School starts on August 9th! This newsletter contains information about Open House, including the required online forms and instructions.

Principal Stacy Perlman's letter on pages 6–9, shares what to expect for 2021–22. Information in this edition is subject to change. Updated information will be sent if needed.

PTA Co-Presidents Sarah Hailey and Cathy Malec have organized the committees and programs to help our school succeed. Read their message on page 16.

Over 80% of PTA funding goes to students and classrooms. This year we are able to hold our major fundraiser, Holiday Extravaganza. See page 16 and go to our PTA website, mpepta.com, for more information.

Follow us on Twitter @MPE_Mustangs, find us on Facebook, Mountain Park Elementary Mustangs, read your emails from your teacher(s) and Room Parents, check out the school, www.fultonschools.org/MountainParkES website and look for the weekly Mustang Flyer e-blast. There are a lot of ways to connect.

We're so glad you're here!

#WeBeforeMe

NEW! We will be implementing the Checkmate System. You will be able to check-in or out your student on the computer with support from our front office staff. We look forward to using this expedited process.
**OPEN HOUSE • FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021**

Last names beginning  M–Z  8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Last names beginning  A–L  10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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**WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT OPEN HOUSE?**

» Complete the ALL IN ONE form, the Transportation form ONLINE and join PTA online before 8/6/21. You will visit the expedited PTA line, expedited line to receive your Student ID and go to class.

OR

» Wait to complete forms at MPE on 8/6/21. You will visit the regular PTA line, go to the Media Center to complete the All in One form, transportation form, and then go to the regular line to receive your Student ID pass before going to class.

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*Please complete all linked forms PRIOR to Open House for an expedited experience.*

**STEP 1 » Join the PTA**

Your PTA membership supports the school with necessary programs such as School-Wide Enrichment Model, classroom and clinic supplies, facility enhancement, staff appreciation, cultural arts activities, family events and much more! See page 17 for details.

☐ Join the PTA and make a donation on our website. We will announce when Spirit Wear is available.

https://www.mpepta.com

**STEP 2 » Transportation**

It is critical that we know how students are going home each day. 

See page 19 for Transportation details and instructions on how to find your bus #.

☐ If you are riding the bus, find your bus number:

1. Beginning July 26th, Go to: https://edulogweb.fultonschools.org/livewq/webquery
2. Enter your address and grade level
3. Click on MountainParkES
4. Note your bus stops, times and bus number
5. See page 19 for corresponding bus color/animal i.e. yellow duck or green frog

☐ Fill out a Transportation Form for each student. Link to transportation form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mLhCDGmBcEu6n9p-Q6cAwqPy5zJlqQoLsuR2PyFXR6RUN1JC-VDROVDJaWjO0dVKe9XU1Q2N0tMNy4u&wdLOR=c82831C81-1F0E4-CF45-AF8D-119FA094D3F8
STEP 3 » All-In-One Form

Please grant permissions for EACH STUDENT for photos, Internet, Clinic, etc. by filling out MPE’s All-In-One form online.

☐ Link to All in One Form:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mLhCDGmBeEu6n9p-O6cAwqPy5zJlqQpLsuR2PyFXR6RUREd8TldIMjZBSTA-0SEVHU0FX1NFWTNSSy4u&wdLOR=c85255A06-8094-734B-BD02-8E14653C9E86

STEP 4 » Clinic

Students who regularly take medication can do so in the clinic. Please bring these forms with you if/when you bring the medication to the clinic. Forms can be brought to the clinic at Open House or any time during the year. These forms must be printed out and signed by your physician for prescription medication. See page 4 for details.

☐ To have medication in the clinic SHS-1:

☐ To carry meds at school: SHS-2 (Emergency meds i.e. Epi-pen only)

STEP 5 » Breakfast and Lunch at School

☐ All student meals (breakfast and lunch) will be free again for the 2021-22 school year.
You may put money on your student’s account for extra snacks available for purchase at lunch.
Student account link (see page 5 for details):
https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome

STEP 6 » After School Care (if needed)

☐ If you require after school care, sign up for Right At School here:
https://rightatschool-mountain-park-elementary.jumbula.com/#/2021-22-after-school
CAMPUS PARENT
Fulton County Schools utilizes Campus Parent as the student information system.
Campus Parent is designed to provide real-time access to student information. The easy-to-use design shares information so that you can monitor your student. In this platform, parents can browse assignments, review attendance, and see grades.

You can access Campus Parent at:
https://www.fultonschools.org/infinitecampus

Current Parents
All current parents should already have a Campus Parent account. If you need help accessing your account, please email our Data Clerk, Judy Lagasse, at lagasse@fultonschools.org.

Do you have a new student enrolling at Mountain Park, but you already have a child currently enrolled in Fulton County Schools?
Log into the Campus Parent to add a student to your household. You can access Campus Parent at
https://www.fultonschools.org/infinitecampus
Click on Online Registration. Then choose the applicable registration option for your child, and follow the steps.

Are you new to Fulton County Schools?
At Open House, your child will receive a student ID number. Once you have your student's ID number, you can go to: https://www.fultonschools.org/infinitecampus and click on the right hand side where it says: “To set-up your account, please enter your email here: Campus Parent Portal Activation.” This will take you to a page where you can enter your email. The email will give you a link to enter your child's name, student ID number, and grade level, and set up your account.

CLAinic
We are fortunate to have two amazing clinic assistants at MPE! Ms. Barb Holt & Ms. GG Daly (mpeclinic@fultonschools.org) share the job of supporting our students with extra TLC and caring for bumps, cuts and bruises throughout the day. If a student feels ill, Ms. Holt or Ms. Daly will assess their symptoms and call parents.

Students who have a fever or Covid-19 symptoms will be kept in an isolation area right next to the clinic until they can be picked up by parents.

We take care of common needs like Band-Aids, wax for braces and Calamine lotion for bug bites (with permission granted on the MPE All in One Form) without calling parents, unless requested. For any more serious injury or condition, parents will be contacted.

We ask that all of our parents continue to be extra vigilant this year an not send students to school with any symptoms. This is not the time for "see if you can make it and the clinic will call me if you can't". We need to keep everyone safe.

