

# Maverick Newsletter

News From Mills Elementary

## Principal's Corner

### Mrs. Logan

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year!

Welcome, parents and students of Mills Elementary, to the 2010-2011 school year. I hope that you had a fun and restful summer. A few reminders as we begin another year:

Parents, please remember that students **CANNOT** be dropped off any earlier than 8:10 a.m., as we do not have any supervision provided before that time. The exception is if your child is enrolled in Boys & Girls Club, in which case they may be dropped off beginning at 7:30 a.m. (For more information about Boys & Girls Club, see Page 2.)

Students may be at the school to eat breakfast starting at 8:10 a.m. If your student is here before 8:10 and they are not here for Boys & Girls Club, they will be

asked to call for a ride home until 8:10.

If your student is picked up after school, they need to be picked up at 3:30 p.m. on the playground. Students who walk home must leave immediately after school. They **CANNOT** "hang out" on the playground. The only supervision we have provided after school is for the bus students.

Please be sure to read through the newsletter for important dates to remember, information on the district's new bullying policy, and the new state sex offender law (found on Page 4).

As always, if you have questions or concerns, you may reach me at the Mills office at 253-3700.

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#### Dates to Remember

Please mark your calendars with the important events and dates provided.

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#### Tip of the Month

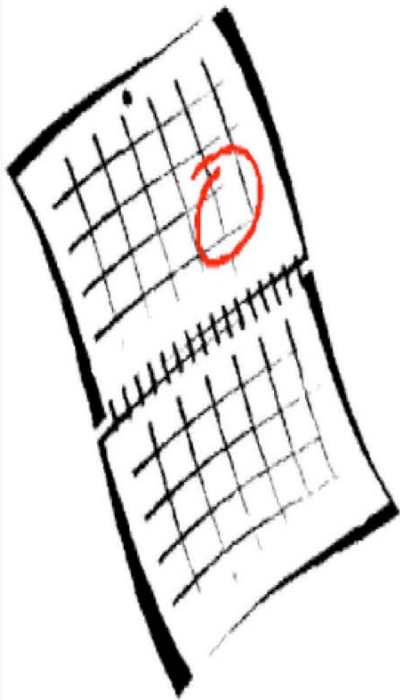
Helpful tips for parents from our literacy coach, Dr. Russell.

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#### NCSD Bullying Policy

The District has adopted a no-tolerance policy towards bullying.

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## Dates to Remember

### SEPTEMBER 6

LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL

### SEPTEMBER 7

FUNDRAISER FORMS & MONEY DUE

### SEPTEMBER 9-10

NO PRESCHOOL

### SEPTEMBER 28

PARTNERING FOR KIDS NIGHT – 6:00 p.m.

## Boys & Girls Club at Mills Elementary

Have to be at work before 8:10 a.m. and need to drop your child off at school? Enroll them in the Boys and Girls Club!

The Boys and Girls Club Mills location is open from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-6:00 p.m. Monday

through Friday. Reading and homework support is provided, as well as fun activities. If you have questions, please stop by Mills Elementary before or after school to speak with Mills B&G Club representative, or contact the Main Club at 235-5694.

## Lunch Account Reminders

Parents: please remember that there are only two (2) charges allowed per account. Notes will be sent home on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Also, note that lunch prices have gone up this year:

Student full - \$2.15

Reduced - \$0.40

Child visitors - \$2.15

Adult visitors - \$3.25

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Red at 253-3753.

## Lost and Found Items

Please have your kids check the Lost and Found for any items they may have misplaced. You are welcome to check for yourself as well.

The Custodians will be donating anything that is left in the Lost and Found to a local charity at the end of every month.



## Tip of the Month

Helpful tips for parents from Dr. Russell

### Talk WITH Your Kids

Instead of the asking your child the usual, “How was school today?” try a question like this:

“What was the best part of your day?”

Daily conversation WITH an adult outside of school raises student achievement!



### Mills Mission Statement

Our Community’s actions result in a learning environment that fosters and celebrates the education of the whole child!

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## WY New Sex Offender Law

A new Wyoming sex offender law now restricts access to district property. Registered Offender access to school facilities is restricted by W.S. § 6-2-320.

Violations are punishable by six months in jail or a \$750 fine or both.

The new law generally prevents registered sex offenders from coming on to school district property or riding school district buses when students are present, including 30 minutes before scheduled student activities and 30 minutes after scheduled school activities.

This prohibition includes areas within 1,000 feet from the property line of school properties when students are present. W.S. §6-2-320(a)(i) and (ii)(2010).

The exceptions to this rule include:

a) the registered sex offender is a student at the school;

b) the offender is a student's parent or guardian, and is attending an academic conference or scheduled extracurricular school event with school officials present;

c) the offender resides in a state licensed or certified facility, or a homeless shelter, located within 1,000 feet of a school;

d) the offender parent or guardian is dropping off or picking up his or her child;

e) the offender is temporarily on school grounds during school hours to make a food, mail or other delivery;

f) the offender is exercising a right to vote;

g) the offender is taking delivery of his mail through an official post office located on school grounds; or

h) the offender has written permission from the principal or vice principal.

If you have questions about the law or would like to see the wording of the law in its entirety, please contact:

Coebie Taylor-Logan,  
Mills Principal  
253-3700

Or

NCSD Safe Schools Office  
253-5271

Thank you.

## NCS D Bullying Policy

Natrona County School District No. 1 (NCS D) is committed to providing a secure student learning environment free of threat, hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing, cyber bullying, “sexting” and other bullying behavior. Pursuant to the policy and administrative regulations herein, . . . , no person may engage in threats, hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing, cyber bullying, “sexting” or bullying behavior against an NCS D student or students participating in functions sponsored by the District (“student participants”).

Further, NCS D prohibits reprisal or retaliation against a student, witness or person who reports information about or cooperates in the investigation of an act of threatening, hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing, cyberbullying, “sexting” or bullying. *See* W.S. § 21-4-313, 314 (2009).

**All such behavior by students, staff or third parties against any NCS D student or student participant is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated by NCS D.**

## Music at Mills

Mills Elementary is very fortunate to have a brand new, full-time music teacher. We welcome Miss Jessica Wilson to our staff.

5<sup>th</sup> graders may choose to take Band or Orchestra if they wish. Band students will meet on Tuesdays after school from 3:30-4:15 p.m. and Friday mornings from 8:00-8:30 a.m. Orchestra students will meet on Mondays after school from 3:30-4:15 p.m. and Wednesday during school from 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m., there will be an Orff group offered to 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Thursdays, after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m., there will be a recorder club offered to 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.

For more information about the individual groups or the music program, please contact Miss Wilson at 253-3700.

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Parent volunteers are needed for the Lego Robotics program. The program is for interested 3rd-5th graders after school. It will require a minimum of 3 nights per week between 3:30-4:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed ASAP so that this program can get started. Please contact the office at 253-3700 if you're interested.

We are also in need of volunteers for a parent involvement group. The group will work closely with the Parent Education Network to revise school policies pertaining to subjects such as: homework, discipline, and safety procedures. Again, please call the office if you're interested in volunteering.

## Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Has your contact information changed? We need to know!

**Please remember to come in and update your contact information as it changes.**

We need a valid mailing address in order to send home notices and reminders. We need to have accurate and working phone numbers (more than one is preferable) for contacting you in emergency situations. If we cannot get in touch with you in an emergency, we will have to have either the Mills Police Department or the Sheriff's Office come hold your child.



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Mills Parents and Students