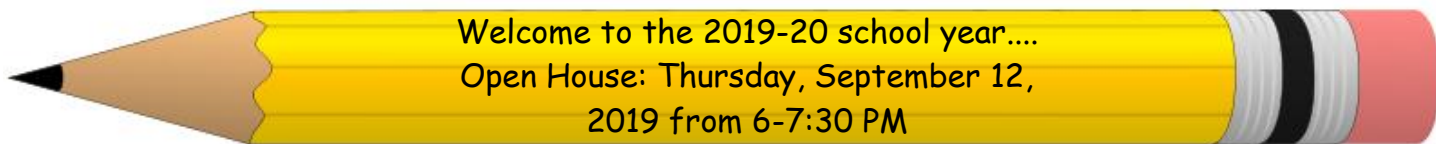


# Messages from Mittineague



## News from Mrs. Ranstrom... Class of 2027

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a fun and exciting start in room 5! We have been spending a lot of time building community in our classroom and setting up our routines. The students have been awesome and are excited for what's to come this year!

Every day we watch a ten minute news clip called CNN10 about world news and current events. After watching, we discuss what it showed and share thoughts and questions. There has been a great deal of coverage on Hurricane Dorian and the students have shown an interest and concern in the devastation of the hurricane's path. Stay tuned for more information of a future service project in the works to help the victims of the devastation.

In ELA we have been reading Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick. It is the story of an unlikely friendship of two boys, Max, who is large and clumsy and struggles to fit in, and Freak, who is small and brilliant, but also struggles to fit in. Ask your child to tell you about what is happening in the story.

On Friday afternoon we held a special memorial service for the death of "I can't" in our classroom. The students wrote down all their "I can'ts" and together we buried them in the schoolyard. A memorial tombstone will hang in our class to remind students that they CAN do anything they set their minds to..

Please look for information coming home this week about our class Instagram page and our Classtag account. Feel free to contact me at [ranstrom@wsps.org](mailto:ranstrom@wsps.org) at any time with questions or concerns. Thank you for your support as we continue to work together to create a positive school experience for your child!

## News from Mrs. Lancour:

Welcome back everyone!! There are some changes to our classes this year in terms of mathematics instruction. The town has adopted a new math program called ReadyMath. This program really pushes the students to reason, manipulate, and talk about numbers and math problems. Through discussion, our kids will really dig deeply into topics and build a true understanding of how and why they got to an answer to solve a problem. We, as a school, are really trying to build our number sense, which is why a lot of the math that comes home in your child's backpack looks "new" or "different" to you. Educators are building the logical and critical thinking skills instead of just teaching the standard algorithm where kids could just memorize and complete rote tasks. We are building a society of thinkers and do-ers!!! While the work may look new to you, we will be working our hardest to make sure the kids can do the work on their own and with confidence. It's going to be a great year!!!

Mrs. Doe has been into all the classrooms to read the story, The Three Questions by Jon Muth. Mr. Muth adapted the story from the famous tale penned by Leo Tolstoy. This story is about a young boy who seeks for answers to his questions to help him be the best boy he can be. This story sets the tone for our theme for the year.

For your Calendar	September 12 Open House	September 23 All School Read	September 27 School Pictures	October 2 PTO	October 4 Evacuation Drill	October 14 No School
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## News from Mr. Chasse... Welcome Back!

I am so happy to join Mittineague as the full-time School Adjustment Counselor this school year!

I wanted to provide information related to my role as a School Adjustment Counselor in an elementary school. More specifically, examples of the types of services School Counselors provide students in elementary schools. This information is provided by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA):

### Direct student services including:

- **Instruction** - teaching the school counseling curriculum to students focused through the lens of selected student standards from the ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors for Student Success.
- **Appraisal and Advisement** - assessing student abilities, interests and achievement to help them make decisions about their future.
- **Counseling** - providing professional assistance and support to a student or small group of students during times of transition, heightened stress, critical change or other situations impeding student success. School counselors do not provide therapy or long-term counseling in schools. However, school counselors are prepared to recognize and respond to student mental health needs and assist students and families seeking resources.

### Indirect student services including:

- **Consultation** - share strategies supporting student achievement with parents, teachers, other educators and community organizations
- **Collaboration** - work with other educators, parents and the community to support student achievement
- **Referrals** - support for students and families to school or community resources for additional assistance and information

For more information:

<https://www.schoolcounselor.org/asca/media/asca/Careers-Roles/WhyElem.pdf>

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*We have started practicing our safety drill with a whole school fire drill practice. We will let you know when we are practicing so you can discuss these with your children.*

## PTO

The next PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2019, from 5:00-6:00. We would love to welcome even more new members! Please come if you can!!

PTO President: Robin Sayward  
Co-Vice Presidents: Nancy Bowie, Anne Lacienski  
Treasurer: Kristy Morrissey  
Secretary: Donald Houle

Open House Thursday, September 12th, 6:00-7:30 See you there!!

### Remember...

Don't forget to clip and send in box tops and soda tabs (for Shriner's Hospital)!

**Also, please don't forget to register your Stop and Shop card!**

**Word of the Week**  
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*To be glad about, to approve of in a polite, friendly way*

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Work hard and be kind and amazing things will happen!!"



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