

SEPTEMBER

September 7	Labor Day No School
September 9	PTO Meeting 9:30 - Cafeteria
September 16	Grade 1 Open House (parents only) 6:00 to 7:30 pm

OCTOBER

October 1	School Picture Day
October 8	Kindergarten and Preschool Open House (parents only) 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
October 12	Columbus Day No School
October 14	PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Library
October 30	Grade 1 Marks Close
October 30	Halloween Parties

November

November 6	Grade 1 Report Cards Go Home
November 11	Veterans' Day Observed
November 12	Early Release Day 11:25 a.m. Dismissal PK-Gr. 8 Parent/ Teacher Conferences
November 13	Early Release Day 11:25 a.m. Dismissal PK-Gr. 8 Parent/ Teacher Conferences
November 18	PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m. - Cafeteria
November 25	Early Release Day 11:25 a.m. Dismissal
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Recess

MILE TREE SCHOOL NEWS

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal

Going Forward To School



September 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you, as part of our Mile Tree family, to another school year.

We warmly welcome new members of our Mile Tree School staff:

- Elaine Bliss: Cook
- Donna Duchesne: Grade 1 Educational Inclusion Paraprofessional
- Elizabeth Kranz: Preschool Teacher
- Lisa Masciadrelli: Speech Language Pathologist
- Kelly O'Connor: Preschool Educational Inclusion Paraprofessional
- Cortney Turner: English as a Second Language Teacher

Our mission at Mile Tree School is *all children can and will learn well in a supportive, nurturing environment with appropriate activities that meet their developmental, social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs.*

We recognize that parents are their children's first and most important teachers, and we thank you for your cooperation and involvement to provide them with the best education possible. We look forward to a positive and productive year and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Brosnan
Principal



It's September

It's September, fall is here.
 It's my favorite time of year.
 Boys and Girls make new friends.
 Teachers lend a helping hand.
 Lots to learn and so much fun.
 Back to school for everyone.

PRACTICING BUS PROCEDURES



Notes from the Mile Tree School Health Room

Welcome to all the kindergartners, new students, and returning students. Here are a few things that I would like to highlight:

1. Any time your child gets hurt outside of school, could you please let me know. If a child is going to be out of gym, recess, or needs special accommodations, a doctor's note is required with specific instructions.
2. Any medication that a child needs--whether it is over the counter or prescription--must be brought in by a parent (in the original packaging/with a doctor's note stating how it should be given in school).

If you have any questions or concerns about your child/children, I am here between 8:30 a.m. and 3:10 p.m. You can reach me at 596-9581.

Michele Lavallee-Specht, R.N.

This is the only "paper" newsletter you will receive. As part of our "going green" efforts, next month's newsletter and subsequent newsletters will only be available electronically. It will be e-mailed to all subscribers of the district's email distribution system called *List Serve*. **Note: Parents/Guardians must re-subscribe to List Serve at the beginning of each school year.** To subscribe, simply log on to the district website www.hwrsd.org and follow the directions listed therein. The monthly newsletter will also be posted on the district website. **All parents/guardians of Mile Tree School students are urged to sign up for List Serve since the newsletters contain important dates and information you need to know.**

If you do not have access to a computer or simply wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please submit a request to the principal's office. The form is listed below. The requests are updated annually, so please submit an annual request if you wish to continue getting a paper copy of the newsletter.

Dear Principal,

Please send a paper copy of the **Mile Tree School** monthly newsletter home with my child for the 2009-2010 school year.