Any exposures to Covid19, Covid 19 positive results or pending Covid19 tests should continue to be reported to: https://fultonschools.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6hWIX46FNk8pNlz
This link is also available on the Fulton website: fultonschools.org
Please inform your child’s teacher after you have made the report.

Please bring these forms with you when you bring the medication.
To have medication in the clinic SHS-1:
To carry meds at school: SHS-2 (Emergency meds i.e. Epi-pen only)
The school supply list for each grade level is available on the MPE website at: 
[fultonschools.org/mountainparkes](fultonschools.org/mountainparkes)

We are offering a convenient school supply delivery service. If you haven't ordered already, you can still go online and have your child's supplies shipped directly to your home. School Tool Box will also be donating a small portion of all sales back to MPE.

**HANDY TIP |** Bring school supplies during open house to the classroom so your child doesn’t have to carry them in on the first day of school.

**MyPaymentsPlus**

All school meals (breakfast and lunch) are free for all students for the 2021–22 school year, as a part of the pandemic response.

Normally, families can pre-pay for school meals online via MyPaymentPlus! This system will enable you to make payments to your child’s meal account quickly and securely. You may want to use a MyPaymentsPlus account to allow your student to purchase “extras” in the cafeteria, chips, extra milk or entrée, etc. You will have access to review your balance and see what your child is purchasing on their account. **There is a small transaction fee for this service.**

**Get started today**

1. Have your child’s Student ID Number ready. Current students know their number, new students will receive their number at Open House.
3. Register your child into the K-12 school meals pre-payment system.
4. Make a pre-payment or view your child’s purchase history.

Check out school menus online at [www.fultonschools.org](www.fultonschools.org) and click Food Menus on the main page.

**HANDY TIP |** Mark your child’s personal items with their name in permanent marker. Any unclaimed items from Lost and Found are donated once a month to North Fulton Charities.
A Message From Principal Stacy Perlman

Hello Mountain Park Families!

We hope you are having a fantastic summer! We are busy preparing for the 2021–2022 school year! We can’t wait to see everyone at school, in PERSON, to start the year. We have learned so much over the past 16 months and are committed to using what we’ve learned to improve, while we return to a more normal school routine. Please know that we continue to take our student’s health and safety very seriously and make it our number one priority.

Our school-wide theme is We Before Me, and you will see it woven throughout the year. We are excited about a focus on teamwork and being back together. We will open the school year with a school-wide read of The Hard Hat for Kids by Jon Gordon. Our students will begin the year by discussing working as a team, what it means to be a good teammate, and encouraging one another. This is a nice next step to our previous themes of #BeKind and #BetterTogetherMPE.

In the following pages, you will find information about this school year, both new and continuing.

Covid Procedures:

As of today, July 16, 2021, we have not received the new requirements from Fulton County Schools. We do know that masks will be optional for students and staff. While vaccinations are not required for staff, most of our employees have opted to take the vaccine, and thus most will not be wearing masks. Any students or staff choosing to wear a mask will be fully supported in doing so.

Any exposures to Covid19, Covid 19 positive results or pending Covid19 tests should continue to be reported to: https://fultonschools.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6hWX46fNk8pNl3
This link is also available on the Fulton County website: fultonschools.org

Please inform your child’s teacher after you have made the report.

We will continue to stress hand washing, sanitizing, and frequent cleaning of surfaces and shared items in classrooms. We will communicate any additional precautions/procedures when/if we learn them. As usual, please do not send students to school with symptoms of illness. All students must be fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) to attend school.

We do anticipate a return to volunteers in the school as normal.

What We Continue to Do:

Effective English Language Arts Instruction:

This year Fulton County Schools is embarking on professional development in the Science of Reading. While teachers engage in this professional learning, we will continue implementing Readers’ and Writers’ Workshop in grades K-5. We have proven results of the effectiveness of this model, and we continue to see growth in our students’ reading levels and writing proficiency. We will also continue to implement daily Orton-Gillingham based phonics lessons in grades K-2 and daily word study lessons in grades 3-5. We look forward to keeping you informed about the new developments in ELA instruction as we learn more with the Science of Reading.

We are excited that our own Tiffany Barnes has been promoted from 1st grade teacher to the K-2 Literacy Coach position. She will be supporting teachers and students in grades K, 1 and 2 in implementing effective reading instruction. We have also been granted an additional paraprofessional position to support K-2 literacy and Ms. Lee Neas will be moving to that spot to support small group reading instruction.
A Message From Principal Stacy Perlman  
continued from page 6

What We Continue to Do:

Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) & TAG (Talented and Gifted):

Unique to Mountain Park, our students participate in enrichment activities daily through the Schoolwide Enrichment Model. This is parent-funded, through your generous contributions to the MPE PTA. We spend approximately 30 additional dollars per student on materials and experiences to enrich learning (see more information later in the Hoofprints).

We are continuing to implement our Charter initiative with the Enrichment Block. All students participate in a daily 50-minute Enrichment Block for science and social studies instruction. The TAG students go to TAG classes for this block. ALL students are engaged in project-based, hands-on learning during this time through rigorous learning units developed by MPE teachers. Most of the students call it PBL (Project Based Learning) and say it is their favorite subject!

Engage New York Math:

Five years ago, we piloted the Engage New York math curriculum in one 1st grade class. The results were compelling, so we implemented the curriculum in all first grades the following year. We have since rolled this curriculum up with students through the grades. This year will be the first where students in kindergarten through grade 5 math will be working in the Engage New York curriculum. Teachers continue to note students’ improved foundational understanding of math concepts, and students continue to thrive in math.

Mustang T.R.A.I.L:

Our Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) is the Mustang T.R.A.I.L. Students learn about the T.R.A.I.L. and the expectation is to remain on it!

T – Trustworthy
R – Respectful
A – Act Responsibly
I – I Show Good Citizenship
L – Leadership

Students are recognized for exemplifying these traits periodically on the wall between the clinic and the cafeteria and by signing their names on the board outside the administrative offices. Our We Before Me theme for the year supports our Positive Behavior Intervention System as well!

Design Thinking:

Another unique element of MPE culture is our commitment to growing innovative problem solvers through design thinking. We are in our 8th year as part of the AK12DC (Atlanta K–12 Design Challenge), a consortium of public and private schools working to incorporate design thinking in schools. We continue to collaborate with leadership from the Lovett School and The Westminster Schools, as well as other schools within Fulton County. In 2019 and 2020 (just before the pandemic), our 5th grade design teams won the national BrightSpark competition! In 2019 the prototype was solving homelessness in Roswell, and in 2020, a prototype for solving food insecurity. We are thrilled that our students get to practice solving real-world problems.

