

MCES Pirate News

Miller County Elementary School

October 1, 2020

Red Ribbon Week and Bullying Prevention Month

Red Ribbon Week will be observed at Miller County Elementary this year during the week of **October 23rd to October 31st**. During Red Ribbon Week, students will participate in a variety of fun activities to help reinforce the importance of leading a drug-free life. October is also Bullying Prevention Month, so we will combine this in with our Red Ribbon Week Celebrations. Detailed information will be sent home prior to October 23rd.



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Important Dates for October

10/5: Fall Pictures

10/23: PRP Hat Day

10/30: Wendy Martin Student of the Month Awards

NOTES REGARDING CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION

If your child has a change in the way he or she goes home in the afternoon, please send a note to the classroom teacher. **Your child's safety and well-being is of great importance to us, so we will only accept phone calls changing transportation in the case of an absolute emergency. This should NOT be a daily occurrence. If we do not get a note and/or an e-mail we will send your child home the way he or she normally goes home.** We will not take a child's word for how he or she will go home.

Keeping Contact Information Updated

It is absolutely crucial and necessary for you to please keep your contact information updated because we need to be able to contact parents quickly and efficiently. We ask that you please contact the school every time that you have a change in phone number, and please update us when and if your address changes. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

PRP NEWS

PRP (Pirates Reaching Potential) is off to a great start! We have sponsored Wendy Martin Student of the Month t-shirts, and we have been providing treats to our Student of the Week recipients.

We invite students and staff members to participate in "Hat Day" on October 23rd. The cost to participate is \$1, and proceeds will be used to support our staff and students.

We welcome and encourage parental participation in the Miller County Elementary PRP. If you would like to volunteer to help us, please email Ms. Michelle Henry at mwhenry.rdh@gmail.com. Thank you for all of your support!

Nurse News

Making The Right Call When Your Child Is Sick:

*If your child has a temperature 100 degrees or greater, please keep them home. **His or her temperature should be below 100 degrees for 24 hours without medication before sending them back to school.** Please notify the Nurse of any illness that may have been contagious.

*Reminder: It is important to keep all emergency information up to date. If an emergency arises, you will be glad you kept the information accurate.

*If anyone has any supplies (bandaids etc.) they would like to donate to the nurse's office, it would be greatly appreciated.

Drop Off and Pick-Up Guidelines

For your child's safety, please do not drop students off at school prior to 7:35. Please contact Mr. Ard in writing or through e-mail regarding any circumstances (i.e. work hours) that would create a need for you to drop your child prior to 7:35. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. If your child is late you must come into the front office. **PLEASE DO NOT JUST DROP OFF YOUR CHILD!**



Please abide by the following pick-up guidelines each day:

- * Please never walk up to pick up your student. Please remain in your car and allow staff members to load.
- * No early sign-outs after 2:30 p.m.
- * Please do not use your cell phone while waiting to pick up. That creates an unsafe situation for the students, staff, and other drivers.
- * Be courteous to other drivers in the line. Please treat others as you wish to be treated.
- * Please put your child's name on paper on the dash of your vehicle.
- * Tobacco usage on campus is not allowed at any time (including during pick-up).

Grade Level News

Kindergarten News

This year is moving right along. Please check your child's daily folder each night. This is a valuable means of communication between school and home. **Please remember that ALL transportation changes must be sent by writing a note and placing it in your child's folder or notifying the office.** (Teachers may not see notes on Class Dojo until the day is over.)

1st Grade News

We had an awesome September getting to know our students and reviewing. We will begin Unit 1 in the Reading Wonders program starting the end of September going into October. We want you to really focus on those sight words that will help with reading fluency. We will be finishing up our weather unit and will start studying about maps, globes and our world in social studies. We are looking forward to fall for the cooler weather and writing about the changes we see and Halloween.

2nd Grade News

This month in Reading and Language Arts we will be covering subjects and predicates, combining and expanding sentences, and nouns. In Math, students will be adding and subtracting within 100 using strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and the relationship between addition and subtraction. They then will use what they know to solve story problems. In Science, students will design their own windmill and learn about forces and motion. In Social Studies, students will learn about the President, Georgia locations, and Regions.

3rd Grade News

This month in Social Studies we will be continuing to learn about the American Indians and the impact that European colonization had on them and their lives. We will be introduced to Pocohantas, who is always a favorite to learn about! In ELA, we will begin our weekly learning using the Reading Wonders program. We will begin by learning about folktales, the theme of stories, and how to make educated predictions! We will also be refreshing our minds on the aspects of a good sentence. We will recall the appropriate punctuation and capitalization, which will help in our writing lessons of being more descriptive! In math we are learning about the zero property and identity property of multiplication, as well as our x1 facts! In addition to beginning multiplication, we are learning about interpreting data represented on picture and bar graphs.

	In science we are studying rocks and minerals and the different layers of the Earth.
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4th Grade News

This month, 4th grade students will begin participating in the “Book It” program. Each student will receive a monthly calendar sheet. The student will color in the date on the calendar of the nights in which he or she read for twenty minutes. If students return the calendar, with a parent’s signature at the end of the month, he or she will receive a Pizza Hut coupon for a personal pan pizza!

In math, we will finish up factors and multiples and begin working with fractions.

In Science, we are continuing to learn about Aisha and how she makes work easier. She is learning all about Simple Machines. She visits a Potato Chip Factory in Boston, MA . On her way to the factory, she goes on a scavenger hunt to find all of the simple machines she can. With making work easier, we are learning all about force, gravity, energy, friction, inertia and how it relates to simple machines.

In Social Studies, we are keeping up with where the story takes place. Aisha lives in Boston, Massachusetts. Here many things happened in USA History. We will continue to learn about the Boston Tea Party, Boston Massacre and the Reasons for a Revolution. We have also started learning a little geography. We are touching up on our map skills and learning many new skills such as longitude, latitude, prime meridian, equator, and much, much more.

Please remember to turn in any library books that are still out.

5th Grade News

We have had a wonderful first month of school. We encourage you to sign up for Class Dojo if you haven’t already done so. We utilize Class Dojo on a daily basis. We will begin the BOOK It program this month. Each student will have a monthly calendar in their orange student folder. Please encourage your child to read 20 minutes each night. For each night that your child reads 20 minutes, have them color in that date on their calendar. At the end of the month, they will return their calendar to school. Each child will receive a coupon for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut.

PE REMINDER

Please remember: No dresses or skirts, sandals, boots, or anything with a heel on P.E. days. Please wear tennis shoes on P.E. days!

“It’s hard to beat a person who never gives up.” – Babe Ruth