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School starts August 12th! In this newsletter, you will find tools and information to make Open House easier, including the necessary forms and Step-by-Step instructions to get you in and out in a timely manner.

Check out Principal Stacy Perlman’s letter on [pages 3–5](#) where she shares our exciting school goals and what we are doing to achieve them, as well as our focus areas for 2019–20.

PTA Co-Presidents GG Daly and Sara Maurer have worked tirelessly to get the committees, programs and events in place to help our students and teachers succeed and exceed expectations. Read their message on [page 10](#).

Want to become more involved? We would love to have you. Look for the volunteer table at Open House, reach out to the Co-Presidents or committee chairs anytime, or go to our PTA website, www.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, and PTA, www.mpepta.com, websites and look for the weekly Mustang Flyer e-blast. There are a lot of ways to connect.

It’s going to be a great year!



MPE and Woodland ES BrightSpark Design Competition Winners

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES

- 7:10AM Doors Open
- 7:40AM Tardy Bell *(students must be in class)*
- 2:20PM Dismissal Begins

..... OPEN HOUSE | FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019

Last names beginning **A–L** 8:30AM–10:00AM

Last names beginning **M–Z** 10:30AM–12:00PM

The key to a successful Open House is to do these steps in order. Join the PTA online before August 6th at 5PM, and go directly to the EXPRESS Line to pick up your prepaid items, or have your forms ready, checkbook or Visa/MC credit card handy, and sign up the day of Open House. Go to <https://www.mpepta.com/join-the-pta> to join, and find forms to download or print, and a form is also at the end of this edition of the Hoofprints.

STOP 1 | FRONT HALLWAY LOBBY

- Get an Open House Checklist with Map
- Get a Student All-In-One Release Form (*if you didn't bring one with you*)

STOP 2 | CAFETERIA

- Join the PTA—there are two ways:
 1. Go directly to the EXPRESS line if you've prepaid.
 2. Turn in or fill out PTA Membership/SEM Contribution Form at any of the Membership tables.
- Pre-pay for lunches or pre-pay online anytime at www.MyPaymentsPlus.com.
- Visit PTA volunteer table.
- Check out the new Spirit wear including t-shirts, car magnets, and other new items .
- Buy MPE Foundation's Blue Jean Ball tickets for September 21. Have a blast while raising money for educational technology!

STOP 3 | MEDIA CENTER

- Fill out a Transportation Form for each student. Give this form to your teacher in the classroom. (*form only at Open House*)
- Receive your bus card with bus stop information.

STOP 4 | CLASSROOM | MEET & GREET YOUR NEW TEACHER

Must go to Steps 1, 2 and 3 before Step 4. Teachers need the transportation form from Step 3.

- Check Class Assignment Postings:
 - **K:** Outside Art Room
 - **1st:** Outside CST Office (100 Hall)
 - **2nd:** Main Hall near Quilt
 - **3rd:** Between the 3rd grade bathrooms
 - **4th:** Entry to 4th grade hall
 - **5th:** Downstairs on 5th grade hall by elevator
- Meet and Greet your new teacher!
- Give classroom teacher your completed Transportation Form (*get at Stop 3 Media Center*) and your completed Student All-In-One Release Form (*on pg. 19 or in front hallway*)

STOP 5 | GYM

- Sign up for after-school activities and care programs.

STOP 6 | FRONT OFFICE

- If you are a new volunteer or did not register last year, stop by to scan your license and register as a visitor and/or volunteer

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. Supply lists are found at fultonschools.org/MountainParkES.

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL STACY PERLMAN

Hello Mountain Park Families!

We hope everyone is having a fantastic summer! We are busy preparing for the 2019-2020 school year! Our theme this year is **Be Kind** and you will see it woven throughout the year. We are excited about the gains we made last year, especially in 5th grade ELA, math and science. Our focus this year will be on continuing the work we've started and ensuring that students have meaningful and engaging learning experiences. Here's what we've been working on:



Effective English Language Arts Instruction:

We will continue implementing the Lucy Calkins' Reading and Writing Units of Study K-5. It is critical that our students are strong readers and effective writers. We believe (and have the data to prove) that the Readers' and Writers' Workshop model is the right way to achieve this. Here 3rd graders share their best writing with visitors at an author's celebration.



Author Celebration

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

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. Teachers have developed engaging and rigorous learning units to teach the science and social studies standards. Most of the students call it PBL (Project-Based Learning) and say it's their favorite subject!



Bobby Jones at the Living Museum



2nd Grade Market Day



Party Animals Visit K

Engage New York Math:

Three years ago we piloted the Engage New York math curriculum in one 1st grade class. The results were compelling so we implemented in all first grades the following year. Last year we rolled this curriculum up to 2nd grade as well. The 2nd grade teachers were so happy with their students' progress in math that we are expanding to K and 3rd in 2019-2020.