MPE teachers and students use design thinking to solve problems and engage in higher-order thinking through the cycle of empathizing, define, ideate, prototype, and test. We also have the opportunity to be supported by Scott Sanchez, a professor at the Stanford dSchool who mentors us in this work. In 2019, the Dobbs Foundation funded a case study of Mountain Park and our work with design thinking. Here is an article about design thinking at MPE: https://bit.ly/2IRaH4q
Construction

BIG NEWS!! MPE will be the ONLY school in the state of Georgia with an Elementary Construction Program! We could not be more excited to announce that all of our students in grades 2–5 will be participating in a weekly construction class this year, as a special. This is made possible by funding through Fulton County Schools’ Career Technical & Agricultural Education (CTAE) program and our partnership with the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA). This class will give students hands-on experience with using tools, build confidence, vocabulary, fine motor, and math skills as well as teach career foundations. In our 5th grade pilot program last year, students found new talents, skills, and interests through the class. Some students began building their projects at home.

We have a team of teachers (thank you, Ms. Beckwith, Ms. Adebayo, Ms. Navarra & Ms. Brooks) who worked to create lessons for our construction class, incorporating the application of standards students are learning in math class. We can’t wait for our new construction teacher, Mr. Selvig, to get started on the projects with our students. Here is a video created last year by CEFGA, which takes a look inside the class!
https://vimeo.com/soteriaproductions/review/556364297/a9f23f51ca

Technology and Virtual Meetings

One of our greatest learnings from the pandemic is a more effective use of technology. Students in grades 3–5 will continue to have a 1:1 device for use at school and home. Students in grades K–2 will have classroom devices to share. While work in school will not be technology-focused, students in the upper grades will continue to submit work via TEAMS and will continue to build an electronic portfolio. All students will continue to engage with iReady for reading and math independent work and use technology as a tool for research and creating.

One of the “unintentional improvements” from the pandemic is the option of virtual meetings. You will see on our calendar that curriculum nights for grades 2–5 will be virtual. Feedback from teachers and parents showed that meeting from the convenience of one’s home was preferred for this event. We know our K and 1 parents need an opportunity to visit the classrooms in person, as this has not been possible for them previously.

Conferences, SST and IEP meetings will be offered virtually and in-person this year. Parents can choose the option that works best.

Late Start Days

Fulton County Schools has designated 6 late start days on Mondays throughout this school year. The purpose of those days is to give teachers additional time to plan and prepare for learning. It is our current understanding that school hours remain the same for those days and that we will provide activities for students if their teachers are meeting at that time. We will share detailed plans for these days well in advance of the first one on Monday, September 20th. Please stay tuned and thank you for your patience as we await more information from FCS.

Birthday Treats in the Cafeteria

This year we are offering a new option for celebrating birthdays. We will NOT be sending in treats nor trinkets for classmates, but we WILL offer the option to purchase treats for the class at lunchtime. If you would like to take advantage of this option, please print this form and submit to the cafeteria at least 2 days prior to the celebration.


This form will also be uploaded to the MPE website: fultonschools.org/mountainparkes

Fun

Finally, we like to make learning at MPE! Here is our Milestones video from 2021, in case you are new to MPE. https://vimeo.com/54262473

We are excited that we will be able to do our in-person events this year like Fall Family Fun Night, Holiday Extravaganza, the Play and Spring Fling!
Business Partners and Friends

MPE's business partners and friends provide us with much-appreciated additional support. You can help them help us by participating in any or all of the following programs:

- **Publix Partners**: Enter your phone number each time you shop at any Publix, and we receive 1% of your purchase. Sign up for a [Publix.com](http://Publix.com) account (if you don't already have one), and select Mountain Park on the site!

- **Kroger Partners**: If you are a Kroger Plus card holder go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to register your card. If you do not currently have a Kroger Plus card, stop by the customer service desk at any Kroger to request one. By designating Mountain Park Elementary as your choice of organizations, a portion of your purchases will be allocated to our school. **Even if you enrolled last year, you must renew each year.**

- **Amazon Smile**: When you order from Amazon, please use the Amazon Smile MPE link and a portion of your purchase goes directly to the PTA: [http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1305050](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1305050).

- **Spirit Nights**: This year we will have two spirit nights each at Lucia's Italian Restaurant and Mellow Mushroom. It is a fun way to socialize and support our school! Please check the calendar and plan to attend!

- Business partner, **Harmony Chiropractic** offers a 15% discount to Mountain Park families for all services.

- **New Choice Real Estate**: Will make a % contribution to MPE with any home transaction. [matt@newchoicerealestate.com](mailto:matt@newchoicerealestate.com)

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. The 2021–22 school year is going to be our best one yet! We cannot wait to see all of you at Open House on August 6th!

We Before Me,

**Stacy Perlman**
Principal

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**MPE’s Mission Statement is Learn to Think! Think to Learn!**

Our school community of students, teachers and parents agreed to this mission statement back in 2007. In the book, *The World is Flat* by Thomas L. Friedman, the author suggests Learn to Think! Think to Learn! should be the mission of every school. We believe it accurately portrays our commitment to helping students become critical thinkers and problem-solvers.
The School Governance Council (SGC) is a collaborative team of parents, school staff, and community members who work together to create, implement, and monitor progress on our school's strategic plan. Like all of Fulton County Schools, MPE created a strategic plan in 2018 that will be in place through 2022.

**Our plan addresses four key pillars:**
**Student Achievement, People and Culture, Community Collaboration, and Fiscal Responsibility.**

Within each of these areas, we work together to establish meaningful initiatives and desired outcomes that target growth, engagement, and community at our school. During this challenging year, our council decided to focus on initiatives to help support our teachers, staff, and students (People and Culture). Some initiatives included: some initiatives based on staff feedback included: Using flexible funds to provide additional front office support, purchasing sets of books for each classroom, created building initiatives to provide meals, gift cards, meal trains for teachers, working with parents/families to share with the teachers’ statements of the impact that they have made on our students this year and end of year thank you letters. We have a strong community at MPE and are happy to report that this year, we've had the highest percentage of teacher retention in the past 15 years!

