Millstone Primary School Preschool & Kindergarten Information Session

August 2026

Primary School Principal

Mr. Scott Hobson



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Millstone Primary School

Amazing things happen here!

Fun Facts

- Philly fan
- Fan of the beach
- Pinball fan
- Fan of classics

Hello!









Child Study Team

Mrs. Laurie Hall, Director
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CST offices for the district are housed at Millstone PS

HELLO!



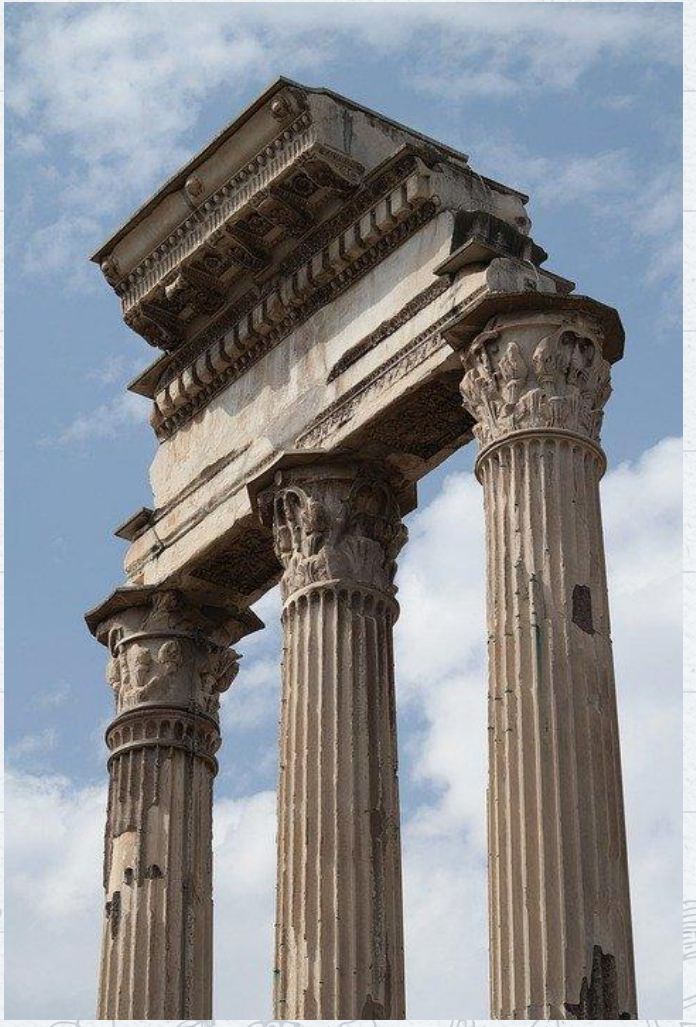


What do we believe in?

Our Core Values

Core Beliefs

- Prioritize Relationships
- Educate the “Whole Child”
- Build the *Foundation* for Learning
- Let them be LITTLE.



"Behind every student success is a staff member who championed for that student."









School Counselor

Ms. Lianna Ortiz
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Responsive Classroom

- Belief that learning occurs in a safe, supportive and engaging school community
- Develop social competencies- cooperation, assertiveness, responsibility, empathy, and self-control
- **Morning Meeting**
  - Daily reinforcement: greetings, sharing, group activity, and morning message.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMMING

PreSchool - Creative Curriculum

- Research-based curriculum designed for 3-5 year olds
- Addresses all areas of early learning: **language and literacy, math, science, physical and social skills**
- Thematic units (rotate every year) - clothing, family, buildings, animals, transportation, outer space, dinosaurs, etc.
- Learn in a variety of ways: play, problem solving, movement, art, music, drawing, writing, listening, and storytelling

PreSchool - Typical Day

- Parent drop-off and structured play
- Welcome and Morning Meeting
- Gross motor and music experience
- Read aloud, literacy and phonemic awareness instruction
- Self-help and snack
- Individual work- large and small group
- Full day includes lunch, snack, nap time (40min), outdoor/indoor play, related arts as well as more *in depth* activities.

