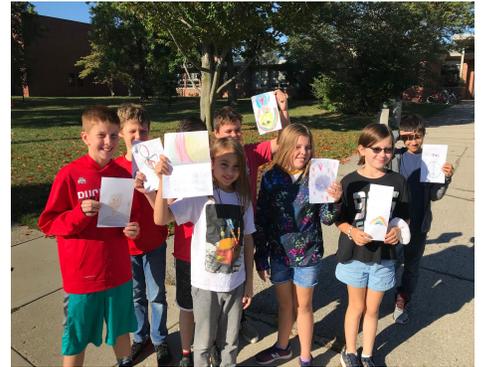


Greetings MLS Families!

9/25/19

We are steadily moving through our sixth week of school and students are settling in nicely. At Mills Lawn, we use a philosophy/program called [“Responsive Classrooms”](#) which helps to ensure that we focus on the social curriculum as well as academics. A core belief is that **how** students learn is as important as what they learn and that knowing the children is critical to school success. During the first six weeks of school, we are especially focused on developing classroom community, norms, and protocols so that everyone understands how to do well and support the group plan. Our hope is that your child is feeling connected and understanding how to work well with classmates as well as his/her teacher.



4th Graders’ “Tour of Kindness”

As we look ahead, we have some important work to do. There are four weeks left in the first quarter of instruction and we are just finishing our first round of STAR assessments (Math & Reading). We are getting a solid sense of what our students need and how to best support them. You will be receiving some more formal feedback at the beginning November through progress reports and fall parent-teacher conferences. The goal is to make sure you know how your child is doing and how to best support academic and social growth this year.

We also have some outstanding events coming up that should be great for our students. The week of October 7th will be “Peace Week”. You will receive more specific information about this next week but there will be daily themes that will help students focus on peace-making, upstanding, and being a community member. We also have an awesome concert/assembly coming up on October 28th with the [Maxwell String Quartet](#). This award-winning group from the UK will visit our school due to our ongoing partnership with Chamber Music Yellow Springs. Also, we will have our annual Halloween costume parade on the afternoon of October 31st. We will continue to communicate further details as needed so that you are in the know!

Thanks for your ongoing support of your child and our school. This year has started off very well and we hope to use this as a springboard towards significant growth and learning this year. As always, make sure to reach out to our teachers, the MLS office, or me if you have any questions or need support. Take care and happy autumn!

Respectfully,

Matt Housh, Principal
Mills Lawn School



Mayor Pam on Constitution Day