

NEWS from the DEN

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May 12, 2016

We are in the home stretch! We have a lot of great things happening at Miller so please read through this News From the Den so you know of all the events.

- **Miller Art Night is TONIGHT**– From 5:30-7:30 PM tonight we will have student art showcased throughout the school, students presenting their work in the media center and a 5th grade talent show at 6:00 PM. Please join us for this free event! Thank you PTO!
- **Parent Survey** – I would love to get your feedback on how this year has gone for your child(ren). Please take a moment to fill out this Miller survey if you have not done so already. Thank you!
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18qRTMyMmMMVtMrfOK8Fk1gkvu2hew2Kat-PhgS8fBvs/viewform>
- Each month we have had a **Parent Play Day** for a certain grade level. Friday, May 13 is 4th grade's Parent Play Day! You are welcome to join your 4th grader for lunch (12:30 PM) and recess (12:45-1:15 PM) at Miller.
- **Smarter Balanced Assessments** are in full force in 3rd – 5th grade. While the testing does take some time to complete, students are only spending 1 – 1 ½ hours per day testing on the days that they do test. We are expecting results earlier this year, possibly before school is out.
- **Safe Routes to Schools Survey** – if you have not taken this survey yet, please take a moment to fill it out using the link below. This will give Commute Options some great data to help improve our streets for safe foot-powered traveling to and from schools.
<http://www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=8870112>

Paw Plans

May 12

Fine Arts Night 5:30-7:30PM
5th Grade Talent Show 5:30PM

May 19

2nd Grade Play 5:30PM
“The Garden Show”

May 24

1st Grade Play
“Life Cycles” 5:30PM
Young/ Richardson
6:15PM Ayers/ Johnson

Enjoy the warmer weather and please put your child's name in their coats – we have a bundle of unclaimed coats and jackets that end up on the playground each afternoon!

Respectfully,

Jen Healy
541-355-2502

jen.healy@bend.k12.or.us

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!



Social & Emotional Learning Corner

Please visit my website for information.

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

~Jenny White

Thank you Miller PTO and parents for the great Staff Appreciation Week!

The treats, notes and lunches were just awesome. The staff lounge was very festive and it was fun for staff to eat lunch together. Our jobs are that much more rewarding when we receive thanks and praise from our families. We have great kids and families at Miller Elementary School!

5th Grade Visitation Day:

On May 19, all 5th grade students will visit their next year's middle school. A bus will take students to Cascade Middle School, 9:15-11AM and students will walk to Pacific Crest Middle School, 9:30-11:30AM.

Arrangements have been made for students attending other middle schools.

May is Walk and Bike to School Month!

We will be giving out prizes **EVERY WEDNESDAY IN MAY** to those who get to school under their own power (bike, walk, skate, unicycle) or carpool to school. We will also recognize students who ride the bus as well one day. Let's hope for beautiful weather!!

Lost & Found: Parents, please check our lost & found bin located in the middle hallway. We have several coats, lunch boxes, water bottles, hats, etc. Thank you!

Missing: Green Visitor Badges The office is missing about 100 bright green visitor badges. If you have any in your car, purse or at home, will you please return them to the front office? Thank you!

Music Notes:

Save the date for these spring student performances...

Thurs. May 12th : **5th Grades Got Talent** 5:30 p.m. This is also Art Night!

Thurs. May 19th : **2nd grade play** "The Garden Show" 5:30 p.m.

Tues. May 24th : **1st grade play** "Life Cycles" 5:30 p.m. Young/ Richardson 6:15 p.m. Ayers/ Johnson

Thurs. May 26th : **4th Grade Play** "Go West!" 6:00 p.m.

From the Educational Technology

Parent Group: We are happy to announce that we will be holding a presentation for all parents on Wednesday, May 25th from 5-6pm in the Media Center. This will be a panel presentation on a variety of technology related topics and how technology has been implemented this year at Miller. At the end there will be time for Q & A.

~ Erich Bocker, Assistant Principal

Cafeteria Volunteers: If you could work a day or two, 12pm-1pm, please click on the link below. [Lunchroom Help](#) Any questions please contact Christina at christina.snyder@me.com.

Spring Student Dress Reminders:

No flip-flops, open toed shoes or high heels are allowed at school.

Shorts and dresses must be long enough to be touched by fingers when arms are extended straight down.

Halter tops or tops with less than two-inch straps are not appropriate for school.

On Time for School:

Parents, please help us by getting your students to school on time.



Students miss valuable information if they are even 10 minutes late so please try to be at school prior to 9AM. Thank you!

Drivers: With the warm weather, many students are walking and biking to school. Please use caution when driving to and from school and watch for bikers and walkers. Please give them plenty of room and the right of way! Also, please drive slowly in the front and back parking lots.