Math Challenge

Mustang T.R.A.I.L:

Our Positive Behavior Intervention System 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.

Professional Learning Communities:

We will continue iterating our PLC prototype. Our teams meet together weekly to review student data and student work. Our two CSTs, Dr. Keogh (ELA) and Ms. Smith (Math & Enrichment Block) will continue to work with our teams to make sound instructional decisions based on student progress.



MPE 5th Grade Design Team



Kindness Pledges

Design Thinking

We are in our 7th 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. Last year our 5th grade design team won a national competition for their prototype to solve the problem of homelessness.

MPE teachers and students use this innovative strategy to solve problems and engage in higher order thinking through the design thinking cycle of empathize, 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. The Dobbs Foundation is funding a case study of Mountain Park and our work with design thinking. Wendy Kelly and I will also be presenting our work at the Learning Forward conference in St. Louis in December. Here is an article about design thinking at MPE: <https://bit.ly/2IRaH4q>

Technology

Mountain Park is part of the Fulton County Personalized Learning Initiative. Each homeroom class has district provided iPads for student use. We have supplemented those with our school and PTA purchased iPads to provide more access in the 3-5 classrooms. Students are able to use electronic resources to work at their own pace, create products and conduct research. Students in grades 3-5 are also welcome to bring their own technology to school if they sign and follow our B.Y.O.T. agreement. We anticipate a technology refresh this fall and the MPE Foundation is working hard to raise money to provide additional devices to those provided by the district.

Fun

Finally we like to have fun. Here is our Milestones video from last year, in case you are new to MPE.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNrE-l0WKIE>




Building Rube Goldberg

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.

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 shop at any Publix and we receive 1% of your purchase. Simply sign up for a Publix.com account (if you don't already have one), and select Mountain Park on the website!
- **Kroger Partners:** If you are a Kroger Plus card holder go to www.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.**
- **BoxTops for Education :** Clip your boxtops and send them in! PTA submits these each year for money back to our school. 
- **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> .
- **Spirit Nights:** We have monthly Spirit Nights at Mellow Mushroom, Zaxby's, Lucky's, Moxie Burger, Alessio's, Menchies and Lucia's! Each restaurant donates a portion of the evening's sales to MPE. It's a fun way to socialize and support our school!
- Business partner, **Harmony Chiropractic** offers a 15% discount to Mountain Park families for all services.
- **Brookfield Country Club** is currently running a special through the summer where they will donate 75% of the initiation fee to MPE.

Thank you to our generous business partners for their ongoing support:

Aurora Cineplex
Brookfield Country Club
Core Matters
Harmony Chiropractic Center
Harry Norman REALTORS –
Tania Gardere MacLeod
Lucia's Italian Restaurant
Mathnasium of West Roswell
Northside Hospital
NST Soccer
Publix – King Road
Synergetic Media
Together Planning
Turf Masters Lawn Care
VIPdecals.com

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.
The 2019-2020 school year is going to be our best one yet!
We can't wait to see all of you at Open House on August 9th!

Stacy Perlman

Principal



VOLUNTEERS

If you are new to MPE, you will need to register as a volunteer. If you registered last year, no action is required.

www.fultonschools.org/Domain/260

How do I register to become a volunteer?

1. Visit the Volunteer Registration Website, & fill out the volunteer information form.
2. Complete the Mandatory Child Abuse Virtual Training.
3. Wait for a confirmation email from the Raptor system.
4. Visit the school and begin volunteering.

We encourage you to complete the training at home on your own, but we will have iPads available at Open House for anyone wishing to register at that time. By completing this training before the first day of school, it ensures that when you come to the school to volunteer, there will be no delay in getting to the classroom. We thank you for volunteering!

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

The School Governance Council brings teachers, parents, and community members together to collaborate on creating, implementing, and monitoring our school's strategic plan. Like all Fulton County Schools, MPE created a strategic plan in 2018 that will be in place through 2022.

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

Throughout the year, you will see updates from our meetings in the Mustang Flyer, as well as an updated strategic plan monitoring tool that we use to check in on our progress. The monitoring tool and the strategic plan itself can be found on our school web site under the "Our School" tab and the "School Governance Council" heading.

All are welcome at our meetings. We set time aside at each meeting for public comment from guests, and then you are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting. I encourage you to join us to contribute your voice to our work, and to be informed about what we do. Serving on this council has been a very personally rewarding opportunity for me. I encourage you to consider running for the parent seat that will open at the end of this school year. Where else can you sit at a table with Ms. Perlman, teachers, other parents, and community members to work on ways to best meet the needs of our students?