PreSchool - FAQ

- How many students in a class? 15 or less, one teacher and at least one paraprofessional
- Do you separate 3 and 4 year olds? No all classes are ages 3-5
- Can I only sign up and pay for 3 days a week? No, all classes 5 days a week have full and half day options
- Does my child have to be potty trained? Yes

KINDERGARTEN- CURRICULUM

- NJ Standards-based curriculum (NJSLS)
- Full Day of learning
- Programs:
  - Literacy: Strong emphasis on learning skills and building knowledge using CKLA
  - Math: Research based instruction, math that makes students think through use of Innovamat
  - Responsive Classroom and Character Education
  - Related Arts - Physical Education, American Sign Language, Computers, Library, Music, STEAM, Art

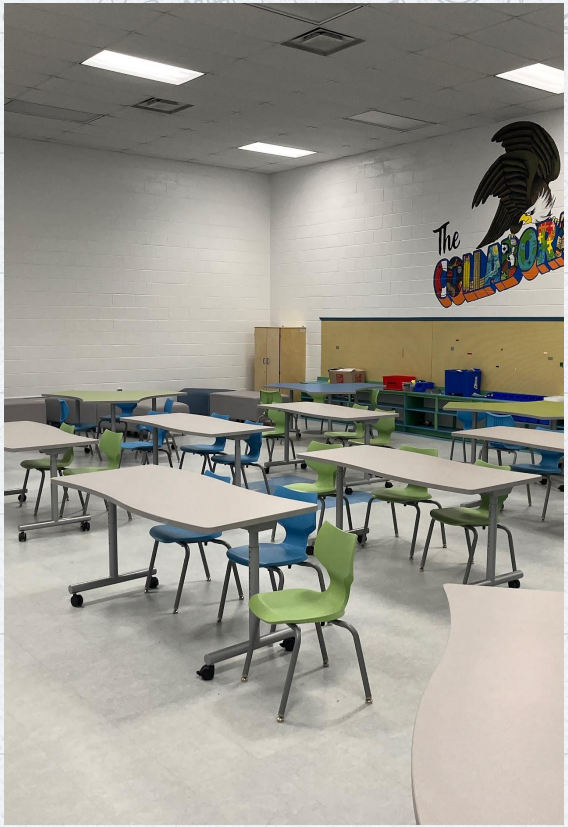
Typical Day in Kindergarten

2026 - 2027 Building Schedule		
	9:15-9:32	Morning HR
1	9:32-9:52	LA
2	9:52-10:12	LA
3	10:12-10:32	Sci/SS
4	10:32-10:52	Sci/SS
5	10:52-11:12	LA
6	11:12-11:32	LA
7	11:32-11:52	LA
8	11:52-12:12	LA
9	12:12-12:32	LUNCH
10	12:32-12:52	LUNCH
11	12:52-1:12	Math
12	1:12-1:32	Math
13	1:32-1:52	Math
14	1:52-2:12	Recess
15	2:12-2:32	RA
16	2:32-2:52	RA
17	2:52-3:12	WIN
18	3:12-3:32	WIN
	3:32-3:45	PM HR

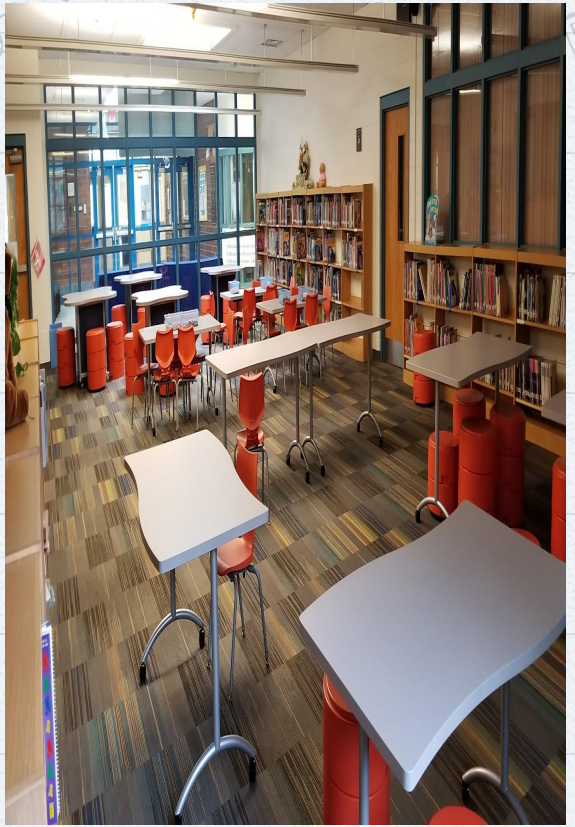
PK & K Playground











Health and Safety



- eczysz@millstone.k12.nj.us
- ABSENCES:
  - 732.786.0950 (Prompt 4 Prompt 1)
- Please communicate directly with Ms. Czysz if you have any questions

School Nurse

Ms. Eleanor Czysz
eczysz@millstone.k12.nj.us
732.786.0950 (x4006)