For more information about SGC, please visit the school website, click on the "Our School" tab, and then on the "School Governance Council" heading. There you will find our school strategic plan, a monitoring tool that we use to regularly check in on our progress, a schedule of meeting dates, and all of the meeting documents (agendas, minutes, summary of actions). You will also see updates throughout the year from our meetings in the Mustang Flyer.

The School Governance Council meets monthly (typically at 7:30 am on Friday) and all are welcome at our meetings! We set aside time at each meeting for public comment from guests and you can always observe the rest of the meeting. Your voice matters and we are here to represent our entire school community, so I encourage you to join us, make your voice heard, and learn more about what we do.

Serving on the School Governance Council has been a rewarding experience for me to be able to work as a team with Ms. Perlman, teachers, fellow parents, and community members for our common goal- to make MPE the best school for our students, families, and staff! Stay tuned for information later this year about the SGC elections and I encourage you to consider running for the parent seat that will be open and join the team!

**Allison Otting**
Chairperson, Mountain Park Elementary SGC
PE students are highly engaged in hands-on, project-based learning during our daily 50-minute Enrichment Block. Students learn science and social studies concepts through our Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) in TAG and general education classes daily.

The renowned educational psychologist Dr. Joseph Renzulli (University of Connecticut) developed the Schoolwide Enrichment Model. The SEM model infuses higher-level thinking activities and more opportunities for creativity into every classroom. Project-Based Learning (PBL) is a highly engaging and motivating approach that draws student involvement, interest, and investment in learning. By combining the project-based approach and SEM strategies, student engagement and learning soar!

YOUR generous donations, through the MPE PTA, fund the hands-on activities students enjoy daily.

**What opportunities does the Schoolwide Enrichment Model provide for students?**

All grades enjoy a visit from the SCIENCE Machine during the first week of school to kick off our Enrichment Block with amazing and entertaining science experiments!

Here are some highlights of what students get to do at each grade level:

**KINDERGARTEN:**
- Silly Story Ladies – monthly visits from costumed story tellers who bring literature to life
- Community Building – planning and building a whole community from found and gathered materials
- Becoming a Scientist – hands-on experiments
- Veteran’s Day Celebration/Interview with real veterans
- Thanksgiving Friendship Feast
- Truck Ramp Experiments
- Designing a Roller Coaster
- 100th Day of School Celebration
- Dr. Seuss Week
- Rock and Roll Onsite Field Trip
- Nature Walk – Hike to Leita Thompson
- Party Animals – hands-on experience “nose-to-nose with exotic animals from the farthest reaches of the world”

**FIRST GRADE:**
- Lewis and Clark Adventure - Students “pack their own suitcases” with items needed to survive a journey across America.
- Ruby Bridges Teaching Museum field trip
- Creating 3D maps and globes
- Rain Cloud in a Jar (precipitation)
- Flashlight experiments to explore light & shadow
- Solid, Liquid, Gas Root Beer Floats
- On-site hands-on Weather field trip
- Literacy Gardens - Students design a garden around a book and raise plants
- Sound experiments with tuning forks and boomwhackers
- Magnet experiments
- Me and my Shadow – onsite field trip

**SECOND GRADE:**
- American Indians Taste test
- American Indian Museums
- Growing Butterflies
- Hatching Chicks
- High Touch/ High Tech on-site field trip - Life Cycles
- Treasure Hunt - following map
- Market Day - create business plan, write a loan, develop logo & slogan, record commercials
- Making Oobleck
- Chain Reaction project - Rube Goldberg inspired
- Build a snowman - how does it change over the course of a day
- Creating Space Suits with found materials
- Create Sundials
- Design Thinking
SEM and Project-based Learning
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THIRD GRADE:
• Diamond Del - mining
• Lemonade War -economics simulation for the whole school
• Potlatch (trade between Native Americans and Early Explorers)
• Soil Water Retention Lab
• Pollution Solution Design Challenge - How might we reduce the amount of pollution entering the river?
• Building Solar Ovens
• Design Thinking
• Penguin Habitats (controlling heat loss using insulators)
• Thermos Design
• Creating your own colony

FOURTH GRADE:
• Pioneer Day Simulation
• Build Terrariums
• Create a Relative Distance Model of the Planets from the Sun
• Pond Ecosystem Model
• Building Weather Stations with instruments
• Sherman’s March to the Sea simulation
• Force and Motion Kickball
• Star Lab onsite field trip
• Creating Musical Instruments to explore sound
• Articles of Confederation Debate
• Dissecting Owl Pellets

FIFTH GRADE:
• Sandy Beaches & Rain Away (Constructive & Destructive Forces)
• Constructing Continents
• Make an Electromagnet
• Sparky’s Light Kit – creating electricity
• Stock Market Crash Simulation
• Building Hoovervilles
• Science Survivor
• Chemical Café Lab
• Mixed Reactions Lab
• Building Lava Lamps
• WWI Trench Warfare Simulation
• Ellis Island Simulation
• Communism vs Capitalism Hershey Kiss Simulation
• Civil Rights Museum
• Mustang Market Economics Simulation

TAG Students participate in many of the activities listed for each grade with some other corresponding activities:

1st Grade –
• Planting their very own edible garden
• Learning to create their own PowerPoint presentations
• Create and perform their own shadow puppet show
• Extreme Weather Fashion Show

2nd Grade – (choose the ones you think are most interesting)
• Space Play
• Cupcake Economics/ market day
• American Indian museum
• Butterfly journal
• Create Rube Goldberg
• Create a blueprint of their classroom
• MOON crater experiment

3rd Grade –
• Fossils Encounter Presentations
• Skype Lesson w/ Fossil Butte Park Ranger (Rocks, Soils, & Fossils)
• Solutions for Vanishing Deer in Lake Lanier (problem-solving)
• Write and perform poems and songs about insulators
• Create a Colonial Diorama
• Design a Penguin Habitat and a Solar Oven
• Triorama of your Ga region habitat
• Potato spice experiment

4th Grade –
• American Revolution Idol
• Creating and Marketing inventions
• Lincoln/ Obama Encounter
• Bill of Rights Debate
• Articles of Confederation Simulation
• Space SCAMPER

5th Grade –
• Edible Cells Presentation
• Skype Lesson with GA Aquarium
• Chemical Change Experiments
• Stock Market Simulation
• Research and compare/contrast on a Cold War Leader
• INVENTORS decision making
NEW STAFF

We are thrilled to be adding so many amazing new staff members. Please join us in welcoming...

