

## Milltown School District

### STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN UPDATE 2/18

Chairperson: Barbara Wright

Team Members: Janet Ferlazzo, Mary Sansone, Cyril Boco, Dawn Milburn, Kristen Lloyd, Doriann Kerber and Michael Szwarc

Domain: Lifelong Learners

Goal: To support environmental responsibility through the district Green Team and school green clubs.

Objective 1: Achieve Green Flag status in NJ Eco-Schools

Summary of accomplishments from October 2017- January 2018:

- Milltown Green Team Professional Learning Community, or PLC, meets as scheduled and works together on numerous sustainability issues in the schools.
- Morning announcements educate students on how to reduce our carbon footprint.
- Mary Sansone takes on leadership role of Green Team PLC book club, which discusses our initiatives online within a Google classroom.
- Plans are being made for classrooms to begin using recycled cloth towels, donated by parents, to clean simple water spills rather than paper towels.
- Refillable water bottle/filtered water fountains are on order and soon to arrive at both school cafeterias through the support of the Parent Teacher Association, the Milltown School District administration and custodial staff.
- Joyce Kilmer Green Club student members are creating lessons and learning activities to support composting and recycling in the lunchroom. New composting cans along with student assistance with collecting garbage will decrease cafeteria waste by a significant amount.

- Sample letter to parents attached inviting students to attend Green Club Meeting.

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Goal: To offer additional sessions of professional articulation time

Objective: Establish additional sessions of professional articulation time

Summary of accomplishments from October 2017- January 2018:

- Milltown Mondays on selected days will include time for professional articulation, due to shortened faculty meetings.
- Continue working toward finding solutions that can provide articulation time for teachers; for example, when there is an assembly, we can split the staff. Half of the staff can supervise the assembly and half the staff can have articulation time.
- At the following assembly the staff that supervised previously will have their articulation time and the other half of the staff will supervise the assembly.



# Parkview Green Club

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are happy to announce that we will once again hold a Green Club at Parkview School for children in grades 1-3 who want to grow spring crops in our school garden, and “grow” our knowledge of sustainability and the natural world. We hope to include all children who want to participate in the club and **submit applications by February 1**, but can only host 24 students at a time. The number of groups set up, and your child’s schedule of meetings will be determined by how many students join. The Parkview Green Club will meet on Wednesdays at 2:45PM in the Parkview Library. Pick up is at the main entrance at 3:45 PM. Club will begin February 14, and continue until June 6.

Our gardening focus this year will be on spring vegetables, and our sustainability focus will be on energy conservation. Each week the club members will have a lesson and planned activities that will help us reach our goal of becoming a Green Flag winning New Jersey Eco-School. As the weather becomes warmer, we will spend some of our meeting times in the school garden; planting, and cultivating our food crops and flowers that feed our pollinators, the birds and butterflies.

The Club will be supervised by Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Sansone, and Mrs. McSherry. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend and volunteer to assist. It takes many hands to help our garden grow! Family participation in summer gardening activities is necessary to continue keeping our school garden productive, and will be fun and rewarding for all. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Wright at [bwright@milltownps.org](mailto:bwright@milltownps.org).

Please return the bottom half of permission slip to Mrs. Wright at Parkview School

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in the Parkview Green Club.  
 \_\_\_\_ I will pick up my child after club meetings at 3:45 PM.

\_\_\_\_ My child attends SAAC and will return to SAAC after club meetings at 3:45 PM.

Phone number where you can be reached during club: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

My child is allergic to: \_\_\_\_\_ Other concerns can be noted on back \_\_\_\_\_

I can volunteer: during club \_\_\_\_\_ weekends \_\_\_\_\_ summer garden care: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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