



August 10, 2022

Mills Lawn Elementary Families,

Welcome to the Mills Lawn Elementary 2022-2023 school year! On behalf of the teachers and staff, we are excited to have students back in the classrooms and look forward to a year filled with enthusiasm for learning. We are proud of the compassion, kindness, and resilience that our students and families embrace to create such a special place to learn and grow. Our goal is to continue to provide the resources and support necessary for all students to feel valued, accepted, and safe. There will be new faces joining Mills Lawn Elementary for the upcoming school year. We welcome Emily Berlo (Physical Education Teacher), Taylor Hemmerich (MLS, 5th Grade Teacher), Erika Hunter (MLS, 2nd Grade Teacher), Chandra Jones-Graham (MLS, Instructional Assistant), Breanna Titus (MLS, 3rd Grade Teacher), and Amy Tritschler (MLS, Intervention Specialist) to the Bulldog Family.

Our teachers have had time to relax and recharge over the summer months, but they also have worked hard prepping lessons, attending professional development, and studying the most recent research-based best instructional strategies. Students can expect to be engaged and challenged as we continue our innovative approach with project-based learning aligned to our state standards, implement the academic curriculum and interventions with fidelity, and adopt our Positive Behavioral Intervention Support framework to improve student outcomes. Once again this school year, Mills Lawn students will be taking the MAP® Growth™ tests from NWEA®. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set individual goals for students. We will also continue our partnership with the Program for Inclusion and Neurodiversity Education (PINE), which empowers school systems to rethink autism and transform inclusive practices. The PINE committee is excited to announce that Mills Lawn will offer two new sensory pathways for students to utilize this school year. Sensory pathways are creative ways for students to build connections in the brain through kinesthetics, sight, and touch.

Enjoy the last days of summer break, and we will see you soon!

Sincerely,

Megan Winston  
Mills Lawn Principal

**\*\*\*\*\*See Pages 2 and 3 for Important Back to School Information\*\*\*\*\***



## Class Lists

Class lists will be posted on the Mills Lawn main entrance door on Friday, August 12th at 3:30 p.m.

## Open House

We invite families and students to the Mills Lawn Open House on Monday, August 15th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The open house will be an opportunity to meet teachers and staff, deliver school supplies, tour the building, and receive information from the nutritional services department.

## Transportation

All families need to complete a Transportation Request Form for students wishing to ride the school bus for the 2022-23 school year. Students will not be transported to and from school until this form has been completed, submitted, and eligibility for transportation has been verified. Please visit [YS Transportation](#) for more information.

## First Day of School

Students will return to Mills Lawn on **August 18th** (kindergarten will use a staggered start approach). The school day is **8:00 a.m.** (doors open at 7:50 a.m.) to **2:30 p.m.** Students are considered tardy after 8:00 a.m. Students will enter the building and be dismissed from the building through the following assigned doors:

Grade Level	Entrance/Dismissal	Street
Kindergarten	Kindergarten Doors	Elm St.
1st - 3rd	Main Entrance Doors	S. Walnut St.
4th - 6th	Gym Doors	S. Walnut St.



### Kindergarten Staggered Start

- Kindergarten students with **last names** that begin with **letters A - J** will attend school on **August 18th** and will not return to school until Monday, August 23rd.
- Kindergarten students with **last names** that begin with **letters K - Z** will not attend school on August 18th and will experience the first day of school on **August 19th**.
- All kindergarten students will be in classrooms on Monday, August 22nd.

### Breakfast and Lunch

Students are expected to remain in school for lunch each day and will have the option to pack a lunch from home or purchase a school lunch in the cafeteria. A student who purchases or receives a school lunch will have the opportunity to choose from the main menu lunch, vegetarian lunch, or peanut butter and jelly lunch options each day and the opportunity to select items from the fruit and vegetable stand.

Mills Lawn	Paid	Reduced
<b>Breakfast</b>	\$1.25	\$.30
<b>Lunch</b>	\$2.75	\$.40

The USDA offered waivers to Child Nutrition (CN) Programs across the United States for the last two years, which allowed schools to offer all students breakfast and lunch at no cost to families. Unfortunately, the waivers expired and **families will be required to pay for breakfast and/or lunch** for the 2022-2023 school year. Click [HERE](#) for information on the free and reduced breakfast and lunch application. Families who wish to purchase a school breakfast or lunch for students will be required to create a PaySchools Central account and add funds. During the upcoming open house, families will receive the student identification numbers necessary to create accounts and the nutrition department will be available to assist families with account creation and adding funds.

### Check out the Mills Lawn PTO Facebook Page for Mills Lawn PTO Upcoming Events

August 24th @ 8:30 a.m.- Coffee on the Lawn with Principal Winston

August 31st @ 6:00 p.m.- Mills Lawn Family Lawn Picnic