We meet at 7:30 AM one Friday per month in general. Join us!

Lia Bertelson

Chairperson,
Mountain Park Elementary SGC



2019-2020 SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL:

Rima Granados, Teacher
Sherri Beckwith, Teacher
Lia Bertelson, Parent
Traci Hartog, Parent
Allison Otting, Parent
Jacque Digieso, Community Member
Yanique Michaud, Teacher
Renisha Smith, Curriculum Support Teacher
Stacy Perlman, Principal



Visitors are welcome to attend SGC meetings, held in Ms. Perlman's office, to observe and provide in-put during the public comment opportunity at the beginning of the meeting (*prior to any votes being held*).

Agendas are posted to the MPE website www.fultonschools.org/MountainParkES in advance of each meeting. Meeting dates are listed below.

A summary of action from each meeting is posted to our website within two school days of each meeting.

Minutes are posted after approval at the following meeting. The Council keeps everyone informed of SGC happenings through the posted minutes and the weekly Mustang Flyer.

THE 2019-2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

August 30, 2019 at 7:30 AM
September 27, 2019 at 7:30 AM
October 25, 2019 at 7:30 AM
November 22, 2019 at 7:30 AM
January 24, 2020 at 7:30 AM

February 7, 2020 at 7:30 AM
February 21, 2020 at 7:30 AM
March 27, 2020 at 7:30 AM
May 15, 2020 at 7:30 AM

SEM AND PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Learn to Think! Think to Learn!

MPE 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 Schoolwide Enrichment Model was developed by renowned educational psychologist Dr. Joseph Renzulli (University of Connecticut). The SEM model infuses higher level thinking activi-

ties 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
- High Touch High Tech - Rock and Roll On-site 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
- High Touch High Tech – 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 – High Touch High Tech 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

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



3rd Grade Solar Ovens

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



4th Grade Pioneer Day

TAG Students participate in some additional 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 –

- Space Play
- Cupcake Economics/ market day
- American Indian museum
- Butterfly journal
- Create Rube Goldbergs
- 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 welcome so many amazing new staff members. This year we are adding several positions, an additional 2nd grade, additional 4th grade and additional special education position. We also have some fresh faces who are replacing our retired or moving staff. Please join us in welcoming...

Chelsea Adebayo, 3rd Grade

Hello MPE family, I am so excited to be joining you all! I have heard wonderful things about the Mountain Park staff and community and I am eager to get started working with all of you to ensure a nurturing and fun learning experience! I am a third-generation educator. My grandmother taught in a one room country schoolhouse, grades K- 8 and my mother has been an educator for 30+ years! I myself have taught for 11 years. I graduated from the teaching program at Georgia State University and began my teaching experience in Atlanta Public schools. I then received my Masters degree in reading and literacy. I have taught second and third grades and I love every minute of it! I moved to Mountain Park Elementary school not only for its great reputation but also to better balance my family life. I am a mom to three amazing boys; Mason(5), Carter(4), and Sebastian who is our new baby at 7 months old! My husband and I moved to Roswell three years ago and have been blessed with such an amazing neighborhood and community. I am so excited to continue my work/ home life fully in the Roswell area. I look forward to meeting all of you, and to an amazing year together!

Kaylin Bontrager, 2nd Grade

Hello! My name is Kaylin Bontrager and I am beyond excited to teach second grade this year. I am from Ohio, but moved to the area after getting married this summer! This is my first year teaching as I just graduated from Ashland University in May, and I am so ready and willing to put in the hard work that it takes to help students succeed in their academics and beyond. My goal as a teacher is for students to know that they matter to the world, and that they all have something to contribute to it. While I am brand new to MPE, I can already tell that the staff, students, and parents work as a collective team, which is what made this community feel like home to me. Let's have an amazing year together!

Jodi Jazdzewski-Lovett, Instructional Support Teacher

I am a wife and mother of two. My daughter Zhané is in her second year of Law school. My son Blake is a sophomore earning a degree in cinematography and technical production. I am an Army Veteran honored to have served this great country. I've been in education for 23 years. I have taught both General Education and Special Education classes. I love learning and my favorite thing is to see things through the eyes of a child for the very first time! I have attended school in Egypt, Panama, earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Columbus State University and my Masters of Education

in Education Administration from University of Scranton. I'm in the midst of writing my first novel. I love to travel and spend time with family. My favorite quote: "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." Mark Twain

Allison Landreth, Counselor

Hi there! I am so excited to begin my 10th year of school counseling at Mountain Park Elementary! I have been an elementary school counselor in Cherokee County for the past 5 years. I began my career in 2001 at Walton High School. After 4 years in Cobb County, I took time off to raise my children. I am the mom of three very busy boys, Jack (14), Will (12) and Hugh (9). My husband, Michael, and I moved back to Roswell from Cherokee County two years ago. We love this community and are thrilled to make Roswell our home. Our son, Hugh, is a rising 4th grader at Mountain Park.

