

MCES Pirate News

Miller County Elementary School

November 30, 2020

Warm Holiday Wishes

Everyone here at Miller County Elementary wishes you and your family warm holiday wishes during this very special time of year. Please be safe and enjoy spending quality time with your loved ones. We look forward to seeing our students again on January 6, 2021!



“Maybe Christmas (*he thought*) doesn’t come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more.” — The Grinch



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Important Dates for December

PRP Parents Night Out: Friday, December 4th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

School Council Meeting: Tuesday, December 8th from 8:15 to 9:15 AM

Wendy Martin Student of the Month Awards: Friday, December 11th from 2:30 to 3:00 PM

Early Dismissal: Friday, December 18th @ 12:30; Students and Staff begin Winter Break

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.

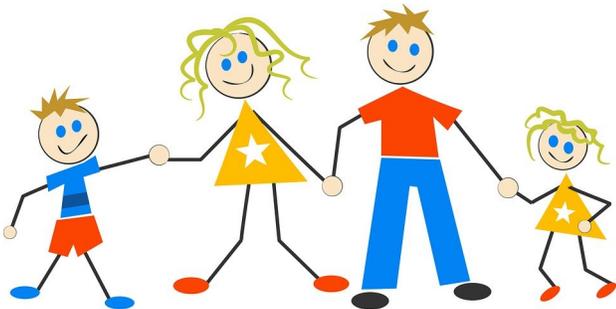
Keeping Contact Information Updated

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

The faculty and staff of MCES wishes to thank the PRP for providing us with a delicious lunch on November 17th! We love and appreciate our PRP!

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

The COVID-19 pandemic has been very [stressful](#) and isolating for many people. Gatherings during the upcoming holidays gives us the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends. This holiday season, consider how your holiday plans can be modified to reduce the spread of COVID-19 to keep your friends, families, and communities healthy and safe.

***Wear a mask**

*Your mask should have two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19

*Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin. Make sure it fits snugly against your face.

***Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you**

*Remember that even people without symptoms may be able to spread COVID-19 or flu.

*Keeping 6 feet from others is especially important for people with underlying health conditions.

***WASH YOUR HANDS**

*Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

*Use hand sanitizer when you are unable to wash your hands and be sure it is at least 60% alcohol

Nurse News (Continued)

The following people should not attend in-person holiday gatherings

People with or exposed to COVID-19

Do not host or participate in any in-person gatherings if you or anyone in your household



- Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has [not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others](#)
- Has [symptoms of COVID-19](#)
- Is waiting for COVID-19 [viral test](#) results
- May have been [exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days](#)
- Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19

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

We have almost made it to the halfway mark. This is exciting news!! Your child has learned so much since school began this year. After Christmas your child will be required to work more independently. Encourage your child to read at home and use the Phonics skills they have learned thus far to promote successful independent reading.

1st Grade News

Hello everyone! The Christmas holiday is quickly approaching, and we still have a lot of work to do. We ask that you help your child study math facts nightly. This will help with solving addition word problems that we are working on in the classroom. We are excited about doing AR, and we ask that you please continue to read those AR books with your child. Also, continue to work on those sight words nightly as this will help with reading fluency. In Science we will be studying about light and shadows, and we will also complete an EIE (Engineering in Elementary) experiment in which the students will get to work with different materials to build walls. We are looking forward to the next few weeks of school. Thanks for your continued support.

2nd Grade News

This month in Reading and Language Arts we will be covering action verbs, present-tense verbs, and past and future-tense verbs. In Math, students will measure and estimate lengths in standard units and solve measurement story problems within 100. In Science, we will learn about the three states of matter. In Social Studies, we will be studying about the Georgia Rivers followed by Sequoyah and the Cherokee and Creek Indians.

3rd Grade News

ELA:

We will be reading examples of Historical Fiction and Expository Texts, as well as learning how to write our own Expository texts. We will be talking about similes and metaphors and how to appropriately use them when writing and speaking.

Social Studies:

We will be learning about the three branches of the United States Government in Social Studies, as well as closely monitoring the unfolding of events due to the recent Presidential election.

Math:

We will be working in Unit 2. In this Unit, we will be discovering the excitement of finding the area of different shapes. We will also be continuing on our journey to become masters of multiplication with our math fact fluency!

Science:

We will begin learning about Heat and Energy!! This Unit will keep us warm during the upcoming winter! We will continue to incorporate reading and writing strategies into our science lessons! This will help to strengthen these important skills!

4th Grade News

We are working on Lexile Levels. In fourth grade, the end of the year Lexile goal is 840 or above. In order to achieve this goal, your child should read each night. Students are checking out library books. Please encourage your child to read at home and to take AR tests at school.

We are continuing to work with fractions. We will begin Unit 3: Fraction Operations. Please encourage your child to study multiplication math facts every night.

We have been learning about gravity and how it impacts objects in space. We have also learned about the sun and how its gravity keeps all planets in orbit. We will continue to learn about stars, planets, and the moon during the month of December. At the conclusion of our study, I would like for students to create their very own model of the solar system to share with the class.

We have also been learning about the Revolutionary War and events leading up to it. We will be concluding this study in the weeks ahead.

5th Grade News

We continue to see great things happening in 5th Grade at MCES. We encourage you to allow at least twenty minutes each night for your child to read. This will help increase their fluency level as well as their Lexile score. Family reports were sent home to provide additional information about your child's latest STAR Assessment. We also encourage you to review basic multiplication facts with your child each night. Reading, Social Studies, and Science readers may be found on your child's Google Classroom. Weekly review games for Reading can also be found in your child's Google Classroom.

We will continue to utilize Class Dojo on a daily basis. If you have not already, please connect to Class Dojo.

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!

Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year!!