Message from Ms. Czysz!
This is the MOST Important slide

- 2026-2027 Physical & Immunization records were due by August 1, 2026
  - Completed paperwork can be emailed to eczysz@millstone.k12.nj.us. No medical paperwork is to be uploaded into Genesis.
- If you have not,please contact the main office to schedule an appointment to bring in completed paperwork
- Preschool REQUIREMENT- Flu shot administered between September 1, 2026-November 30, 2026 (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.19)
  - Proof of Flu Shot or proof of appointment for flu shot is required by November 30, 2026

Physical Safety of Building

- School Resource Officer - NJSP
- Officer Christine Witkowski
- Interior and exterior security cameras
- Gated Playgrounds
- Ongoing staff training



Other important Information...

SCHOOL HOURS

Preschool

- Full Day 8:50am - 3:30pm
- Half Day (AM) 8:50am - 11:30am

Kindergarten

- Full Day 9:05am-3:45pm
- Shortened Day 9:05am-1:19pm
- Delayed Opening 11:05pm-3:45pm

PROCEDURAL INFO.

Some housekeeping information to share while we are all together!



Main Office

Mrs. Kirsch & Mrs. Rametta

ckirsch@millstone.k12.nj.us

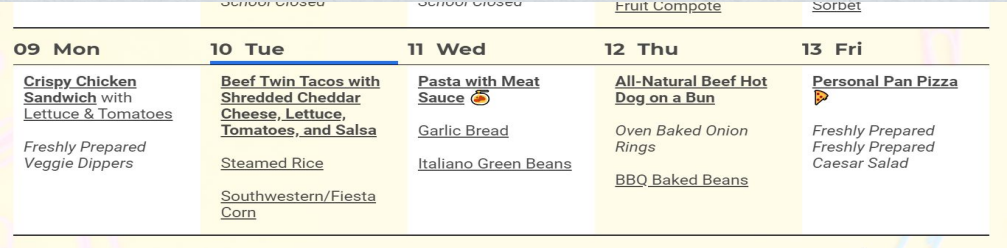
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Lunch Program

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Menus & Prices

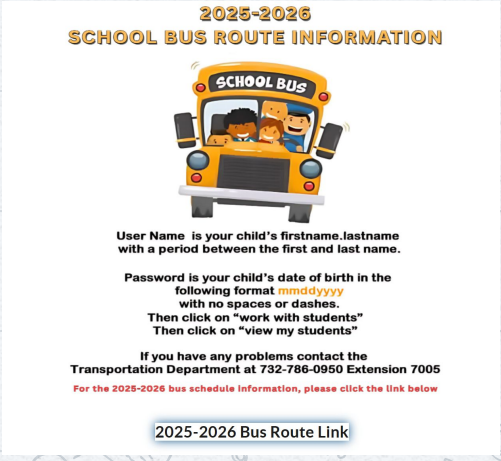


	School closed	School closed	Fruit Compote	Sorbet
09 Mon	**10 Tue**	**11 Wed**	**12 Thu**	**13 Fri**
Crispy Chicken Sandwich with Lettuce & Tomatoes *Freshly Prepared Veggie Dippers*	**Beef Twin Tacos with Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, and Salsa** Steamed Rice Southwestern/Fiesta Corn	**Pasta with Meat Sauce** Garlic Bread Italiano Green Beans	**All-Natural Beef Hot Dog on a Bun** *Oven Baked Onion Rings* BBQ Baked Beans	**Personal Pan Pizza** *Freshly Prepared Freshly Prepared Caesar Salad*

Transportation



- Bus is provided for **all** students K-8
- Preschool is parent pick-up and drop-off only*



Mrs. Andrea Cece
Transportation Coordinator
732.786.0950 (x7005)
acece@millstone.k12.nj.us

Arrival- Parent Drop-off ~ 8:50 am - 9:00 am



Dismissal - Parent Pickup ~ 3:30 PM in Parking Lot

(Did you write a note?!)



"What about students that take the bus?"

- Kindergarteners are the first off the bus at arrival
- Kindergarteners are put on the bus at dismissal (until we are confident they know their bus # and location).

Millstone Township Primary School – Updated Dismissal FAQs

❓ Who do I notify if I need to pick up my child from school early?

Please notify both the **Main Office** and your child's **classroom teacher in writing**.
Send an email to **Mrs. Rametta** at trametta@millstone.k12.nj.us and **cc** the classroom teacher.