I have loved being a Mountain Park parent, and I feel so fortunate to join the staff. I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and are ready for a fantastic 2019-2020 school year!

Go Mustangs!

Jeanne Munig, 5th Grade – Team Taught

Hello! I moved to Georgia 26 years ago to attend UGA and my whole family followed! We all love Georgia, and now I have nieces and nephews at UGA! I began my career as a school social worker in Fulton County, but took a break to stay home with my children. When I returned to Fulton County, I became a special education teacher at Haynes Bridge Middle School and Alpharetta Elementary. I am so excited to begin at Mountain Park Elementary and to join such an amazing staff. As a mother of five, I have children in college, high school, middle school and elementary, so I can truly appreciate the hard work and dedication that MPE radiates. I am grateful to join this team and hope to reflect the same hard work and dedication!



NEW STAFF

Sheerie Owen, *Interrelated Resource*

I am so excited to join the MPE team! I began teaching in Newton county in 2003, and I treasured my years in the classroom. My husband Kurt and I later moved to Roswell from a rural town just so that our oldest child, Hannah, (now a rising sixth grader) could attend kindergarten at this amazing school - Mountain Park Elementary. I stayed home with our expanding family, and Wendy and Cindy soon became mustangs as well. This year our fourth child, Peter, will begin kindergarten here, too! I have been volunteering as a Silly Story Lady at MPE for the last five years, and I am incredibly lucky to be joining the staff! I can't wait to see how much we grow and learn this year, and every year; It's going to be an amazing adventure!

Ra Chelle Pfeffer, *4th Grade*

I am thrilled to be joining MPE as a teacher for the upcoming school year. I hail from Green Bay, Wisconsin (Go Packers) and I am a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison (Go Badgers). I previously taught fourth and fifth grades at Sweet Apple Elementary with both special and general education students.

My husband Andy and I live in Roswell with our two dogs Polo and Ginger. My son Logan recently graduated from Florida State University with degrees in MIS and Business Marketing and my daughter Madison is an architecture student at the University of Tennessee. When I am not teaching, I enjoy gourmet cooking, gardening, reading, running and Jazzercise. I am also an avid college and NFL football fan!

It is my honor to teach your children and a privilege I do not take lightly.

Relax and relish these golden days of summer and prepare for an exciting, busy, and knowledge packed year!

Beth Treadwell, *5th Grade - Team-Taught*

Hello and Happy Summer!

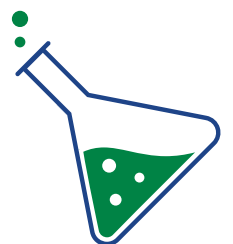
I am thrilled to begin my 3rd year teaching as the new Interrelated teacher on the 5th team at MPE! For the past two years, I have been teaching at Auburn High School while completing my Masters Degree. War Eagle! I was born and raised in Bremen, Georgia. I am so excited to be closer to friends and family in the Atlanta area. I am looking forward to working with incredible students and staff at MPE. I am passionate about educating the future and giving all students an equitable opportunity to learn. I cannot wait to meet you all and go Mustangs!



DADS' CLUB COFFEE
Friday, August 23rd, 7:45AM



3rd Grade Science Research



A MESSAGE FROM PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

HELLO MPE FAMILIES!

On behalf of the Mountain Park PTA, I want to welcome back all returning families and extend a BIG WELCOME to all new families! I am GG Daly and the proud mother to 3rd grader Frank and 4th grader Bea. I also have a daughter, Maggie, that just completed 6 years at MPE and is excited to be a Crabapple Husky this year. I am very proud to represent the MPE PTA board as Co-President with Sara Maurer. We have the privilege of working with the most talented teachers and staff as well as enjoying a tremendous volunteer force, who are loaded with passion and talent.

As the new school year begins, we are looking forward to working with all the parents and staff of MPE and would once again ask for your support. For the PTA to be effective and truly representative of the school, everyone's participation is essential. Participating and joining the PTA is one of the many ways to do so. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, your talents or simply your voice is truly needed. We can match your time constraints and interests to any needed task. Whether you are a chairperson, committee member, volunteer or an attendee, there are endless possibilities in ways you can help!

We strongly believe that a big part of student success is a great relationship between the parent and the school. To accomplish this, we want to keep an open line of communications with parents and ensure the opportunities to help are clear. If you have any questions, you can reach out directly to me or Sara at mpepta@gmail.com at any time and we will get back to you.

