



NEWS from the DEN

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March 22, 2018

Dear Parents,

- **I hope you all have a wonderful Spring Break!** Enjoy the time with your children and do something that makes you all happy!
- **STEAM Night is Thursday, April 5!** This year we are adding Art to our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math night. The PTO has a lot of wonderful hands-on experiments and activities for all ages. So, please plan to join us for this FREE event! Thursday, April 5, 6:30 – 8:00 PM.
- **Parent Conferences Are For You!** Please plan to attend spring conferences April 11 or 12. Teachers will work from 8 am to 8 pm both days to prepare for conferences and then meet with their families. This is an important time to get information about your child's progress and how things are going at school as we head to the last stretch of this school year.
- **Please read below from the Assistant Superintendent about a book called George:**

Parents of Miller Students:

In the last week, several of you have submitted challenges to one of the books chosen by Oregon's Battle of the Books organization. Please note that the book you reference is NOT in Miller's library, and our district policy states: "Any parent or guardian who wishes to request reconsideration of any instructional material used in the school that their student attends shall contact the principal of the school, etc."

However, the book is currently included in the library collections at four district schools, and two parents from the affected schools have formally filed a request to reconsider this book. A committee has already been established, and it will make a decision by mid-April. Finally, I want to remind parents that no Bend-La Pine district decision in any way affects the inclusion of the book in the 2018-19 Battle of the Books competition, only the title's availability in our libraries.

*If you have additional questions, please contact me at lora.nordquist@bend.k12.or.us.
Lora Nordquist, Assistant Superintendent*

Our Thriving Citizen focus for March and April is The Earth. We will be celebrating Earth Week April 16 - 20 this year by celebrating our beautiful surroundings. We will kick off the week with an assembly and I would love to show photos of our families enjoying the great outdoors. **Will you please share 1 photo of your family in the outdoors?** Just drop it in this folder:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YgMD_bzfE0zGAfOJCbZs9VFk1wBhh-cw?usp=sharing
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YgMD_bzfE0zGAfOJCbZs9VFk1wBhh-cw?usp=sharing

If this link does not work for you, you can also email to me: jen.healy@bend.k12.or.us

Respectfully,

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



At Miller we are working on the 4Cs (collaboration, creative thinking, communication and critical thinking).

These buddies did a St. Patrick project then talked about how they used the 4Cs while they worked.

Paw Plans

March 26 – 30
Spring Break
No School

April 5
STEAM Night
6:30-8PM

April 11 & 12
No School
Parent ~ Teacher
Conferences

April 13
No School

April 20
Spring Pictures

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF BATTLE OF THE BOOKS HAS FINISHED

Miller's Warriors reached the Regional Sweet Sixteen! They battled valiantly at the recent Central Oregon Regional Battle of the Books competition. They scored enough points to qualify for the battle round of 16 teams, but sadly lost by one question to Sisters Elementary School. Our Miller team displayed great sportsmanship, strong knowledge of the books, and were fantastic representatives of Miller Elementary. Congratulations again to 5th graders Chloe Bolam, Alex Hummel, Noah Meurs-Gergen and Alaina Tarr on a job well done!

For our FINAL Battle of the Books event, there was a culmination ice cream celebration for all 198 team members and 20 student volunteers. All the participating students celebrated reading, teamwork and good books!

A special thanks to those parents who helped with the battles and to the PTO for supporting the program. **YOU ARE ALL APPRECIATED!** ~ Cathy Brimacombe

SafeTOUCH

Bend – La Pine schools has adopted a curriculum that was created in partnership with The Kids Center. The curriculum is called SafeTOUCH and is a sexual abuse prevention curriculum for Kindergarten - fifth grade. This curriculum helps kids understand the difference between safe and unsafe touch and gives them tools and skills to report incidents of sexual abuse. We will be teaching age-appropriate curriculum that will include discussion, activities and books.

We wanted to make you aware that some grade levels may begin instruction with the SafeTOUCH curriculum during the week of April 2nd. The majority of grade levels will complete instruction in April, as April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. The curriculum includes 5 days of 30-minute lessons. The curriculum is broken into three age-appropriate levels; k-1, 2-3 and 4-5. If you would like to know more about the curriculum, or you would like to review the curriculum and age level books, you may contact Erich Bocker at 541-355-2506.