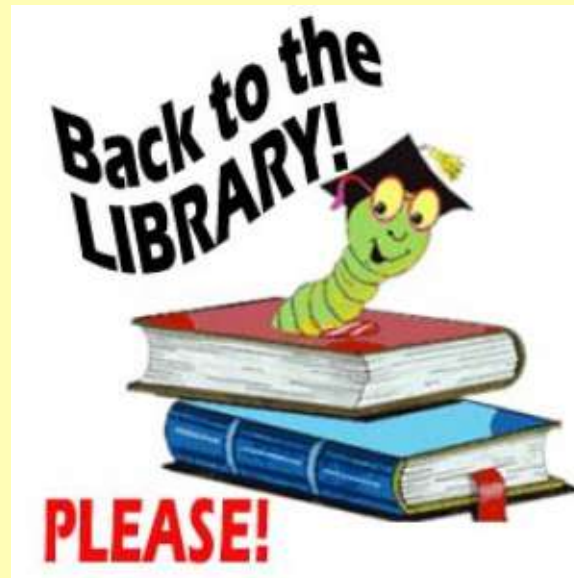
IMPORTANT: Please **DO NOT** park along any red curb areas or behind parked cars in the back parking lot. Thank you!

New Address? New Phone Number?



Please remember to notify the office if you have any new contact information.

**Library Books Due
By June 3, 2016.**



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!

Next Year Plans: As we work to confirm enrollment for 2016-2017 please **notify the office as soon as possible if your child will not be at Miller Elementary School next year.**
Thank you!

Always be a little
kinder than
necessary.



MILLER PTO NEWS

May 12, 2016

Last PTO meeting of this school year!

Please join us on Monday, May 16th, at 6:00 pm for the last PTO meeting of this school year at the outdoor area at Crux. We will be wrapping up the year and saying goodbye to our outgoing officers and welcoming our new ones: Kim Hill, Vice-President; Maria Rue-Secretary; and Kira Marchant-Fundraising.

Fine Arts Night

Fine Arts Night is tonight, Thursday, May 12th, from 5:30-7:00pm. Come and see all of the wonderful artwork your child has been working on throughout the year. Tour the Miller gallery of Art on the Cart and Artist in Residence projects and check out the Living Map Screenings in the Media Center. Come and look at student's individual projects as part of "Miller Makes." Each child has also worked on a special interactive art piece so make sure that you have a QR code reader on your mobile device. You can easily download this from the App Store or Google Play if you do not already have one. The 5th grade talent show will begin at 6pm in the gym and is always an impressive show to watch. 5th graders participating in the show need to arrive at 5:30pm. We still have a few areas, especially clean up, that we could use some help. Please click on the link if you can volunteer. Please email Kimberly Hill at kimbjhill@gmail.com if you have any questions.

[Fine Art Night Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Bike or Walk to School Wednesdays

Mrs. Healy will be need 4 parent volunteers for the last two Wednesday's in May from 8:25-9am to help hand out prizes and give directions. Please email Secily at communications@millerpto.org if you are able to help.

Student Store

We are in need of help at the Student Store for 5/25 and 6/1/16. Please click the following link for a time to sign up and help out.

Student Store Parent Volunteer Sign-Up 15-16

Box Top Collection

We are still collecting Box Tops by the front office every Monday. Please send the box tops in a baggie or on the box top tracker with your child's name on it. For every 10 Box Tops, your child will receive one Miller Dollar.

One more week of Miller on the Move!

There is one more week for the kids to run laps at their lunch recess! Final tally of miles and prizes will be given out at the conclusion of the program. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GREEN/BLEUE SIDE!** The Green/Blue field (3rd, 4th, 5th graders) requires 3-4 volunteers from 12:15 - 1:15. We only have a couple people signed up for Green/Blue, so we need a few more volunteers! Please sign up to volunteer for this fun event by clicking on the link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_Gp2yub8-3Rnb7KguEpNzVedXtpIdJhUDIZABQKHHzY/edit?usp=docslist_api. More help is always appreciated even if the document sign up sheet is full, feel free to come on out. We look forward to seeing you out there!

We need 4 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

Miller on the Move

Art Committee

Family Fall Night/Miller Monster Mash

Movie Night

Dishwasher Volunteers Needed

Since the kitchen is open every day of school, we are in need of volunteers every single school day. No experience necessary, on-the-job training. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen, please go to the Miller Elementary website, click on 'Our School', select 'School Information' scroll down the right-hand side and click the "Lunch Helper" tab.



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Cascade Crest Transitions provides Clinical, Academic and Independent Living Skills support to young adults struggling with anxiety, depression and learning disabilities who have not successfully launched in to young adulthood.



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Home Fridays is a property management company that cares for the second home owner's home in Central Oregon & caters to market that does not want to rent their home out or place in the vacation rental pool.

We do weekly home checks to ensure safety and security of their home and coordinate the care and maintenance of their property while the home owner is away at their primary residence.

Dana Carmichael

Caretaking Commander

[541.317.3088](tel:541.317.3088)

homefridays.com

homefridays.com/blog



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Westside Coin-op Laundry
738 NW Columbia St,
Bend, OR 97701

Pretty self explanatory it is a coin op laundromat. Great location next to Cibellis and The Lot, do your laundry and have a meal!