

IMPORTANT INFORMATION about the MILL FALLS 2019 ENROLLMENT LOTTERY



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This week marks the start of the 2019 Lottery Enrollment period, which runs from Thursday, January 3rd at 9am through Monday, March 11th at 5pm. We will be holding Lottery Information Sessions at school in January, February and March for those interested in enrolling in the Lottery. The 2019 Lottery will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, 4:30pm at Mill Falls.

CURRENT MFCS STUDENTS: Please note, children currently enrolled at Mill Falls DO NOT participate in the Lottery. Once enrolled at school, they stay with us and move along from grade to grade. Later this winter, we will be sending out the 'Intent to Return' form to our current families asking parents to sign and return those forms to us so that we know your plans for each of your children in the 2019/20 school year.

Thank you for reviewing the information below, which includes some frequently asked questions related to the MFCS Lottery.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE 2019 LOTTERY?

- ❖❖ Any child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2019, and is not currently enrolled at Mill Falls must fill out a 2019 Lottery enrollment application to take part in the Lottery.
- ❖❖ Mill Falls parents/guardians with children not yet enrolled at our school must submit an application for each child who would like to take part in the Lottery.
- ❖❖ We will be accepting applications for all grades K-6 in the 2019/20 Lottery.

However, please note:

- At this time, the most number of available spots will be at the kindergarten level and our Upper Elementary Program. Each year, the kindergarten classroom is filled by a fresh set of lottery applicants.
- Additionally, parents of students who will be entering 4th grade next year are strongly encouraged to apply.

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WHEN and WHERE DO I GET AN APPLICATION?

- ❖❖Beginning on January 3rd, the 2019 Lottery Application will be available online along with other lottery information on our school website. *The completed online application must be completed electronically by March 11th, 5pm.*

Visit: <https://millfalls.org/enroll/>

- ❖❖For those families who wish to enroll their children in our 2019 Lottery, but who do not have access to a computer, we will provide a paper version of the Lottery Application. Please contact Susanne or Roxanne at 603.232.5176 to request an application. *Please note the application must be delivered by March 11th, 3pm.*

INFORMATION SESSIONS

We strongly encourage all those enrolling their children in the 2019 Lottery to attend an information session. We will be hosting the following lottery information sessions at school:

- **Wednesday, January 9th, 10am**
- **Tuesday, January 29th, 6pm**
- **Thursday, February 21st, 10am**
- **Saturday, March 9th, 10am**

(Weather related cancellations will be announced on our website, www.MillFalls.org)

HOW DOES THE WAITLIST WORK?

If there are more applicants than spots for any given grade, then the following will occur:

- ❖❖It is our school policy that our wait list generated by the lotteries carry over from year to year. So, for example, if you, or someone you know, have a child on this year's kindergarten wait list (from the 2019 Lottery held last year), their position on the list will be rolled over into next year's 1st grade wait list.
- ❖❖Students with siblings at Mill Falls who enter in the 2019 Lottery will be added to the sibling waitlist for their grade in the order they are pulled in the 2019 Lottery. Please note the sibling waitlist supersedes the general list.
- ❖❖Those without siblings at Mill Falls who enter the 2019 Lottery will be added to the bottom of the existing general waitlist for their grade in the order they are pulled in the 2019 Lottery.
- ❖❖With regard to movement from the waitlist: This year, we have been able to offer a few spots to students on the wait list. But it is impossible to predict how many spots may be offered to those on the waitlist, or who on the waitlist will accept or decline the offer to enroll their children.

Thank you for helping us spread the word and helping us to continue to build our diverse learning community!

— The 2019 MFCS Lottery Team