Thank you in advance for your support by joining and volunteering for the MPE PTA. From sending feedback, providing suggestions, sharing your talent or taking on a large event, your support is necessary to our mission and its why Mountain Park is such a standout school.

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Join us for another great year!

Sara Maurer
2019-2021
Co-President

GG Daly
2018-2020
Co-President



HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Holiday Extravaganza is an exciting MPE PTA sponsored fundraiser that benefits our school. This is the biggest fundraiser for MPE all year. It is a fun-filled Saturday with many activities to interest the entire family. You will find gift shopping, theme baskets for raffle, baked goods, food, entertainment, and door prizes galore! You can still participate if you are not available the day of the Holiday Extravaganza.

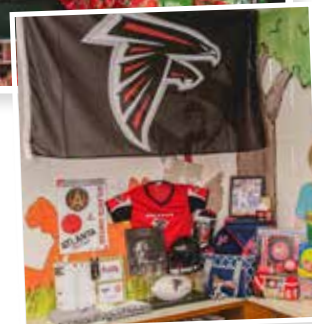
Baskets will be on display during Grandparents' Day. You do not have to be present to win a basket, but you do need to purchase tickets for a chance to win.

How can you help?

You can donate money or items to your class basket, volunteer your time, donate baked goods for the Sweet Shoppe, buy raffle tickets for the chance to win a basket, visit and shop at the Holiday Marketplace, plan on attending, and help spread the word about this fun event!

Contact **Christy Mettler**
for more information:
christy.mettler@gmail.com

Mountain Park Elementary School
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019
10AM – 3PM (3PM–4PM Raffle Drawings)



NEWS BULLETIN!

Stop by and check out the PTA Bulletin Board on the wall right by the Front Office.



Where does the money from my PTA Membership go? Which PTA Membership is right for my family?

We are very lucky to have a very active and healthy PTA at Mountain Park. We could only do that with the support of our amazing volunteers, parents, staff and students! Through our Annual PTA Membership Drive and Holiday Extravaganza Fundraiser we fund 90% of our PTA programs including Family Fun Night, Classroom & Clinic Supplies, Educational Software and Resources, Youth Day Parade Float, Facility Enhancement, Staff Appreciation Events and much more.

The majority of the money raised through the purchase of a membership is used for the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) program. The Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) is a unique learning model at MPE. Through the support of our PTA, MPE students are able to participate in daily hands-on Project Based Learning opportunities. SEM dollars provide additional materials for experiments, book clubs, on site field trips, guest speakers, supplies for learning spaces, digital content, culminating activities like Lemonade Wars and Pioneer Day, and creative opportunities to enhance learning. Approximately \$30.00 is spent on each student every year to enrich learning through the Schoolwide Enrichment Model.

The PTA's goal is to raise \$24,000 through our Annual Membership Drive to meet the need for \$30.00 per student for SEM. We have created a chart to help you choose what Membership level is right for your family. These are recommended based on trying to meet our SEM goal; however you may select any level that is suitable for your family or provide additional donations to SEM. A membership form is found on the last page of this packet and can be brought to Open House or you can pay online at mpepta.com. We appreciate your support!

MEMBERSHIP EXPRESS LINE AT OPEN HOUSE!

Save time at Open House by going to mpepta.com for PTA Membership sign up. Your packet will be ready to go at Open House!

Deadline for prepaid Express line is **Tuesday, August 6th at 5PM.**

LEVELS	BENEFITS	\$
PLATINUM MUSTANG <i>Recommended for families with 4+ students at MPE</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 MPE Membership • \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher • 1 MPE Car Magnet • 1 MPE Calendar • Online Directory Access • 1 Transportation Pad • \$120 SEM Contribution • 4 Preferred Seats at PTA Music Performances 	\$135
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MUSTANG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 MPE Membership • Online Directory Access 	\$15

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?
 Feel free to contact your 2019-2020 Co-Presidents: GG Daly or Sara Maurer at mpepta@gmail.com. We'll be happy to help!

TWITTER, FACEBOOK, AND GOOGLE, OH MY!

HOW DO YOU KEEP IN TOUCH WITH WHAT IS GOING ON AT MPE?

