



NEWS from the DEN

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June 10, 2016

This will be the last News From The Den for the 2015-16 school year. It has been a great first year as principal and I have enjoyed every minute of it! Thank you, our AMAZING Miller parents, for helping out in the classrooms, volunteering at after-hours events, cooperating with our teachers and supporting us financially. Miller would not be the great school that it is without all of you. A few last minute items:

- If you know of anyone who has a child who will be attending Miller for the first time next year, please **encourage him/her to register that student soon**. It really helps us to know our numbers per grade level so that we can plan teachers and classes. Thank you.
- Each month this year we have had a **Parent Play Day** for a certain grade level. This was a new idea brought to me by a 4th grade student. Please understand that we purposefully advertised these events just the day before so that we would have a small group of parents that we could accommodate in our cafeteria. We did not mean to leave anyone out, we just could not have seated a large crowd of parents. In case you did not know...parents are welcome to join their students for lunch any day on their own!
- **IPad roll-in** (all 3rd – 5th grade students will turn in their iPads for the summer) Monday, June 13 – Wednesday, June 15. Look for more information on this process later in this newsletter.
- **Wednesday, June 16 is a full school day.**
- Our last day of school is **Thursday, June 17**. Students will be released at **2:00 PM**.
- We do not anticipate many staff changes next year!

Have a wonderful summer wherever you may be spending it! We look forward to seeing most of you next year and wish our 5th graders the best as they head off to middle school.

Respectfully,

Jen Healy 541-355-2502 jen.healy@bend.k12.or.us

Paw Plans

June 14

1st Grade Field Day,
1-3PM
2nd Grade Symposium,
5:30PM

June 15

Kindergarten Field Day,
9:30-11AM
3rd-5th Grade Field Day,
1:00-3:30PM
2nd Grade Field Day,
1:00-3:00PM

School dismissed at
3:30PM

June 16

5th Grade Celebration
9:30AM Gym
Last Day of School
Dismissed at 2PM

How to Reach Us:

W.E. Miller Office 541-355-2500
Fax 541-355-2510
FAN 541-355-2517
Transportation 541-355-5700
Nutrition Services 541-355-2541

Calling in Absent Students: If your child is going to be absent, please call our school office at 541-355-2500 or email us **prior to 10:00AM** to let us know.

To report a student absent: miller-absent@bend.k12.or.us

Please include in email: student name, teacher and reason for absence: ill, family vacation, family emergency. Thank you!



Registration for 2016-2017 Has Begun!

Registration will continue throughout the rest of the school year. If you have an incoming student, please stop by the office and pick up a registration packet. Information that is **required** in order to register your kindergarten child includes a birth certificate, immunization record and proof of address. Please share this information with any parents who may not receive a school newsletter. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016 in order to attend kindergarten in the fall.

If you picked up a kindergarten enrollment packet please return it to the office as soon as possible!

Lost & Found: Parents, please check our lost & found bin located in the middle hallway. We have several coats, lunch boxes, water bottles, hats, etc. It is **OVERFLOWING!** **All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity on June 21, 2016.** Small items are located at the front office. Thank you!

The Office Will be Closed June 30 – August 5, 2016

Back to School 2016-2017: Jen Healy and Meredith Blackwell will be back in the office on August 8, 2016. First order of business is to get our August Mailing out to Miller families. This mailing includes a letter from Principal Healy, a Free & Reduced Lunch Application and a welcome letter from our PTO. Mrs. Healy's letter will include information about iPad rollout for grades 3-5, Meet the Teacher, and the schedule for the first week of school.

Yearbooks: Yearbooks will be delivered to students Monday, June 13. Extra yearbooks will be for sale beginning Monday, June 13 at 3:30PM in Mrs. Frost's room, B2. The cost is \$11. We will accept checks or EXACT change only. Sales also on Tuesday, June 14 8:15AM-8:50AM and after school, 3:30PM-4PM, while supply lasts.

We want to wish all of our 5th Grade Students GOOD LUCK in middle school! We will miss you! Please pop in and say hello sometime!



