

MT. PLEASANT ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL NEWS



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MPE Back To School Night Thursday, September 26, 2019

7:00 - 7:30 P.M. - - Parents/Guardians of students in Grades Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 should report to their child's homeroom for teacher meetings.

7:30 - 8:00 P.M. - General Meeting for All Parents/Guardians in the MPM Auditorium.

8:00 - 8:30 P.M. Parents/Guardians of students in Grades 3 and 4 should report to their child's homeroom for teacher meetings. Parents/Guardians of students in Grade 5 should report to the MPM Cafeteria for teacher meetings.

*G&T, School Counselor, Media, Music, PE, Reading Specialists, ESL, BSI, Speech and World Language Staff Members will be in the MPE large gym from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. and from 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. should you wish to visit.

Reminders for MPE Back to School Night:

- Please do not park in the MPE lot. These spots are for staff only.
- The PTA will have MPE products and apparel available for purchase throughout the evening. Please bring cash or check only.
- Back to School Night is not meant to be an opportunity to conference with your child's teacher. Please know that parent conferences are scheduled for October and will give you a better opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to talk about specific information and/or questions.
Back to School Night is for PARENTS ONLY. Students are **not** permitted to attend

New Family Meet and Great and MPE School Picnic!

New families are invited to meet TONIGHT in the Media Center at 5:00 p.m. The School Picnic will begin at 5:30 p.m. outside on the blacktop. Come dance to the DJ, make craft projects and eat! Pizza will be sold for \$2.00 a slice and beverages and snacks for \$1.00 each. An ice-cream truck will also be making a visit. We hope to see you there!

REMINDER: Important Safety Information

Remember to use extra care and caution during morning drop off time. Only use the drop off lane located on the right side of the MPE driveway. The left side is for **staff only** and will create unsafe conditions if students are dropped there (the side further from the MPE entrance). Students should **ALWAYS** exit **curbside**.

- If you are going to drop off on Broadlawn Dr., it must be beyond the driveway entrance by the sidewalk leading to the school.
- Do not drop students off before **7:35 a.m.** as there will be no staff supervision before that time.
- Please take care to drive slowly during drop off so that all students are safe at all times. Pull through the driveway entrance as far as possible so that staff can safely exit students from the car.
- Do not get out of the car to assist your child. Staff members will help students out of the car and will assist with backpacks, etc.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all of our students safe!

IN THE CLASSROOMS...

Kindergarten

Kindergarteners have been busy learning the names of the adults at MPE who make our school so great. We are writing a book called "Who Do You See at MPE?"

In Math, we sorted according to one or two attributes, and learned how to look closely when sorting. In Reading Workshop, our kindergarteners have practiced a new skill called "turn and talk" and have learned that there are many ways to look at a book, and then talk about it. In Writing Workshop, we had our first writer's celebration! Our writers wrote stories about what they can do, and then got to share them with their peers. We are authors!

1st Grade

This week, the first graders browsed for books, learned how to handle books with care, and practiced their reading stamina with their reading partners. During writing, the students brainstormed topics and began writing their "I like" stories. In math we continued practicing counting, reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers through various games and activities. In science, first graders are learning about how a scientist thinks and what they do.

2nd Grade

This week in second grade we continued learning different addition strategies! Using these strategies will help us with automaticity of our basic facts. In science, we wrapped up the topic of the Scientific Method. We completed more experiments using each step of the scientific method along the way. Ask your child what happens when you soak gummy bears in water, salt water, water + baking soda, and vinegar! The results were so interesting! In reading, we practiced different reading strategies all week. These strategies help us when we get stuck on a tricky word in our independent reading books. We had a great week of strengthening our reading stamina!

3rd Grade

Third graders have jumped right back into Reading and Writing Workshops with their launching units. In reading, they are thinking deeply about themselves as members of a reading community as well as setting goals for themselves. In writing, they are beginning to organize and draft their personal narratives. In math, they have continued their study of number sense, working on place value and rounding numbers to the nearest ten and hundred. These concepts are crucial as a foundation for more complex math skills that they will learn throughout third grade. In science, they finally got their hands on some samples of rocks and have been working on how to use property words to describe them.

4th Grade

This week 4th graders continued to work on generating ideas and building up writing stamina. In reading, students continued to work on pausing during their reading and writing down their thoughts (stop and jots). In math, we finished up our number sense unit with rounding and an around the room review. In science, students continue learning about the scientific method and are applying it to their own experiments! In social studies, 4th graders continue to learn about US geography.

5th Grade

In math, 5th-grade students have been busy reviewing number sense concepts like expanded form, expanded notation, short word form, and word form. They are working with decimals, focusing on their place value and value. Lastly, students learned about exponents. Ask your child about the two names for the special exponents! During calendar time, students are quickly learning the routines and they are getting daily practice with fractions, decimals, and percentages while reviewing prime numbers, patterns, and subtraction. In Word Study, students are learning all about the procedures for each sort and working on the first sort with lots of help from the teachers!!!



Mark your Calendars...

- Tonight 9/20 – New Family Meet and Greet – 5:00 p.m. – Media Center
School Picnic – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. - outdoors
- 9/26 – Back to School Night – 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- 9/27 – Fall Used Book Sale – 5th grade committee – students only
- 9/30 & 10/1 – Schools closed for Rosh Hashanah
- 10/2 – 1st day of Fall ASC
- 10/9 – Schools closed for Yom Kippur
- 10/11 – Walk-a-thon
- 10/17 – Fall Picture Day for grades K-2.
- 10/18 – Fall Picture Day for grades 3-5
- 10/23 – Stuff the Bus stopping at MPE
- 10/25 – Pajama Day
Halloween Boutique
- 10/31 – Halloween Parade – 1:30 p.m.

