



Miller Avenue PTO Newsletter

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Father's Day Pop Up Shop

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Father's Day Pop-Up Shop on June 10th such a wonderful success! It was so much fun watching our students carefully choose special gifts. Thank you to all of the volunteers. We truly appreciate everyone who contributed to making this event a success and for supporting our school community!

Celebrating our Amazing SWR Dads!

The PTO would like to extend our warmest wishes to all of the amazing dads, grandfathers, stepdads, uncles, and father figures throughout the SWR community. Thank you for the countless ways you support, encourage, and inspire our children each and every day. Your love, encouragement, and support help make our school community stronger each and every day. We hope that you had a fantastic Father's Day!





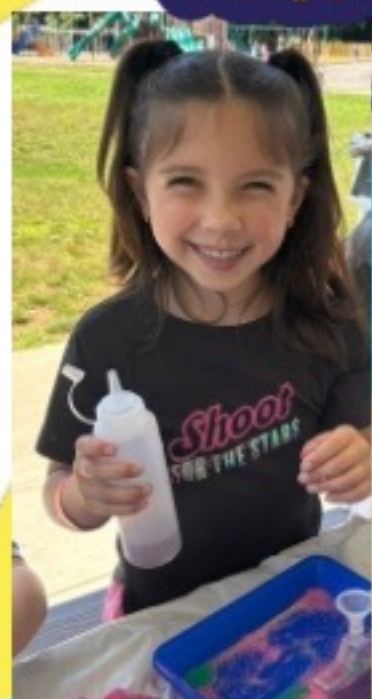
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REACH FOR THE STARS

OUT SECOND GRADE

TIME TO Celebrate

CONGRATS



Second Grade Celebrations

What a memorable week it was as we celebrated our incredible second graders and all they've accomplished!

The festivities began on Monday, June 22nd, with our **Second Grade Send-Off**. Students gathered in front of our inspiring "Reach for the Stars" backdrop and walked the red carpet. They were surrounded by stars hanging from the ceiling in the second grade hallway- each one proudly displaying the name of each second grade student. The celebration was made even more special with a heartfelt performance led by Ms. Dobie.

The fun continued on Wednesday, June 24th with the **Second Grade Celebration!** Students enjoyed a morning packed with excitement, including music from a DJ, refreshing Maui Ice, fluffy cotton candy, photobooth, fresh popcorn, face painting and plenty of smiles. We are so grateful for all of our volunteers- Ashley Mulligan, Mary Cait Byrnes, Brianne and Kenneth Barsch, Katie Sowinski, Celeste Horzdovsky, Monica Sousa, Erin Shannon and Brittany Yannucci.

The week wrapped up with a wonderful **Bagel Breakfast and Yearbook Signing**, giving students the chance to share breakfast together, collect signatures, and celebrate friendships and memories they've made at Miller Avenue. The PTO gifted each second grade student with a yearbook with a special pen and marker, backpack, and t-shirts. Thank you to our volunteers- Mary Cait Byrnes, Ashley Mulligan, Erin Shannon, Brittany Yannucci and Kristin McLaughlin.

To our second graders: Congratulations on reaching this exciting milestone! As you move on to your next adventure, continue to **Reach for the Stars**- we can't wait to see all that you will accomplish. Wishing you a fun, safe, and well-deserved summer! Good Luck in Wading River Elementary School!





Wildcat Community Spotlight:

Brianne and Ken Barsch



This month's Wildcat Community Spotlight shines brightly on **Brianne and Kenneth Barsch!**

Brianne and Ken have generously shared their time, creativity, and talents with our Miller Avenue community throughout the years, always stepping up to help make school events extra special. Most recently, they created the incredible "Reach for the Stars" backdrop and props for our Second Grade Send-Off and Celebration Day, providing a perfect setting to celebrate our students as they reached this exciting milestone. Their thoughtful craftsmanship helped create lasting memories for our second graders and their families.

Whether they're lending a helping hand behind the scenes, volunteering at PTO events, or using their creative talents to bring our ideas to life, Brianne and Ken consistently go above and beyond to support our students, staff, and school community.

On behalf of the Miller Avenue PTO, thank you, Brianne and Ken, for your years of dedication, generosity, and unwavering commitment to our Wildcat family.

Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS



As another wonderful school year has come to a close, we want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to our incredible Miller Avenue community and Mrs. Claudia Smith.

Serving on the PTO Board has been an honor, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to support our students, staff, and families. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for allowing us to serve this incredible school community. Have a safe, happy and relaxing summer!

Sincerely, Mary Cait, Lisa, Ashley, Lianne and Brittany

Mary Cait Byrnes, Ashley Mulligan and
Brittany Yannucci are officially "signing off".



**WELCOME
to the
TEAM!**

Congratulations

Please welcome the new PTO Board for the
2026-2027 school year!

President: Lianne Hoffmann
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**Enjoy
-EVERY-
moment**