> This helps ensure proper communication with staff, as students may be in various locations around the building (Related Arts, lunch, recess, playground, etc.).

❓ By what time must I notify the school if I'm picking up my child before 3:00 PM?

If you're picking up your child **before 3:00 PM**, it is considered an **Early Dismissal**. You must notify the Main Office and classroom teacher **by 2:30 PM** in writing. Send your email to **Mrs. Rametta** at trametta@millstone.k12.nj.us and **cc** the classroom teacher.

> ⚠️ Last-minute or verbal requests may not be honored and may be deferred to our 3:30 PM **Regular Parent Pick-Up***.

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❓ What is Regular Parent Pick-Up?

Regular Parent Pick-Up is our standard **end-of-day dismissal process** for students **not riding the bus home**.

Process:

- Parents park in the lot and gather behind the cones at the top of the crosswalk at **3:30 PM**.
  Designated staff will escort students to the lot for pickup.
  ✅ Only students whose families followed the notification process will be released this way.

❓ I called after 3:00 PM to pick up my child—Why was I told to wait for the Regular Parent Pick-Up at 3:30?

Our Main Office is extremely busy between **3:00–3:30 PM**. To maintain student safety and supervision, **early dismissal requests** made **after 3:00 PM** will be automatically **deferred to Regular Parent Pick-Up** at 3:30 PM.

Millstone Township Primary School – Updated Dismissal FAQs

🕑 Summary of Dismissal Timing:

Time	Procedure
Before 2:30 PM	**Submit Early Dismissal request** via email to trametta@millstone.k12.nj.us and cc the classroom teacher.
9:00 - 3:00 PM	**Report to the Main Office** to pick up your student
3:00–3:30 PM	**No Early Dismissals honored**; prepare for 3:30 pick-up
3:30 PM	**Regular Parent Pick-Up begins** in parking lot

District and school Information

Take Home Thursday



District ListServ

- ✘ Timely Information
- ✘ Principal's Update
- ✘ Schoolwide Notifications

FACEBOOK

ROBO-CALLS

Community Partners

PTO

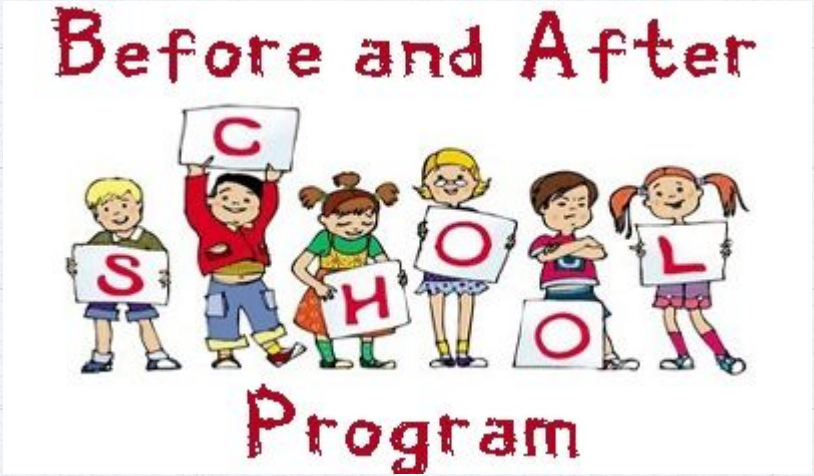
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Community Education

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PRESCHOOL BEFORE & AFTERCARE PROGRAM



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K-2 BEFORE & AFTERCARE PROGRAM

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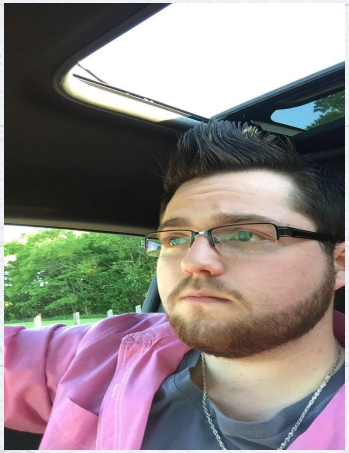
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Upcoming Events

- Meet and Greets -
  - Kindergarten - September 1st @ 1:30 - 2:15 pm
  - Preschool - September 2nd @ 1:30 - 2:25 pm
- First Day of School - September 3rd
- **Early Dismissal - September 3rd & 4th**
- Back to School Night - September 10th @ 6pm
- Fall Pictures - September 24th
- School Closed - September 7th & 21st

They grow up too fast. Preschool and Kindergarten are just the start of an exciting adventure!











THANKS!

Any questions?