

Millstone Township Primary School

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Millstone Primary School families and friends,

It is with great excitement that I welcome everyone back for a new school year at Millstone Primary School! My name is Paul Baker and I was given the awesome responsibility by the Board of Education to be your school principal. After serving as the Millstone Middle School assistant principal since 2015, I have grown to admire this wonderful community and respect the value placed on education by all stakeholders. There is a tremendous sense of community pride in its schools and I am thrilled to be a part of it.

I eagerly await September 7th when the buses will pull up with our youngest learners and excitement will refill our hallways and classrooms. I vividly remember the days leading up to the first day of school when I was young - my backpack loaded with school supplies, a perfect outfit laid out weeks ahead of time, new sneakers that were not allowed to be worn until the first day, and the obligatory first day of school picture on the front porch with my brother. What stands out the most in those pictures is the genuine enthusiasm and eagerness on our faces...a smiling teacher waiting to greet us at the classroom door, new friends to be made, and limitless learning opportunities to take part in. The first day of school was always my favorite day of the year!

I cannot wait to hear about everyone's summer adventures and how those experiences will springboard creative ideas and conversations in the classroom. Was it a family trip that was most special? Did you go to a camp and meet new people? Or, did you build something from scratch? Like many of you, I have spent a lot of time reading this summer - whether at the beach, pool, family room, plane, or car, there is nothing like the relaxation of getting lost in a book with the summer sun on my face. My favorite summer books were the ones I got to share with my two children: my 8-year-old son and I enjoyed reading the "Bad Guys" and "Fly Guy" series while my 5-year-old daughter and I got wrapped up in James and the Giant Peach.

You will notice upon entering the building how hard our summer staff worked to ensure our students are provided with perfect learning conditions. The school is bright, clean, safe, and welcoming thanks to our great custodial crew and front office staff. Please make sure you say "thank you" to them when you see them in the hallways or around town!

We look forward to sharing information with you throughout the first weeks of school and at our Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 19th. In addition, our parent-student handbook which provides

important information about our school's philosophy, procedures, and policies is accessible on our website < ps.millstone.k12.nj.us>. I encourage you to follow us on Twitter @MillstonePS and @p_baker114 for information and exciting happenings in our school!

Soon we will all have to recalibrate our bodies to earlier wake-up times and structured mornings and afternoons, so here is your first assignment of the school year... spend the rest of the summer playing and having fun! There are still plenty of summer days left to cross off things on your bucket list so take advantage of this time with your family and friends.

See you on September 7th!

Paul Baker
Principal

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promotes education excellence and
nurtures individual success.*