Here are **13** ways to stay in tune with MPE:

1. **Join the PTA.** Go to the meetings where you get a voice and a vote.
2. Download our **Google calendar** to your smart phone or home calendar www.mpepta.com/calendar
3. Join us on **FACEBOOK:** [Mountain Park Elementary Mustangs](#)
4. Follow us on **Twitter:** [@MPE_Mustangs](#)
5. MPE **School Website** www.fultonschools.org/MountainParkES
6. MPE **PTA Website:** www.mpepta.com
7. The **Mustang Flyer** is a weekly e-blast email from Ms. Perlman emailed on Thursdays to your most current email address. Alert the front office if your email address changes.
8. Attend Monthly School Governance Council **SGC Meetings.**
9. Attend Monthly Katha Stuart **Community Board Meetings.**
10. **PTA Printed Calendar**
11. **Volunteer** in the classroom & for a PTA committee.
12. Check your child's **Thursday folder.**
13. **Follow Fulton County Schools** on Twitter: [@FultonCoSchools](#)

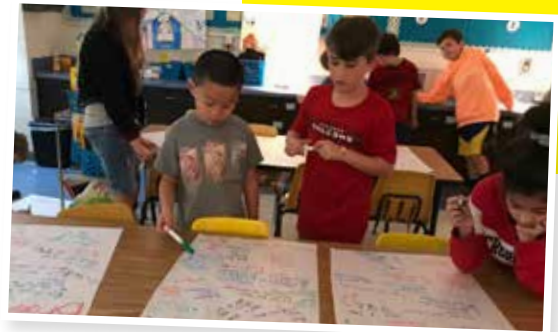
SHOP AMAZON FOR MPE

At smile.amazon.com and help MPE.

It's free and MPE gets a % of every purchase direct deposited back every quarter.

Search for:

**Mountain Park ES
PTA in Roswell**



Student Feedback

..... ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A ROOM PARENT?

Being a Room Parent is a great way to spend time with your child, get to know their teacher, and meet other parents. Look for a sign-up sheet at Open House.

Room Parent Job Description:

- Develop class roster and distribute it to each family
- Set up an email distribution for advising parents of school or class activities
- Schedule in-class volunteers as requested by the teacher, for classroom projects, field trips, celebrations, school events, etc.
- Plan the school organized parties (*Winter Holiday Party and End of the Year Party for all grades. Grades K-2 also have a Valentine's Day Party*).
- Collect monies and items needed for class parties.
- Teacher Appreciation: Coordinate with parents for teacher gifts. Promote teacher appreciation activities and solicit volunteers to provide food for teacher appreciation events.

There are **three room parents** for each classroom and they are selected the first week of school. If you miss the sign-up sheet, you can contact the Room Parent Coordinators with your name, child's name, grade and teacher's name.

For more information, contact the Room Parent Coordinators: Ann Berger annloew@aol.com or Allison Otting allisoncampbell@hotmail.com



Lemonade War

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 promotes 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 have the need for 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



Math Fun!

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 and in particular this document.

www.fultonschools.org/en/divisions/acd/learnteach/Pages/AdvancedStudies.aspx

We are fortunate to have talented and terrific TAG Teachers at MPE: Mary Stewart and Yanique Michaud!



5th graders challenge the principal to a game!



TRANSPORTATION TIPS & FAQS

Doors open at 7:10AM and the bell rings at 7:40AM.

Dismissal begins at 2:20PM.

At Open House, you will choose a primary mode of transportation for your child – the way he or she will go home each day – unless you send in a WRITTEN transportation change. Transportation notepads are available from PTA at Open House. E-mails will not be accepted 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 marked 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.

To get started, download the Here Comes the Bus app or visit www.herecomesthebus.com, and click the sign up button. Enter in the school 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). Once you confirm our information, you're ready to begin using Here Comes the Bus!



TRANSPORTATION FAQS

Q: What if I need to checkout my child early?

A: Please arrive in 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. Pull in the first entrance to the school, when coming from Hwy 92, and adults will greet your students 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 if we park at the front of the school in the morning?

A: In the mornings, please make sure to pull into an actual spot in the lower or upper parking lot and walk your child to the front of the school. If you would not like 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 form a line and wait for students. The PE teachers 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.



2nd Grade Recess

MOUNTAIN PARK ELEMENTARY 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 that there is a threat or hazard outside the building while a hard lockdown is in the event that there is 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 of our staff receives 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 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, since students are in the building for after school activities.

EMERGENCY BACKPACKS

PTA has provided Emergency Backpacks for each classroom, complete with first aid kit, flashlight, and other necessary items. We also have a defibrillator on-site 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: @FultonCoSchools.

Thank you for helping us to be safe at school!

CAMPUS PARENT

This year, Fulton County is getting a new student information system. Campus Parent will replace Home Access Center, starting in July 2019.

Campus Parent is designed to provide real-time access to student information. The easy-to-use design shares student progress so that you can monitor your child. In this platform, parents can browse assignments, review attendance, and see grades. Links will be available on the Fulton County Website (www.fultonschools.org) and new Mountain Park website (www.fultonschools.org/mountainparkes). There is also an app available for your phone.

All parents will create new accounts for this platform. Directions will be sent to all families in July 2019.

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.



MyPaymentsPlus

PRE-PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS ONLINE!

This system will enable you to make payments to your child's meal account quickly and securely and pre-pay for school meals online! It eliminates the need to send checks to school or worry about lost or forgotten lunch money.