Fields Closed During Summer Break:

Bend LaPine Maintenance will be reseeding our fields beginning June 20. The gates to our fields will be locked for the summer to protect the fields during this time.

iPad Roll in June 13-15: Attention 3rd – 5th grade students: iPads need to come to school along with their charger and cord. If the cord is missing, or has **any** defects, regardless of the cord's working order, they child will be charged a \$5 replacement fee. If the charger that was issued with the iPad (no iPhone chargers) is missing or defective a \$20 replacement fee will be applied. Please send cash or check payable to Miller with your student on Monday, June 13. 3rd Grade=Monday, 4th Grade=Tuesday, 5th Grade=Wednesday. Thank you

Green Visitor Badges: We need your help. We are missing dozens of green visitor badges with clips. The clips cost money and it takes a lot of time to print, laminate and cut the badges... it would be great to get them back in the office. ☺ If you have one, two or more in your car, at home or in your purse, can you please return them to the office? Thank you!

New Address? New Phone Number?

Please remember to notify the office if you have any new contact information. If you do not have a ParentVue account, please see Kerrie in the office. With a ParentVue account you can update phone numbers, email address, emergency contacts, etc. Thank you.



Lunch Charges: As the year draws to an end, the cafeteria is now requiring that students have funds in their account if they want to 'charge' lunch. Parents can send in cash or check to be added to their student's account. If you add funds online, beware that it takes 24 hours to process. Any funds not used this year will carry over next year at any Bend LaPine school. Thank you!



From Our Nutrition

Services Staff: We want to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the volunteer dish-washers that have helped out this year. We appreciate you so much!!



End of school year medication pick up notice:

All Medications should be picked up by the last day of school. The office is open until June 29 for medication pick up. Any medication left at school over the summer must be discarded according to Oregon Education Law, even if it is not expired. We look forward to receiving necessary medication for your student next fall.

Report Cards: The office will mail report cards on Tuesday, June 21. If you have moved recently.... or anytime during this school year... please contact the office to ensure that we have your **correct mailing address**. The office closes on June 29 this year. Any report cards returned after this date will be processed when we return in August so please make sure we have the correct address for you! Thank you!

Drinking Water Testing Underway

Parents may be aware of recent news out of Portland, Oregon and around the country that elevated levels of lead were found to be present in some school sinks and fountains. In light of this news, Bend-La Pine Schools is taking precautionary steps to ensure safe water supplies. Although there are no water testing requirements for schools in Oregon, Bend-La Pine Schools has begun voluntarily testing its schools' drinking water for lead.

Bend-La Pine Schools received test kits and has just completed the collection of drinking water samples from our schools. In all, samples from 38 school/program sites were collected this week and are now at a local, professional lab. The lab will be testing for the presence of lead and results are expected to back to us in the next two to three weeks. For convenience as we near summer vacation, the web page [https://www.bend.k12.or.us/district/news-](https://www.bend.k12.or.us/district/news-events/alerts-updates)

[events/alerts-updates](#) will be utilized to provide updates about the work and the test results, as it becomes available. Our communities' water providers are required to test water on a regular basis.

Some of our school sites have been included in these tests. We have had no reports that water tests in our communities have ever shown unsatisfactory levels of lead in the water supply. Bend-La Pine Schools takes the health and safety of students and staff seriously. Lead in water is a concern because high lead levels can contribute to negative health effects, especially for pregnant women, infants and young children under 6 years old. If you have any concerns about lead exposure, please see the resources below and/or contact your healthcare provider.





MILLER PTO NEWS

June 9, 2016

Thank you from the PTO Board

Thank you to everyone who helped make this past year a success! Our children enjoyed and benefited greatly from all the fabulous PTO programs that were offered thanks to all your donations.

As we wrap up this year, the board is very receptive to any and all feedback about the Miller PTO. Do you have ideas or comments regarding our meetings, fundraising, communication, events, etc.? If so, please consider emailing Amanda at president@millerpto.org. The new board will be back at work later this summer to plan the next school year, and your input is important!

We need 3 Chairperson's for the Fall

Many of the terrific programs at Miller simply cannot run without the help of volunteers. We are grateful to each and every one of our volunteers for every precious hour of time donated to make Miller a more wonderful place for our students. Please, please consider volunteering for one of the chair/ coordinator positions below. They offer flexible time commitments, the support of the PTO board, and many "worker bees" to help get the job done...you won't be going it alone! You can also recruit a friend and co-chair the position. If you are interested, please email Amanda at president@millerpto.org

Art Committee
Family Fall Night/Miller Monster Mash
Movie Night

Miller on the Move Stats for 2015-1016

We had another extraordinary running year this year! We have an amazing group of kids running and it is so impressive to watch them set their goals and work toward them with so much success!! The kids doubled the number of those who ran ultra marathons compared to last year, there were 13 ultra marathoners this year!! Also, check out the miles per grade and the overall mileage (beat last year by 700 miles). Incredible job to every student who participated this year!

