



# Milford Express – September 15, 2009

[milfordculleym@yahoo.com](mailto:milfordculleym@yahoo.com)

**Go Mustangs!!!**

[www.milfordpublicschool.com](http://www.milfordpublicschool.com)

908-995-4349

908-995-4310 (New Fax Number)!

## Dates To Note:

Sept. 21 Back to School Night 7:00

Sept. 25 School Spirit Day

Sept. 29-Oct. 1 PTO Book Fair

Sept. 29 Halloween Costume and Winter Coat Exchange



## Dear Parents:

**Here is what has been going on at Milford School:**

### Opening of School

The beginning of school was absolutely seamless this year! All students arrived on time, well rested and prepared for the school year. The teachers had been here for many hours in August and September decorating bulletin boards, arranging furniture and preparing for the opening day. Everyone is so excited to be back to school!

### Building Construction

On the last day of school, June 18, the electricians began work at Milford School. They worked 5-6 days a week all summer to rewire the entire school building. Ceilings were opened up, walls drilled, power turned on and off, etc. As a result, we have an up to date electrical, security, fire, intercom, and data system.

For the past few years, the PTO had set aside money to install an intercom. Since that was part of the building project, they have installed air conditioners in each classroom. Usually, by 2:00PM, the classrooms have heated up and the students are lethargic. This week, additional class work and learning occurred because students were more comfortable. The staff and students are delighted with all of our changes.

### Mr. Ron and Mrs. Romeo

If you see Mr. Rounsaville and Mrs. Romeo, please thank them for their incredible work performed during the summer. Both of them worked many additional hours overseeing the building construction and cleaning around the drilling and mess that the workers created. It was an amazing feat to see the building cleaned up and shining for our opening on Sept. 8, after what it had looked like all summer. Thank you Ron and Tina!

### Back to School Night

Please join us for Back to School Night on Monday, Sept. 21 at 7:00. The evening will begin with a short introduction by the PTO followed by two information sessions in the classrooms. The teachers will present an overview of the curriculum, their expectations, homework policies, etc.

We look forward to seeing you for this special evening!

### **H1N1**

The H1N1 is in the news all the time, especially now that school has begun. A letter went home last week explaining the protocol suggested by the Center for Disease Control. To further support our protection, all students will be required to wash their hands before lunch. As they come into school from recess, they **must** go to the locker rooms to wash their hands. The lunch teachers, Mrs. Leidich, and I will monitor this hand washing in an increased effort to kill any germs in the building.

As we get additional information from the Hunterdon County Health Department, I will pass it on to you right away and will post it on the Milford website.

### **School Goals**

A committee of parents, board of education member, and teachers met in the spring to choose goals for 2009-2010. They are: Place Based Education and Promoting Student Responsibility and Leadership to Lead to a More Positive School Climate. Watch for activities this year that support these goals.

### **Families**

New Milford “families” have been created and a schedule of fantastic projects has been established by Mrs. Cody for the 2009-2010 school year. Eighth graders are the “family” leaders.

The last project of the 2008-2009 school year was to create and decorate a T shirt for every student in the school. The bulletin board at the school entrance has

everyone’s T shirt on display. Check it out!

### **Pre-School**

Milford School is now an inclusive preschool. We have a total of twelve children enrolled, several who are here for three full day sessions. It is a happy and active classroom.

### **The Parent Institute**

At parent request and using the Hipp Grant funds, Milford School has subscribed to the Parent Institute newsletter. Each month, I will attach to the Milford Express a newsletter with parenting tips, discipline ideas, etc. This will also be available on our website.

### **Website: [milfordpublicschool.com](http://milfordpublicschool.com)**

The website has a great deal of information for students and parents of Milford School. Updated information from the classes, athletic schedules, H1N1, etc. are posted on the website. Check there frequently.

### **News from the Milford Library**

As many as 18 kids joined us each week for our summer reading program, Be Creative @ Your Library, where we read some great stories, listened to music, wrote poetry, studied art and created some of our own. Friday mornings were busy at the library! Special thanks go out to Mike Wojik, Ann Marie Grim, Alice Fitchett and Elizabeth McCracken for bringing their own creative talents to our program.

September is Library Card Sign Up Month. If you haven’t been to the Milford Library in a while, stop in to check out our newest books, movies, magazines and audio books for kids and adults.

Preschool story time will resume Thursday, September 17 at 12:00 for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers.

### **PTO News**

Welcome back! First of all, thanks to your support, the PTO was able to pay for the purchase and installation of 8 new air conditioners for the school! They make a big difference in the classrooms! We are currently planning our up-coming year, and hope you will stop by our meetings to share any ideas. All meeting dates are on the school calendar. We are supporting a new juice pouch recycling program this year through Terra Cycle. The school will receive 2 cents for each pouch (please no straws or juice boxes!). There is a container in the lunchroom for the pouches. We will also continue with BoxTops, Labels for Education and

Market Day. For fun, the PTO will be sponsoring 4 family movie nights throughout the year, as well as dances and other family activities. There is a lot going on this year, so please join us!

The administration, teachers and staff are looking forward to a happy and successful school year!