We are planning to teach these lessons to all students, grades K - 5. In the event that you would prefer that your child does not participate in the safe touch lessons, please let your student's teacher know, and we will arrange for an alternate learning activity

Parent ~ Teacher Conferences

No School on Wednesday and Thursday, April 11, 12 for Parent ~ Teacher Conferences. Your student's teacher has or will contact you about conference scheduling. **No School on Friday, April 13** as teachers will have worked 12-hour days the previous two days.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Information

If you are going to volunteer at Miller Elementary in any capacity, you must complete the online application at <https://volunteer.bend.k12.or.us/> This includes picture day, vision screening, book fair, field trips, classroom help, cafeteria, etc. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed in the Media Center: Do you have an hour or two each week to help shelve books in the library? If so, please contact Cathy Brimacombe at cathy.brimacombe@bend.k12.or.us.

REMINDERS

Identification Required to Enter the School

Remember to bring a driver's license or other official form of identification if you want to enter the school past the front office. ID is required in order to use the Raptor Security System. Sorry, no exceptions.

Miller Yearbooks – Must Purchase by Monday, April 27

Yearbooks are on sale!!!! The cost is \$11 for the basic yearbook. Pre-order your Miller Elementary School yearbook **online** at the site below **by Monday, April 27**. Yearbooks are delivered to students the last week of school. Order Your 2017 - 2018 Miller Elementary Yearbook [Here!](https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob?isAdvertisementOnly=False) The order code is: 10286818 <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob?isAdvertisementOnly=False>

Kindergarten Orientations

We will have one more kindergarten orientation at Miller this year. The second session will be on Wednesday, April 18 at 9:15 AM. We will give our prospective parents information about the school and the kindergarten program, followed by a tour of the school. Please bring your new kindergarten student(s) to the orientation so they will feel comfortable in the school setting. Please share this information with any friends or neighbors who might be interested.

Student School Supplies

Families are encouraged to make a voluntary **donation of \$25** to the W.E. Miller Elementary school supply fund. **Approximately 85% of our families have made a donation.** [Click Here to Pay for Supplies](#) **You can check with the office if you are not sure if you have paid yet.**

Social & Emotional Learning Corner

<https://sites.google.com/a/gapps.bend.k12.or.us/teachgrowth/>

CONTACT INFORMATION

How to Reach Us

W.E. Miller Office	541-355-2500	Transportation	541-355-5700
Inclement Weather	541-323-SNOW	FAN	541-355-2517
Fax	541-355-2510		

Calling in Absent Students

If your child is going to be absent, it is very important that you call our school office at 541-355-2500 or **email us prior to 10:00AM** to let us know. Calling in advance will stop the automated system from contacting you. ***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.



No School March 26 – 30, 2018



MILLER PTO NEWS

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Next PTO General Meeting April 19th

Have you not been able to come to a PTO Meeting because of work schedule? Our next meeting will be in the evening! Please join us in our next PTO meeting at 6pm. We hope you can join us!

Miller Store

Our Miller store has new goodies for kids to choose from! We will have gift cards and movie tickets available, along with some other goodies the kids will love to spend their "Miller Bucks" on.

The Miller Student Store needs volunteers! The "store" is set up at lunch on Wednesdays and alternates weekly between grades K-2 in orange wing, and grades 3-5 in blue wing. It is a place for students to spend their hard-earned Miller Dollars. We are looking for parent volunteers to help run the store for about an hour on Wednesdays. Please sign up for a volunteer shift using the attached sign-up link. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated! Click to volunteer:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1L_qa_2izyO_dVF9-rMizPn2CkxjvP8jAYSfB9TIjo8Y/edit?usp=sharing

STEAM NIGHT Volunteers Needed:

Volunteer Sign-Up MILLER ELEMENTARY STEAM NIGHT VOLUNTEERS Thursday, April 5, 2018- from 6: 00pm-8: 00pm, THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE STEAM NIGHT A SUCCESS! MUCH APPRECIATED! Each activity listed will be linked to the information sheet about how to run the activity.

The theme for Steam Night is "Water Works" so every station has something to do with H2O in some capacity. More details to come....

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qVr7Vae7vvKw1oZbf1ZFUYNnJq56luu4xPZ5XPfKxVg/edit#gid=0>

Box Top Coordinator for next year:

We are looking for a Box Top Coordinator for next year, if you interested please email Amanda Ring at president@millerpto.org

Like us on Facebook:

Miller PTO has a Facebook page and we announce the meetings and important information and showcase our businesses that support us.

New AmazonSmile Promotion 3x your impact thru March 31st!

Amazon is **TRIPLING THE DONATION AMOUNT** to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12-31. This is a great opportunity to increase William E Miller Elementary PTO's AmazonSmile donations by reminding your supporters to shop at smile.amazon.com

To order, Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/27-0585224 and Amazon donates to William E Miller Elementary PTO.



Staff Appreciation week is coming up May 7-11:

We need volunteers to help plan it, please email Amanda Ring at president@millerpto.org