Lexie Beta, 4th Grade Special Education

Hello! My name is Lexie Beta, I live in Milton, GA, and grew up in upstate NY. I have a loving and supportive husband and 3 wonderful daughters, plus a Goldendoodle that all light up my world. I enjoy live music and eating out in my spare time. I enjoy lounging at our pool or trying to play tennis with my family. Fun fact, I love mini donkeys! I don't have one (yet) but they sure do make me smile. I will be joining Mountain Park as a 4th grade Special Education teacher! This will be my first year as a full-time educator, but I’ve spent many years working with children. I couldn’t be more excited and ready to put my skills to work and encourage the best out of each of my students and give them the tools to thrive as they continue to develop and grow!

Jessica Elgin, 1st Grade

Hi! Mustangs! My family and I relocated from Decatur last summer and we couldn’t be happier with our move! My husband works for the Atlanta Hawks, and we love sports. You can find me cheering for our daughters (11-year-old Zoe and 8-year-old Quinn) courtside or on the soccer field most weekends. I also enjoy traveling, reading, thrifting, and hiking. I most recently served as the IB Coordinator for Fernbank Elementary. I have 16 years’ experience teaching ESOL as well as kindergarten, first, and second-grade homerooms. I have gained so much from my diverse learners and the IB principles. My passion lies in bringing these ESOL and IB understandings together. When children are encouraged to utilize and value their experiences, their identities, in order to connect to new people, new experiences, and new knowledge, I believe that is when authentic learning takes place. I am so excited to be strengthened by the teaching and learning of the Mountain Park team!

Heather Oaks, K Paraprofessional

Hi! I moved to Roswell and joined the Mountain Park community as a mom 5 years ago. I’m thrilled to join this incredible staff as a Kindergarten para pro in the Fall! I graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Social Work and from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a Master’s degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. I have worked with children in many capacities and cannot wait to return to the classroom! I am an outdoor girl. I love to camp with my family, ride bikes, read, and dance. My goal in the classroom is to build a classroom family that loves to explore and learn together.

Elizabeth Ricketson, 3rd grade

Hello everybody! I was born and raised in Georgia. For the past 12 years, Roswell has been my home. Since the 2nd grade, I have wanted to be a teacher when I grew up. I have 14 years of experience as an educator with a wide variety of teaching experience that includes early childhood, elementary, and adults! I am extremely excited to join the Mountain Park Elementary community as a 3rd-grade teacher. I love learning and trying new things, especially food and restaurants. I enjoy hiking to waterfalls and traveling to the beach. I plan to create a nurturing learning environment where students are eager to learn and challenge themselves to be better!

Scott Selvig, Construction Teacher (Grades 2–5)

Hi, Mountain Park families and students! My name is Scott Selvig and I will be the Carpentry Pathway teacher. I grew up in MN and moved to California for college. I started as a carpenter to put myself through college and continue to work in the field many summers. I graduated from Cal-State University, Fullerton, and have taught for 29 years. I received my Master’s in middle grades education at NGCSU and I have teaching endorsements in Gifted and Elementary Science. I have enjoyed teaching in grades K-8; 1 year in California, one year in Cameroon, Africa, and 27 years in Georgia. My wife, Jill, and I have two married adult children. 3 out of 4 of us are in education. You will find me outside in my free time. My hobbies include liquid or solid skiing, woodworking, wake surfing, volleyball, biking, and recently pickleball. I look forward to teaching you the fun of creating with wood. We’ll use math skills each day in class to see what we can build. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Heath Willoughby, Curriculum Support Teacher

Hello! My name is Heath Willoughby. I am an elementary educator of 19 years. I am passionate about lifelong learning and education for everyone. I hold an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from Jacksonville State University (AL). I am a master’s graduate of Georgia State University (GSU) with a degree in Creative and Innovative Education. I will begin my post-graduate degree at GSU in August 2021. I will be joining the Mountain Park family as the Curriculum Support Teacher. Previously, I taught 4th and 5th grade here at Mountain Park. I am excited to be back with my MPE family and eager to collaborate with students, teachers, and families to create and maintain a culture where we learn to think and think to learn.
Twitter, Facebook, and Google, Oh My!

How do I stay abreast of what's happening at MPE?

1. Read the weekly Mustang Flyer sent on Thursdays via email.

2. Join the PTA. Attend general meetings where you get a voice and a vote.

3. Download our Google calendar to your smart phone or home calendar mpepta.com/calendar

4. Join us on FACEBOOK: Mountain Park Elementary Mustangs

5. Follow us on Twitter: @MPE_Mustangs

6. Visit the MPE School Website: fultonschools.org/MountainParkES

7. Visit MPE PTA Website: mpepta.com

8. Attend Monthly School Governance Council (SGC) Meetings.

9. Attend Monthly Community Board Meetings (format TBD) with board member Katha Stuart. These dates will be added to the PTA calendar and advertised in the Mustang Flyer once announced.

10. Check your child's Thursday folder.

11. Check your 2nd – 5th grade student’s grades in Campus Parent. (see page 4)

interested in being a room parent?

A great way to connect with MPE and get to know the teachers is by becoming a Room Parent. At Open House, parents will complete a form in the classrooms where there will be an option to volunteer as a room parent. There are three room parents for each classroom, and they are selected after the ten-day count. We ask that you only volunteer to be a room parent for one class to give others a chance to volunteer.

Room Parent Job Description:

- Develop and maintain the class roster
- Set up a Room email distribution to advise parents of the school and/or class activities
- Assist teachers in planning organized parties:
  - All grades: Winter Holiday & End of the Year Parties
  - Grades K-2 also have a Valentine's Day Party
- Collect items and/or funds needed for class
- Assist in organizing the meal train to provide a monthly lunch or dinner for teachers
- Coordinate the class basket for the Holiday Extravaganza
- Teacher Appreciation:
  - Coordinate with parents for teacher gifts
  - Promote teacher appreciation activities
  - Organize volunteers to provide food for teacher appreciation events

For more information, contact the Room Parent Coordinators:
Lindsay Lanier lindsay.lanier@yahoo.com or
Leslie Savage lrsavage2017@gmail.com

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS AND LUNCH BUNCH

Mountain Park provides inclusive programs to meet the needs of students with varied learning styles and characteristics. At Mountain Park, the goal of special education is to prepare students through specialized instruction to become successful in all educational and social settings. Regular education students may have the opportunity to participate in “Circle of Friends” on a volunteer basis with parental permission.