Student's Name: _____ Teacher/Homeroom #: _____

Important Reminders from the Mile Tree Office

1. **SCHOOL ABSENCES:** Please call the Mile Tree School office at 596-6921 between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. each day that your child will be absent from school. Parents must write a note to the teacher explaining the reason for the absence upon the child's return to school.
2. When you drive your child to school, please drop the child off at the library entrance. **No one should be dropped off before 8:10 or after 8:30 a.m. in the morning as there will be no supervision.** Buses do not unload until 8:10 a.m., and no children are allowed in the classrooms until then. The preferred arrival time for students who are driven to school is between 8:10 and 8:15 a.m. **If your child arrives after 8:30 a.m. they are considered tardy. Please park your car in a marked parking spot and walk your child into the school office via the main entrance. Fill out the tardy log and wait for the student to be called into the classroom by a school secretary.**
3. Parents must write a note to give a child permission to be picked up from school. Emergencies do happen, but please try to plan ahead. Please address the note to your child's teacher and include the date and name of the person picking the child up. **All children to be picked up will be supervised at the library entrance at 2:40 p.m.** Drive up, and a staff member will release the child to you or your designee. In the event that your child will be dismissed early from school, you will need to park your car in a marked parking spot and come into the office. Please be sure to specify the early dismissal time on your note to the classroom teacher.
4. Please be patient with bus schedules during the first few weeks of school. We have asked the bus company to give us seating plans for our buses. These help with supervision, safety, and organization.
5. **IMPORTANT BUS PROCEDURE REMINDERS** – Our handbook policy states... “The bus driver shall not dismiss kindergarten and Grade 1 students from a bus without accompaniment of an older sibling, designated student, or parent/guardian who is visible by the bus driver. Students shall be returned to the school or Central Office until parent/guardian or designated individual can be located.” If someone other than a parent/guardian will be at the bus stop to receive your child, you must inform the school of this in writing **on a daily basis**. This note should be addressed to your child's teacher, contain your child's name, current date, name of the caretaker, your address, and your child's bus number. The exception to this rule is if the same caretaker will be receiving your child at the bus stop every day for the entire school year. In this case, parents/guardians may write an annual note.
6. Children may not switch buses to play with another child. With so many young children at Mile Tree this is just not feasible, and it is a district policy that we strictly adhere to.
7. Another safety issue: When you come in as a volunteer or a visitor, you must use the front door, sign in at the office, and choose a numbered VISITOR badge to wear during the period of your stay. Please return to the office and sign out before you leave the building. **Note:** if you are accompanied by small children, please be sure to sign them in on the visitor log as well; however, only adults are to wear the numbered visitor badges.

Note From the Cafeteria

Hello from the Cafeteria!

We hope your child's first experience with buying school lunch has been a good one. This is probably the first time they are actually making their own purchase. We want them to enjoy this time. We have an alternative lunch every day of peanut butter and jelly sandwich and soup, served with vegetable and fruit of the day, plus milk. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at school. Thank you.

Jeanne Molinari, Cafeteria Manager/Cook

MILE TREE SCHOOL PTO SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

A Note from the President, Cristie Tracy

Welcome to a great new year at Mile Tree! If you are new to Mile Tree, welcome! If, like me, you are a returning Mile Tree parent, welcome back! Let's make this the greatest year yet!

Thanks to all who have taken the time to fill out the information that was sent home in the Mile Tree PTO packet. If you haven't had the chance to do so, please complete the volunteer form as soon as possible and return it to your child's teacher.

I would also like to invite you to our first PTO meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 9th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Mile Tree school cafeteria. All are welcome! The Mile Tree PTO provides great programs and services to the school, and your involvement is key. This is also your opportunity to meet our teachers, your neighbors, and parents of your children's classmates. So get involved and get connected!

As you may know, the PTO is funded by various fundraisers and outside programs. One of these programs is the Box Tops for Education program chaired by Sue Wolcott. Last year, through the Box Tops program, our school received \$894!! At the Box Tops Marketplace, you can shop at over 100 online stores like Staples, Target, Best Buy and Gap. A percentage of your purchases goes back to OUR school! Simply go to Boxtops4education.com and sign up for the program. Next, go to the Marketplace and browse through all of the terrific websites you can visit. Click on "shop now" next to the retailer you wish to shop, and you will be taken to that site. Remember, your purchases only count if you go through the Box Tops site, so be sure to check their list of retailers before making your online purchases.

Another program is the Staples Recycle for Education program chaired by Karen Derose. Staples will donate \$3 for every ink or toner cartridge sent into the school. By participating in this program, you can turn trash into cash for Mile Tree School.

Also,

WAY TO GO FOR THE PTO...

A big thanks to Renee Lisowski for all her hard work in preparing for the Genevieve Fundraiser! Thanks also to all our Chairs for agreeing to head up committees and the volunteers who have signed on to support them.

Thank you for all your hard work, it's appreciated!

A note from the Vice President, Renee Lisowski

By now you should have received your Genevieve fundraising packet. The money raised during our fundraisers goes to support the staff and students at Mile Tree. Order forms can be returned to your child's teacher anytime between now and September 14th.

We will have Mile Tree T-shirts available for purchase at the Grade 1 Open House on September 16th and at the Preschool/Kindergarten Open House on October 8th. Who wouldn't want to show some school spirit with one of these great shirts!

Dates to remember...

9/9 PTO meeting – 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria

9/17 Grade 1 Open House

9/14 Genevieve fundraising orders are due

10/1 Picture Day

10/8 Preschool/Kindergarten Open House

