

Milbrook Mustang October, 2009

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

Oct. 5 - 9	Interims Go Home
Oct. 6 (Tu)	Picture Day
Oct. 12 (M)	Magnet Information Night Milbrook Library 6:30 – 7:30 P.M
Oct. 13 (Tu)	PTA Meeting Milbrook Library @ 6:3
Oct. 16 (F)	MSTA Convention Schools closed for students
Oct. 19 (M)	School Improvement Team Meeting Milbrook Library 3:50 – 5:00
Oct. 20 (Tu)	Fundraiser Pick-Up 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Oct. 20 (Tu)	Volunteer Training Milbrook Library @ 6:30 PM
Oct. 22 (Th)	Volunteer Training Milbrook Library @ 12:30 PM

NOVEMBER

Nov. 5 (Th)	First Quarter Ends
Nov. 6 (F)	Assessment Day – Schools Closed for Elementary Students
Nov. 16 – Nov. 20	American Education Week Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 16 (M)	School Improvement Team Meeting Milbrook Library @ 3:50
Nov. 19 (Th)	Report Cards Go Home
Nov. 26 – Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Holiday – Schools Closed



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Principal's Message

It is officially Autumn, and our students have adjusted well to school. This is a wonderful time of year for our students to observe and enjoy the changes in nature. I am pleased that so many of our students enjoyed the Fall weather due to meeting their September PBIS goal. Our boys and girls worked so hard to earn blues and greens during the month of September; Mrs. O'Connor and I enjoyed our picnic lunch with them this past Friday! Our students continue to be On T.R.A.C.K. and they look forward to receiving their "On T.R.A.C.K. Tickets." Please check their planners each night and celebrate their blues and greens!

As the weather gets cooler, please be sure to label students' outerwear (jackets, vests, hats, etc). Our lost and found currently has many items in it that are not labeled, and have not been claimed. Please encourage your child to check the lost and found. Items unclaimed at the end of the month will be donated to Good Will.

By now, most of you have received interims informing you of your child's progress. Please keep in contact with your child's teacher on a regular basis. Report cards will go home in early November, and you will receive information regarding first quarter conferences. I encourage you to participate in conference day; this is a great way for you and your child's teacher to discuss progress. Please remember that First Grade students will not receive a first quarter report card. First Grade parents are asked to schedule a conference.

Thank you for all of the support that you have shown Milbrook this year. Many parents have attended Volunteer Training Sessions, and are working at our school or for our school at home! I encourage you to attend the training session in October; we would love to have your support.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our parents who attended our first "On T.R.A.C.K. with Reading and Math Night" on October 7th. It was so wonderful to see so many of our Milbrook families, and to have an opportunity to share with you expectations for reading and math. In addition, we hope that you have a better understanding of our Independent Reading Program. Please remember to record and sign your child's reading log each and every night. Our October goal is for all students to have read 53 steps by October 23rd! We know they can do it!

Thanks for all you do,

Mrs. Byers
Principal



ABC Openings

Milbrook Parents/Caregivers and Children Birth to 4 years- There are still a few openings in our Aliza Brandwine Center (A.B.C.) parent/caregiver-child classes which meet weekly at the Judy Center classroom at Campfield. This is a Baltimore County School Early Childhood Program with a choice of morning or afternoon classes on Tuesdays or Thursdays or a morning class on Fridays.

Students enjoy learning through play as they sing songs, read stories, experiment with different art projects, and interact with other adults and young children. The first half of each session spent in activities all together; during the second half, the parents/caregivers share in a discussion about child development while their children continue in a variety of play activities. There is no charge for the program, but registration is required. Call Jan Simons today at 410-887-1266 for more information, or to register. "Your future begins with A.B.C."

Keeping Contact Information Current

Please be sure that the phone numbers and email addresses we have for your students are current and accurate. If you change your number, please contact Ms. McCollugh to provide your new information. As you



know, we use our Connect-Ed messages to share important events and information with all our Milbrook families. In order for you to get the calls and emails, we need to have accurate information.

Flu Vaccine Update

Originally, Milbrook Elementary was scheduled for students to receive the FluMist vaccine (does not include H1N1) on October 30th. In order for the Health Department to prepare for the distribution of the H1N1 FluMist vaccine, the administration of the regular FluMist has been postponed. Please be sure to look for notices and listen for Connect-Ed messages regarding the distribution of the H1N1 FluMist.

We also encourage you to keep your child home if they don't feel well. Students need to be fever free **without a fever-reducing medicine (i.e., Tylenol, Motrin, or Advil)**, for 24 hours before returning to school.

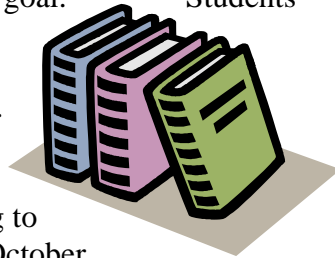


We are taking extra precautions to ensure that germs are not spread. Our custodial staff is working diligently during the day and at night to thoroughly clean our building. Mrs. Rosenthal has visited all the classrooms to instruct students on proper hand washing and the proper way to cough and sneeze. The best way, however, to prevent the spread of germs is to keep children home if they are ill. If you have any questions about whether or not you should keep your child home from

school, do not hesitate to call Mrs. Rosenthal, our school nurse (410-415-5766). She would be happy to discuss guidelines with you.

Independent Reading Program

Our students are participating in an independent reading program this year. As a Title I school and through grants, we received thousands of books to support students' independent reading. Each day, students engage in fifteen to thirty minutes of independent reading time. In addition, your child should bring home a bag with a book or two to read at home. We encourage students to read for at least 15 minutes per night. The books they bring home should be "fast, fun, and easy," and they should be able to read them without assistance. In addition, we ask that parents sign their reading log each night, so that they earn steps toward their goal. Students receive one step for every fifteen minutes they read. Currently, all Milbrook students are trying to read 53 steps by October 23rd!



School Hours

Monday – Friday
8:45 am – 3:25 pm

Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8:00 am – 4:00 pm