours (8:10 – 2:50)

Just a reminder: We ask that parents DO NOT come visit their child at lunch until September 2. This will allow for our CAFÉ staff to establish CAFÉ routines and behaviors with our students. In addition, parents will be able to walk their child to class until Wednesday, August 27, 2014. At this time, we believe our students will have established independence and will be able to walk to their classroom alone. It is important that our students are confident learners! Thank you so much for your support as we begin this year.

The week of August 12 you will receive an email or phone call from your student's teacher for the upcoming school year. We are still working on placement and are super excited about sharing this information with you in the near weeks.

With the continued growth of Mill Creek, we are blessed to have many new additions to our staff. We have added another Resource Teacher to our team to teach World of Science. I know the students will be thrilled with this learning experience. I am currently interviewing for a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Kindergarten Teacher, Office Clerk, Data Clerk, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Associate Teacher, Extended Day Site Director and Speech/Language Teacher. I will keep you updated as we gain our "All-Star" staff. Please help me welcome:

- Assistant Principal – Ms. Michelle Robinson
- Kindergarten – Mrs. Shannon Chicerelli, Mrs. Mayeski Duran, Mrs. Heather Keiser
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Mrs. Carling Achberger, Miss Amanda Persampiere
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Mrs. Lauren Beardsley, Mrs. Courtney Warner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade –
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade AT–
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Mrs. Christy Brackett, Ms. Stephanie Eyer mann, Mrs. Kristina Knox
  
- World of Science Resource – Mrs. Peggy Whitworth

- PreK ParaProfesionals – Mrs. Mary Robinson, Miss Jessica Sawl
- Media Para Professional – Mrs. Ann Marie Sindt

We are very fortunate to have these new staff members join the Mill Creek learning community. I know they will enjoy their time with our students, staff, and families. It is my goal to have all new staff hired as soon as possible.

Everything gets extremely busy this time of year as we gear up for another “All Star” year of learning, however we are never too busy to answer your questions or listen to your concerns. Please contact Mrs. Diana Mink (Registration needs), Ms. Robinson, or I if we can be of any assistance.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and I look forward to seeing you very soon!

Sincerely,

Amanda L. Riedl, Principal

P.S. Don't forget about our Reading and Math All Star challenges. I look forward to celebrating with students!!