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Non-Homestead Vote- May 7

2019 Non-Homestead Operating Millage

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 30- Evening Kindergarten Round -Up 6pm/ Walk for summer Reading
- May 1- PTO meeting at 6:00 pm in the Algonquin Library
- May 2- Walk for Summer Reading
- May 7- Voting Day on the Non-Homestead Operating Millage
- May 10- Leadership Day/ Hot Dog Roast Family Lunch
- May 14- Kindergarten Evening Concert
- May 27- No School

What is a Non-Homestead Millage?

The district's operating millage will expire December 31, 2019. This proposal is for renewal and restoration of the 18 operating mills currently assessed on all non-homestead property. If approved, this will simply continue the current non-homestead levy. If the operating millage is not renewed the district would stand to lose approximately \$3,900,000 in state funding.

How would this affect my property taxes?

The millage does not apply to a homeowner's primary residence. It applies only to non-homestead properties (businesses, second homes, etc.). Homeowners will see no increase in local school taxes for their primary dwellings if the operating millage proposal is approved.

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Millside Elementary PTO News

Mark your calendar, the next Parent-Teacher Organization meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00 pm** in the Algonquin library. Please watch for information coming home regarding field trips and the Muskrat Glow Dash Fundraiser this spring.

Summer Reading

Millside Elementary has received a grant of \$800 to purchase books for summer reading from the St. Clair County Medical Society for our "Walk for Summer Reading" program. Each **Tuesday and Thursday morning in May**, we will be walking outside from 8:05-8:28 am, helping to build healthy habits. Remember to bring your walking shoes! Please keep walking with us every Tuesday and Thursday morning until May 30.

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☆☆ **Thank you for**  ☆☆☆
☆☆ **all the parent support in our** ☆☆☆
☆☆ **classrooms!!!!** ☆☆☆
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It's never too late for parents to get involved at school

When parents and schools work together, the results can be incredible, including better grades, attitudes and behavior. In today's busy world, however, the idea of parent involvement can be overwhelming. Involvement doesn't need to be complicated or time consuming. Even though the end of the school year is right around the corner, it isn't too late to get involved. Starting right now, you can:

Attend events. Put key gatherings on your calendar as soon as possible.

Your child might sing in a school musical, for instance, or play on a school team. While at school, make an effort to connect with staff and other families.

Read materials. Pay attention to school information sent home and posted online. Request it in another language if needed. Keep track of important dates, such as end-of-year celebrations and tests.

Join the parent-teacher group. If you can't make it to meetings, read the minutes from each meeting.

Volunteer. Classrooms have a variety of needs. Ask your child's teacher if there is anything you can do to help out. Perhaps you could prepare items for a craft, organize a class party, read to students or help in another way that fits your schedule.

Ask questions. "How can I help my child succeed?" "Should I correct homework mistakes with him?" "What are the most important school tasks for us to accomplish each day at home?"

Source: "Parent Participation: How to Get Involved in Your Child's School Activities," www.colorin.colorado.org/article/26541

Leader In Me Parent Corner

We are often asked how parents can support their school's leadership initiative. Each time we are asked we give the same answer "Use the 7 Habits language at home."

As the school year comes to a close, the children are learning the language and meaning of the 7 Habits. By hearing the same language at home and at school, you send the children a strong message of what you believe is important and that we are all on the same team-the team that wants them to succeed. When parents and school support one another, the sky is the limit!

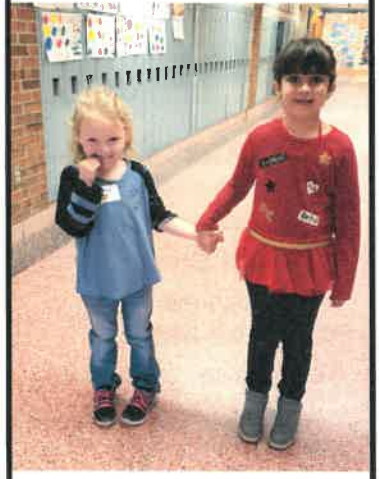
Here are a few habits we are focusing on:

Habit 1- Be Proactive (You're in Charge)

Habit 2- Begin with the End in Mind (Have a Plan)

Habit 3- Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)

Recently at Millside Elementary



First Grader, Sage Harless helped incoming kindergarteners find their way during kindergarten round-up.



Early Childhood teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Humes is recognized for the Distinguished Teacher Award by the St Clair RESA.



First graders, Autumn and Huntley Smith take their time to choose books at the Family Reading Night.