We encourage everyone to create an account at:

www.MyPaymentsPlus.com.

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. Get your child's Student ID Number from school (*you will have an opportunity to do this in the cafeteria during Open House.*)
2. Log onto www.MyPaymentsPlus.com.
3. Register your child into the K-12 school meals prepayment system.
4. Make a prepayment or view your child's purchase history.

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

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:

The MPE Drama Club

There is something for everyone on stage and behind the scenes. Last year, students shone on stage during *Mary Poppins Jr.* We can't wait to see our students show off their talents this year in *The Wizard of Oz!*

The Construction Club

Construction Club is open to fifth graders who want to learn the basics of construction and create a real product. The club also weaves in character building into their lessons. This year's construction club built a toolbox and a tiny house!

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.

WMPE

WMPE News Crew is made up of 5th grade students. Each crew of students serves a designated time period on the morning news. Students can participate by either being an anchor or be behind the scenes as a teleprompter controller. Information regarding how to become a member of the WMPE News Crew is available on the media center's website:

<http://mpemc.weebly.com>

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. The Interact Club leads the "Be the Voice" Campaign, sponsored by Roswell Rotary, at Mountain Park which encourages 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 use design thinking to gain empathy from their peers and create prototypes for the school.

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 in the gym during Open House. There's something for everyone!



Mary Poppins Cast

The MPE Drama Club Presents



Mark Your Calendars!

AUDITION WEEK:
September 9–13, 2019

PRODUCTION WEEK:
February 3–8, 2020

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



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 Julie Carter at beau311@hotmail.com.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL

Blue Jean BALL

September 21st, at the Roswell Historic Cottage

Join us for this adult-only event to help raise funds for the Mountain Park Elementary Foundation (MPEF). Socialize with other MPE parents while enjoying live music, food from local restaurants, beer from local breweries, with your chance to door prizes and raffle items. It's sure to be an amazing time!

Tickets are \$125 for individuals, \$200 for couples. Buy them at open house on August 8 or [click here](#).



WE ARE STILL SECURING ADDITIONAL SPONSORS & WELCOME DONATIONS

PRESENTING SPONSOR



GOLD SPONSORS



Jim & Carla Marshall

SILVER SPONSORS



BEER SPONSORS



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MOUNTAIN PARK ELEMENTARY FOUNDATION



INSPIRING GROWTH THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Please contact (404) 840-9534 or mountainparkfoundation@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities.

To learn more about our foundation, please visit www.MPEFoundation.com

MPEF provides flexible funding for educational initiatives, with an initial goal of increasing access to technology for our students to a 1:1 device/student ratio. Having more devices available for classroom use will:

- Leverage Office 365, which is already available to all students, but currently requires frequent logging in and out of devices.
- Allow whole-group instruction using the devices.
- Reduce the need for intricate technology-sharing schedules between teachers and grade levels.
- Improve differentiation of instruction across skill levels and learning styles.

Currently, Fulton County provides 10 devices per 30 students. The Foundation plans to increase this to 1:1 over the next several years, beginning with fifth grade and working down to kindergarten. The cost per device is approximately \$500, so the total cost of this goal will be more than \$250,000.



Has your family been having an awesome Summer Break?

It's once again time to show off your creative talents for the 2019–2020 PTA Reflections Art contest. This year's theme is "Look Within".

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.

For more information please contact Traci Bippus at tbippus@aol.com.

ONLINE SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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

myschoolanywhere.com

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



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The school supply list for each grade level is available on the MPE website at mpes.org.

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.



You **MUST** order by July 21 in order to receive supplies before Open House as there is a 10 day delivery time (*orders possibly coming sooner*).

Check it out at: www.schooltoolbox.com



MPE'S ANNUAL FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER!

OCT 6, 10–5 • OCT 20, 10–5 • OCT 27, 10–3

This is the perfect time to get your family portrait taken in time for holiday cards and beautiful Fall weather. Maura Roberts Photography will be taking family portraits and all photos will be taken outdoors.

NEW this year: Sign ups for this popular fundraiser will take place online. Be on the lookout for a link to sign up in The Mustang Flyer, after Labor Day.

For more information, please email: rrmerrell@gmail.com.



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.

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!

For more information about becoming a volunteer, or handler/canine volunteer team, please contact Elizabeth Merry at toliverjmu@aol.com.

Girl Scouts Want You! Moms too!



Calling all girls of all abilities to the thriving Girl Scout program at Mountain Park Elementary school.

New troops form every year to expose girls to camping, STEM, business skills and character building in fun and creative ways. Students of all ages, kindergarten and up, are encouraged to join. New troops also need new leaders. Being a leader is easy with training and support, and a great way to make new friends for the moms too! Shape your daughter's extra-curricular activities by grabbing friend to create your own troop; or join and meet a new co-leader.

