

MILL CREEK NEWS

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What's New?

Summer is finally here! What a busy and exciting school year we've had! Special congratulations to our graduating seniors. We bid them a fond farewell, and we wish them great success and happiness in the future. For the rest of us, the new school year will be here before you can blink! So don't waste your summer. Here are some tips for keeping active and motivated:

- Summer Classes – Check out your local community center or college to see if they have any offerings for summer courses, especially in areas of interest
- Volunteer – Visit your local library, animal shelter, or recreation center to see if they need volunteers. Community service is always a great way to stay involved.
- Work – Peruse store windows to see if they're looking for part-time help. You won't just be keeping busy; you'll be making money too!
- Health – Summer is a great time to enjoy the weather with some physical activity. Swim, run, or just take a stroll through the neighborhood.
- Vacation – Though you may not be spending a month in Hawaii this summer, you can still enjoy your vacation. Short day trips are always a good alternative if your family is staying local.

Community Service

Students participated in Earth Day activities during the week of April 18 – 21. In science classes, students created special projects and viewed presentations on environmental

issues. On April 21, many students attended a showing of the film *An Inconvenient Truth*, followed by a discussion about global climate change. Students were also given an opportunity to plant flowers and weed the front garden. After a few rainouts, they finally planted some beautiful flowers and made our outdoor space even nicer!

To further investigate solutions to environmental problems, members of the Chemistry and Environmental Science classes took a field trip to the Belmont Water Treatment Plant to tour the facility and see how Philadelphia's drinking water is collected, cleaned, and purified.

Special Events

On April 7 students, staff, and families enjoyed a terrific Winter Blues concert organized by music teacher Ron Chmar. Students in music classes performed a number of songs and played a variety of instruments. Fun was had by all!

May 11 marked our annual Art Show. Students, faculty, and parents were welcome to walk through the display. It was a fine showcase of creativity, color, and workmanship. The event was organized by art teacher Heather Coyle.

On May 12, students were treated to a morning concert by the Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus (PGMC). The songs were uplifting, and a pleasant way to start the day! Along with the concert, students were invited to visit upcoming shows for PGMC. They can receive a free ticket by checking out the group's website.