



# Milton Town School District



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Teachers and students have been spending Trimester 2 piloting science units that are linked to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). These standards focus on the three key ideas:

1. Crosscutting Concepts - tools used to make sense of a phenomena
2. Science and Engineering Practices - things that students will do (ie. ask questions)
3. Disciplinary Core Ideas - key ideas in science (ie. Physical Science)

A Science committee has been created comprised of teachers and administrators who are continually working with Liz Mirra, a local science consultant, to develop a vision and curriculum linked to these standards for our district. This year the focus has been on Earth Systems during Trimester 2. Next year, we will be looking to have all units reflect the NGSS. You will notice on your child's report card that Trimester 2 will not have a grade as we are piloting the unit. You can expect a grade for Trimester 2 science units next year.

Here are a few other resources if you'd like additional information about NGSS. As always, we encourage you to speak with your child's teacher as well. We are very excited about this shift in teaching and learning!

[Next Generation Science Standards Parent Guides](#)  
[A Vision for K-12 Science Education](#)

Educationally Yours,

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