For more information about signing up your daughter, or leading her troop, contact Sarah Buehrle at sbuehrle@hotmail.com or stop by our table at MPE's open house.



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 at the Christ United Methodist Church main sanctuary (1340 Woodstock Rd, Roswell, GA 30075). 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 2019-2020 school year.

Contact William Morthland at william@tjcmortgage.com or Kitty Singleton at kittysingleton@rocketmail.com. We will also be available for questions in the gymnasium during the MPE Open House scheduled for 08/09/19.

2019 – 2020 STUDENT INFORMATION
Mountain Park Elementary School

Grade _____

Student's Name: _____
Last, First

Teacher _____

Please bring this form to Open House

DISCIPLINE

By checking yes below, I agree that will read and review the electronic Fulton County Elementary School Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook which will be delivered electronically by Fulton County Schools. Included in this publication is information related to regular school attendance and consequences for excessive absences.

Compulsory Education:

Every parent, guardian or other person who has control of any child between the ages of 6 and 16 must enroll and send their child to school. Any parent, guardian or other person having control of a child that has more than 5 unexcused absences, after being notified by school personnel, will be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the following penalties:*

- Fine – not less than \$25.00 and not greater than \$100
 - Imprisonment – not to exceed 30 days
 - Community Service – or any combination of such penalties at the discretion of the courts
 - Each day after 5 unexcused absences will constitute a separate offense
- * Additional information on unexcused absences is outlined in the Student Code of Conduct

PUBLICITY PHOTOS

Throughout the school year, Mountain Park Elementary may conduct activities that may be publicized through news media and the school or Fulton County website.

By checking yes below, I grant permission for my child to be photographed at any activities or events sponsored by the local school or school system. Such activities may include photographs for newspapers or various school publications including newsletters and brochures; school system promotional videos; photographs for the Internet pages of Mountain Park – Twitter, Facebook, school website, teacher websites.

YEARBOOK and DIRECTORY RELEASE

By checking yes below, I grant permission for my child to be included in the Mountain Park Yearbook.

By checking yes below, I grant permission for my contact information to be included in the Mountain Park Directory, accessible by the Mountain Park School Community.

TECHNOLOGY & INTERNET RELEASE

By checking yes below, I give permission for my child to access information on the Internet for educational purposes. I have read the Fulton County Acceptable Use for Internet Access Guidelines. I understand and agree that any misuse of this privilege will terminate my child's access to the Internet and may lead to disciplinary action.

In school, your children will use online educational software such as iRead & iReady. In rare instances an education technology provider may need a staff member to sign your child up for an educational program.

By checking yes below, I hereby authorize the Fulton County School District to create an account for my child if needed. The purpose for this disclosure is for use of these programs at school.

HEARING and VISION SCREENING Permission

Mountain Park screens first graders for hearing, third graders for hearing and vision and fifth graders for vision according to board policy. We also screen students prior to an educational evaluation.

By checking yes below, I grant permission for my child to be included hearing and/or vision screenings

CLINIC

By checking yes below, I give permission for my child to receive cough drops or calamine lotion in the clinic.

Please indicate your agreement to the statement above by checking the appropriate box below.

Discipline	_____ Yes, I will review the Code of Conduct.	
Publicity Photos	_____ Yes	_____ No
Yearbook	_____ Yes	_____ No
Directory	_____ Yes	_____ No
Technology	_____ Yes	_____ No
Internet	_____ Yes	_____ No
Hearing & Vision	_____ Yes	_____ No
Clinic	_____ Yes	_____ No

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mountain Park Elementary

2019 – 2020 PTA Membership Form



Family & Student Information

Member/Family Name: _____ Email: _____

Student 1: _____ Grade _____ Student 2: _____ Grade _____

Student 3: _____ Grade _____ Student 4: _____ Grade _____

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Mustang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 MPE Membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online Directory Access 	\$15

Additional SEM Donations	Tax-deductible support to the MPE SEM Program: (circle one) \$30 \$60 \$90 \$_____			\$
Car Magnet \$5.00	Show your MPE spirit around town. UV protected and won't fade.			
Calendar \$3.00	Monthly calendar of school events. Great for car, office, and grandparents.			\$
Transportation Pad \$2.00	A pad of forms used to notify MPE about transportation changes for your child.			\$
	Total Amount Due:			\$
	Checks Payable to MPE PTA			
PTA Use Only Please select method of payment.	Check	Cash	Credit Card	Paypal

* Your contribution for SEM and your PTA membership are tax-deductible, Tax ID#58-1305050. Thank you for supporting our school!