



Millsboro Middle School

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Dear MMS Families,

The success of a school relies on so many things and as a parent/guardian of an MMS student, your involvement in our school community is a valuable component to our success—one that cannot be overlooked. Vince Lombardi said, “Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.” I am reaching out to ask that you make an individual commitment to support our work towards helping your child grow, and to making Millsboro Middle the most successful school it can be. Our success relies on our partnership with you, our students, and our staff.

While we commit to provide your student with a well-rounded middle school experience, I ask you to consider your role in this partnership. First and foremost, I ask that you please read the student handbook your child was given today. In doing so you will learn that we are dedicated to helping prepare your child, through rigorous curricula and high academic and behavioral expectations, for the transition to high school and college/career. So we can ensure we are all on the same page with these expectations, **we need you and your child to sign the agreements on pages 17-18 of the handbook and return it with the rest of the required paperwork** provided in the first day folder sent home today.

On that note, you will find several documents in the first day folder that require your attention as a partner in your child’s education. Here are a few I would like to highlight:

- ***Student Emergency Card*** (pink)—it is absolutely necessary that you complete this form each year, providing accurate medical and contact information. In the event of an emergency, we want to be able to provide your child with the best care possible. Please assist us in this. If at any time this information changes, please contact our school nurse immediately. **Please complete the form, sign it, and have your child return it to his/her homeroom teacher.**
- ***Digital Communication/Home Access Center (HAC) Letter***—New this year, our district will be going digital in communicating students’ academic progress and grades, and attendance. Please read this form carefully, **sign it and have your child return it to his/her homeroom teacher.** Please note that progress reports will be released in HAC on the following dates: September 30, 2016; October 21, 2016; December 16, 2016; January 13, 2017; February 24, 2017; March 24, 2017; May 5, 2017; and, May 26, 2017. Please review and discuss these progress report grades with your child and contact his/her teachers with any questions or concerns. If at any time you are unable to access the necessary school information online, please visit our main office where we can provide this access to you through our new Parent Center.
- ***Indian River School District Dress Code Policy, Policy JFCA***—Our district dress code policy was revised this summer. Please review this policy carefully with your child and reinforce that anyone arriving to school in violation of this policy will be asked to change (which may require a phone call to you) or receive In-School Suspension (ISS). After two violations of the dress code policy, students will receive referrals for insubordination (see student handbook).

I would also like to provide the following suggestions for being an active member of your child’s education and of our school community:

- **Provide a learning environment at home**
 - Encourage your child to read each night.
 - Provide a space and implement a routine for your child to do homework.
 - Take the time to ask your child about their school day and stay informed of their academic goals and progress.
- **Serve on our Title I advisory committee**
 - We are a Title I school and parents play an important role in determining how we can best help our students achieve success. Please read our Title I Compact included in this packet for more information. Also, keep an eye out for forthcoming information about Title I advisory committee opportunities.
- **Volunteer**
 - Chaperone a field trip.
 - Help count money or assist in distributing orders for our Fall Fundraiser.
- **Enjoy one of our special events such as a holiday concert or athletic competition**
- **Communicate with us**
 - If at any time you have a question or concern regarding your child’s education, please call or email us. Our teachers appreciate the support they get from you and we enjoy the collaboration.

We firmly believe that our partnership with you will lead to a positive school experience for your child. We look forward to working with you and as always, contact us if we can help in anyway.

Sincerely,

Renee Jerns

*At Millsboro
Middle School
our mission is to
encourage,
engage, and
assist all
students in
developing their
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