The purpose of Circle of Friends is to include typical peers in therapy as peer models to help cue and teach other students social skills throughout the school day in all settings. In the end, Circle of Friends teaches all students the value and gift of individual differences. This program encourages understanding and tolerance, which fosters relationships and friendships in a therapy setting facilitated by a Speech-Language Pathologist. This program also promotes weekly opportunities to verbally extend invitations to a few classmates to attend lunch in a supervised classroom known as “Lunch Bunch.” Many social skill topics are taught and role-played, such as the importance of having good manners, conversational skills, problem-solving skills, and interactive social role-play situations. Countless research demonstrates the effectiveness of using peer-mediated strategies to promote social skills in individuals who require further development. Student-driven programs at Mountain Park have and continue to make a difference in the lives of all students.

Submitted by: Suzanne Cockrel, MS Ed SLP

Talented And Gifted (TAG)

The Talented and Gifted (TAG) program in the Fulton County School System provides enriching learning experiences for the intellectually advanced and exceptionally creative student. Gifted services are available in all Fulton County schools for students in kindergarten through grade 12. The program meets all requirements of the Georgia Department of Education and provides diverse, high-quality opportunities for the student. All TAG teachers in Fulton County hold an endorsement in Gifted Education from the Professional Standards Commission. These specially-trained educators guide the gifted student in ways that maximize the child’s unique learning characteristics, interests, personal needs, and capabilities.

The Fulton County School System screens students for eligibility for gifted services twice a year. For more information about the Screening and Referral Process, please explore the Fulton County website

https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/5099

We are fortunate this year to have Ms. Mary Stewart who is joined by our very own Ms. Jennifer L’Hommedieu as the TAG Team.
Hello! I am Sarah Hailey and will be serving as this year’s PTA Co-President along with Cathy Malec. We can be reached at mpepta@gmail.com to answer your questions, keep you informed & help you stay involved.

Parents always tell me that there’s just something so special about our school. My husband and I moved to Roswell 5 years ago to allow our then rising kindergartner to attend MPE. We literally toured over 10 public elementary schools around Atlanta and chose MPE as our FAVORITE! Now our daughter, Ellis is going to be in 5th grade, and our son, Hugh is a rising 3rd grader. Cathy’s son Grant is a 4th grader at MPE and her twins Anna & Greyson, who also attended MPE, are in 7th grade at Crabapple Middle School.

We love how MPE creates effective curriculum, builds community & teaches with BIG Mustang hearts.

Please consider how you can give back in a BIG way this year. For the PTA to be effective and truly representative of the school, parent participation is ESSENTIAL.

The Holiday Extravaganza is our BIGGEST school fundraiser hosted by the PTA. We need YOUR support to meet our goal of $40,000 that supports all of our PTA programmings.

The event will be held on December 11 from 10 AM – 3 PM at MPE and is so much fun for the whole family! Enjoy Delightful Roswell Deals, the Sweet Shoppe, Holiday Marketplace, door prizes, local entertainment, and a chance to win BIG in our gift Basket Raffle.

The Holiday Extravaganza is going to be better than ever this year with your participation! Let’s come together as ONE MPE family to show our COMMUNITY SPIRIT & MUSTANG HEART.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

1) **ATTEND** the Holiday Extravaganza on December 11 from 10 – 3 PM.

2) **VOLUNTEER** for one of the event committees – email mpepta@gmail.com to sign up.
   a. Delightful Deals
   b. Sweet Shoppe
   c. Holiday Marketplace
   d. Local Entertainment
   e. Gift Basket Raffle

3) **DONATE:** Delightful Deals, contribute to your class raffle basket, purchase tickets
Join MPE PTA with [ONE CLICK](#) BEFORE Wednesday, August 4th and expedite your Open House Experience! Families who join in advance can pick up their membership packets from the table and proceed to Open House step 2. We appreciate your support!

**Where does the money from my PTA Membership go?**

Part of your donation goes toward the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) — see pages 11–12.

**The rest of your contribution provides:**

- Cultural Arts experiences for all students
- Science Expo
- Media Center materials
- Art and music supplies
- Additional PPE and Clinic supplies
- Fall Family Fun Night
- Supports the MPE Drama Club
- The 5th grade Youth Day Float
- Classroom materials
- Facility enhancements
- Staff Appreciation events
- Student garden materials and much more!

### Which PTA Membership is right for my family?

Please refer to the chart below to choose what membership level works for your family. This amount is based on the minimum of $30 needed per student for our Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM).

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN PTA TODAY](#)

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                   | • PTA Parent Directory  
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                   | • $120 SEM Contribution | $300+     |
| Gold Mustang        | • $15 Spirit Wear Voucher  
                   | • 1 MPE Calendar  
                   | • 1 MPE Vinyl Decal  
                   | • PTA Parent Directory  
                   | • 1 Transportation Pad  
                   | • $90 SEM Contribution | $150–299 |
| Silver Mustang      | • $10 Spirit Wear Voucher  
                   | • 1 MPE Calendar  
                   | • 1 MPE Vinyl Decal  
                   | • PTA Parent Directory  
                   | • 1 Transportation Pad  
                   | • $60 SEM Contribution | $75–149  |
| Bronze Mustang      | • PTA Parent Directory  
                   | • 1 MPE Vinyl Decal  
                   | • 1 Transportation Pad  
                   | • $30 SEM Contribution | $45–74    |
| Mustang             | • PTA Parent Directory  
                   | • 1 MPE Vinyl Decal  
                   | • 1 Transportation Pad  
                   | • $30 SEM Contribution | $15–44    |

**MORE QUESTIONS?** **Contact the PTA VP of Membership, Katie Jones, at katiemcjones@gmail.com.**
The Mountain Park Elementary Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide for the enrichment and enhancement of educational programs and opportunities in alignment with the school’s strategic plan.