2015/2016 miles

Grade: Total miles per Grade:

KG	881
1st	977
2nd	1,554
3rd	1,293
4th	561
5th	402

School total 5,668 That is enough miles to run to Beijing China or Budapest Hungary! Incredible!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who took their time to come out and count/stamp laps, Miller on the Move could not have done it with out you. Also HUGE amounts of gratitude to CUPPA YO, EMERALD CITY SMOOTHIE and FOOTZONE for doubling our dollars spent by us to give the kids larger prizes. Prizes will be given to 5k/10k runners (water bottle), 1/2 marathoners (ECS gift certificate), marathoners (Cuppa Yo gift certificate) and ultra marathoners (Foot Zone gift certificate). The Marathoners and Ultra Marathoners will also get to have lunch outside along with a special desert in recognition of your achievement (Mrs. Healy and staff).

Marathoners:

Kindergarden: Alexa Davison, Baker Mills, Reed Horton, Courtland Wetherill

1st: Gavin Littrel, Ione Sturm, Madilynn Millette, Maxwell Pagano, Otto Bohannon

2nd: Asher Shuman, Carson Bowles, Brooks Hinkle, Dylan O'Leary, Vanessa Bull, Cameron Clayton, Vincent McMorris, Gabriel Keane, Matthew Tompkins

3rd: Taylor Melner, William Strum, Henry McNairy, Davis Kerr, Grace Misischia, Nolan Rife, Sean O'Neil, Ally Walker, Ava Simone, Kaden Roskowski, Sawyer Crocker

4th: Adrianna Bull, Avery Malace, Lindsey Bowles, Maxwell Himstreet, Paul Maskill, Sara Rivas, Lucas Clark

5th: None

Miller on the Move Stats (con't)

Ultra Marathoners (50 miles or greater)

Kindergarden: none

1st: Drake Larsen 52 miles, Brennan Johnson 54 miles

2nd: Eres Freifeld 79 miles, Ben Davison 78 miles, Austin Ketchmere 67 miles, Hollis Muehling 66 miles, Ike Andrews 66 miles, Carter Horton 58 miles, Winston Carmichael 57 miles

3rd: Logan Hainisch 75 miles, Amanda Uri 66 miles, Sean Sebastian Fievet 58 miles

4th: None

5th: Luke Larsen 88 miles

Upcoming Events:

- **Field Day, Wednesday, June 15, 2016**
- **Full day of school-dismissal at 3:30pm, Wednesday, June 15, 2016**
- **Last day of school: Thursday, June 16, 2016**

**Have a safe a fun Summer!!!
See you in the Fall!!!**

USA TRIATHLON
DUATHLON

2016 National Championships

Bend ★ Oregon ★ June 25

Help make Duathlon National Championships a reality — become part of the Transamerica Tribe of volunteers today!

Join us on June 25 in Bend, Oregon, as we crown national champions, and be part of the action!

Positions include:

- Finish Line Support
- Run Course Support
- Transition Assistant and more!



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BEND OREGON

USA TRIATHLON DUATHLON

2016 National Championships

JUNE 25

USA Triathlon's Duathlon National Championships are taking place in Bend, OR for the first time ever! Sprint and Standard races will be hosted on June 25, 2016, with Summit High School serving as the hub for all race-day activity. 2014 and 2015 called Saint Paul, MN come with the race pulling athletes from 45 states! In 2016, we expect all 50 states to be represented by the best run-bike-run athletes in the nation. USA Triathlon will offer two race distances for the event — a standard distance 10k run, 40k bike and 5k run, and a 5k run, 20k bike, 2.5k run for the sprint distance.

Racing is scheduled to begin at 7:30am on Saturday, June 25 and continue until 4:30pm.



Due to this exciting event, there will be road closures and detours. There will be signage notifying the detour routes and closures. They are also listed on the next page.