The foundation was formed by a group of parents and community members to harness more resources and provide flexible funding to support the needs of the school.

In 2019, the MPE Foundation raised $28,500 for the school to purchase additional laptops, bringing 1:1 technology to fifth grade. This positioned our students well for what was to come the following year—universal remote learning. Our students succeeded in the URL environment partially because of their increased technological literacy.

With the return to in-person learning and a new school year filled with opportunities, the foundation is seeking to add new board members and plan for another fun and successful fundraising event in 2022.

We are now planning the Second (Mostly) Annual Blue Jean Ball for spring 2022 at the Roswell Historic Cottage. This adult-only event is your chance to socialize with other MPE parents while enjoying live music, food, beer from local breweries, wine, and other treats. There will be a silent auction and door prizes. It is sure to be a great time! Keep an eye out for ticket sales this fall.

How can you support the MPE Foundation?

- Volunteer to serve as a board member
- Join a committee to help plan the Blue Jean Ball
- Provide a sponsorship through your business
- Donate food, drinks, or silent auction items
- Make a cash donation
- Buy tickets to the Blue Jean Ball

Please contact the MPEF by visiting www.mpefoundation.com or sending a message to mountainparkfoundation@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

The Mountain Park Elementary Foundation
TRANSPORTATION TIPS

Doors open at 7:10 AM and the bell rings at 7:40 AM.
Dismissal begins at 2:20 PM.

Prior to Open House, you will complete the electronic Transportation Form (located in the Open House procedures in this document) to indicate the primary mode of transportation for your child(ren) – the way he/she will go home each day – unless you send in a WRITTEN transportation change. Transportation change notepads are available for purchase from PTA at Open House and/or with your PTA membership. E-mails will not be accepted for Transportation changes because staff members don't always have time to check their emails during instructional time.

We recommend that students ride the bus each day; (students who ride the bus are never counted tardy!) You can also take advantage of Here Comes the Bus: an easy-to-use website and mobile app that enables parents and caregivers to view the real-time location of their child's bus on a computer, tablet, or smart phone. Additionally, email alerts and push notifications help parents send their students to the bus stop at just the right time.

Download the Here Comes the Bus app or visit herecomesthebus.com, and click the Log In button on the top right corner. If you have a new student, or have never signed up, click on the “Not a Here Comes the Bus User? Sign Up Today!” Under school code, enter in the school district code- 87428- and click “Next” followed by “Confirm.” Complete the “User Profile” box, and then under “My Students” click “Add.” Enter in your child’s last name and student ID number (lunch number). New families receive their student ID number at Open House. Once you confirm information, you’re ready to begin using Here Comes the Bus! If your child was enrolled last year, his/her information will roll over.

TRANSPORTATION FAQS

Q: What if I need to checkout my child early?
A: Please arrive at the front office PRIOR to 2:00 PM and be prepared to show a photo ID. Do not park in the bus lane (the lane in front of the school) or the lower parking lot after 2:00 PM or you will likely be stuck there until after dismissal.

Q: How does morning carpool work?
A: Students may be dropped off after 7:10 AM at the side door, near the 4th and 5th grade wing of the building. Adults are on hand to greet and assist students. Cars MERGE as you near the front of the line. If it is after 7:40 AM, you must pull around; you must park and walk your child in to the front office.

Q: What is the procedure for arrival if we park in the parking lot in the morning?
A: In the mornings, please make sure to pull into an actual spot in the parking lot and walk your child to the front of the school. If you do not want to get out of your car, please go through carpool. With buses and cars arriving at the front, and many dark mornings, this helps us ensure student safety.

Q: What about afternoon carpool?
A: Students are dismissed out of the carpool door beginning at approximately 2:20 PM. Cars MERGE at the entrance to the carpool loop to form a line and wait for students. Staff will call your child to one of the cones when you arrive near the front of the line.

Q: What if my child needs to go home a different way?
A: Send in a WRITTEN Transportation Form with the change – Transportation pads are available from PTA at Open House. Please do not email the teacher during the day with Transportation changes.

BUS NUMBERS & COLORS

Beginning July 26th:
When you log in to https://edulogweb.fultonschools.org/live-wq/webquery/
- You will enter your address and grade level
- Click Mountain Park ES
- Note your bus stops, times and bus number

Here are the corresponding bus colors:
(Subject to change & any updates will be sent as soon as possible.)

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MPE STUDENT SAFETY

Student safety is our first priority. We have an extensive safety plan with procedures in place to keep students and staff safe in the event of any emergency situation.

Here is a brief overview:

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Emergency Drills are practiced monthly. We have soft lockdown, hard lockdown, evacuate, and shelter drills. A soft lockdown is in the event of a threat or hazard outside the building while a hard lockdown is in the event of a threat or hazard inside the building. Evacuation drills are practiced in the event that students need to move from one location to another, and finally, shelter drills are practiced in the event that severe weather is approaching. Teachers are trained on drill procedures. Drills are timed and are evaluated by administration for efficiency. If we need to tighten up on a procedure, we practice the drill again. Additionally, all staff receive active shooter training.

ENTRY TO THE BUILDING

Exterior doors remain locked during the school day. The side door for carpool is opened at 7:10 AM and locked at 7:40 AM each morning. Our front door has a buzzer/locking system where visitors are buzzed into the building. The front door is locked at 7:40 AM as well, and the door remains locked for the rest of the day. If you arrive to school after 7:40 AM, please park in the parking lot and walk your child into the building. Our doors are also locked after dismissal, as students are in the building for after school activities.

EMERGENCY BACKPACKS

We have Emergency Backpacks for each classroom, complete with first aid kit, flashlight, and other necessary items. We also have two defibrillators on-site (one is PTA funded), locking classroom doors, two-way walkie talkies, a mirror in the front hallway for increased security, as well as at least 10 CPR certified staff members.

Obviously, we hope to never use our emergency procedures. However, we do have them in place, and we practice the drills so we are well prepared in the event of an actual emergency. You will receive notices via Blackboard Messenger from Mountain Park and/or Fulton County in the event of any emergency situation. You can also follow Fulton County Schools on Twitter by following the handle @FultonCoSchools.

Thank you for helping us to be safe at school!

YEARBOOK: GET THOSE CAMERAS READY!

We’ll be collecting photos for the Mustang Yearbook throughout the year so watch for notifications of when and where to send your photos! Individual photos taken during Fall picture day are the ones used in the yearbook, so don’t miss picture day!

Look for more information about the Mustang Yearbook at Open House. If you would like to volunteer for the Yearbook Committee, please contact Jennifer Barton at jcahill50@gmail.com.
Has your family been having an awesome Summer Break?

It’s once again time to show off your creative talents for the 2021–2022 PTA Reflections Art contest. This year’s theme is “I Will Change the World By...”.

This is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. The program engages nearly 300,000 students and their families in arts education activities each year by encouraging students to explore the arts for fun and recognition.

Students may choose from one or more of the available arts categories:
- Dance Choreography
- Film production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts

Students of all grades and all abilities are encouraged to participate.

Submission rules and deadlines will be communicated soon.

MPE GARDEN

We have zucchini, squash, tomatoes, onions, garlic, okra, potatoes, basil, and tomatoes to harvest in August and through the Fall. Classes may plant some things and watch them grow before October and the first frost comes.

Square 1 takes your child’s artwork and makes it into great products for you to purchase. These products are wonderful keepsakes and gifts for family and friends. Celebrate your child’s artistic achievement and support our school at the same time!

Artwork is created in art class. Artwork can be ordered on coffee mugs, aprons, t-shirts, stickers, magnets, tote bags, notebooks and more. Order forms will be sent out in the Fall and expect product delivery before winter break. Great items for holiday gifts!

Look for more information this Fall from the PTA.

ONLINE SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Join the PTA and get FREE online access to the school directory at:

membershiptoolkit.com

Download the app to your phone, print hard copies, or save in your address book. It’s easy!
CLUBS! GET INVOLVED!

Whether you’re an artist using paint, your voice, or your feet, MPE has lots of clubs and activities for your interests:

WMPE
Attention all Rising 5th Graders! Do you want to be a member of the WMPE News Crew? Application information is available on the media center’s website under tab #8. [http://mpemc.weebly.com](http://mpemc.weebly.com)

There are 2 jobs on the news crew: anchor and behind-the-scenes. The anchor will be responsible for delivering the news on camera. The behind-the-scenes role is responsible for advancing the teleprompter, collecting the lost and found items each day, and choosing our daily school clock design. All students who join the news crew must be able to arrive at school by 7:30 a.m. the morning of their assigned duty. Any students also assigned to Safety Patrol at the same time as their news crew duties will perform afternoon Safety Patrol duties only.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Jaksic, Media Specialist, at jaksicv@fultonschools.org.

The Art Club
The MPE Art Club is led by a group of wonderful teachers that want to spread a love of art. Students will create art projects that will help beautify the school as well as create individual projects with a variety of materials.

The Drama Club
There is something for everyone on stage and behind the scenes. In 2020, students shone on stage during The Wizard of Oz. We can’t wait to see our students show off their talents this year in Aladdin Jr.!

The Interact Club
The Interact Club is a fun opportunity that is available to interested 4th and 5th graders who want to provide service to others. In the past, the Interact Club led the “Be the Voice” Campaign at Mountain Park which encouraged students to be the voice as an “upstander” and not be a bystander.

Student Council
This is a club that consists of elected third, fourth, and fifth grade representatives who engage in design thinking to solve school challenges.

The Safety Patrol
This is an opportunity for 5th graders to serve as leaders throughout the school during arrival and dismissal time. The students work to help younger students during arrival and dismissal as well as help keep our hallways, carpool, and bus area safe.

In addition to our school sponsored clubs, check out other after school clubs, from outside vendors, that are offered at MPE. Information tables will be in the gym at Open House and flyers will be sent electronically via PeachJar. There’s something for everyone!

Mark Your Calendars!

AUDITIONS:
October 4, 5 & 6, 2021

CALLBACKS:
October 13, 2021

PRODUCTION WEEK:
March 14–19, 2022

For more information, please visit mpepta.com, contact: mpealaddin@gmail.com

After School Program

2:20 PM–6:30 PM
1–5 DAYS A WEEK

https://rightatschool-mountain-park-elementary.jumbula.com/#/after-school
Discover Cub Scouts:

Cub Scouts is a place where boys can have fun in the outdoors, learn new skills, make new friends, and begin a journey that will transform them into leaders for tomorrow.

Pack 135 conducts regular monthly Den and Pack meetings, service projects, local field trips for various activities, the traditional Pinewood Derby, Rocket Day launch, and weekend camping trips in the North Georgia mountains. Scouting can be something that you and your son will remember for the rest of his life! Pack 135 is family oriented with sisters, parents, and friends of the Scout encouraged to participate in all Scouting activities as well.

A meeting to provide information to those interested in Cub Scouts will be held shortly after school starts. Be on the lookout for details soon. The meeting is for parents of boys currently in kindergarten through 5th grade who are interested in Cub Scouts for the 2021–2022 school year.

Contact Ed Barton at webarton2@gmail.com or Melanie Monahan at mrsmonahan5711@gmail.com.

PAWS for Reading:

This innovative program for Mountain Park Elementary beginning readers is looking for dog and human volunteers. If your dog is calm, and good with children as well as other dogs, Paws would love to have your animal be a special canine friend that selected First graders can sit next to, pet and read aloud to for an extra boost of reading confidence. Students are provided books and dog treats to give their furry partners. Owners are expected to stay with their dog and interact with the student.

PAWS is also looking for one human each week to help walk the students from their rooms when their reading shift starts. It’s a great way for non-dog owners to be part of the fun!

The PTA position for Paws for Reading is currently open. If you would like to volunteer please contact mpepta@gmail.com.

Join the Girl Scout Adventure!

Sign your daughter up for a year of outdoors, adventures and friends.

We are looking for parents to lead and girls to have fun in the newly forming Mountain Park Elementary Girl Scout troops. All girls of all abilities, kindergarten through fifth, are welcome! Girls will experience goal setting, STEM and character building in fun and creative ways.

Girl Scouts is an all-volunteer organization, so any new kindergarten troops will need new leaders. Being a leader is easier than you think with free training and support. It’s a great way to meet new people and shape your daughter’s extra-curricular activities.

For more information contact Sarah Buehrle at sbuehrle@hotmail.com.