

# MCES Pirate News

Miller County Elementary School

August 2, 2021

## NEWS FLASH

Tuesday, August 10th: Parent Orientation Meetings 5:30 and 6:15 (More details to come)

Friday, August 27th: Wendy Martin Awards

Friday, September 3rd and Monday, September 6th: Labor Day Holiday

## WELCOME TO MCES!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school term here at Miller County Elementary! Everyone here is extremely excited for the start of a brand new school year!

Our Open House was a fantastic success. The first day could not have gone any better, either! It was wonderful to see so many smiling parents and students walking the hallways and looking forward to the opportunities that are ahead during the school term. Here at Miller County Elementary, we want to continue to see those smiling faces and all that enthusiasm from our parents and students!

We, the faculty and staff of Miller County Elementary, are committed to making this the best year your child has ever experienced here at our school. We want you to join in that commitment and stay enthusiastically involved in your child's education.

You are crucial for your child's educational success. We value you, and we need you. We will always be open and welcoming to parents that want to make a positive impact in the Miller County Elementary learning community.



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## COVID Reminders

- If you have tested positive for Covid-19, and have not finished your "isolation" period, please contact the school nurse for a date to start or return.
- If you have been exposed to Covid-19 and have not finished your "quarantine" days, please contact the school nurse for a date to start or return.
- CDC recommends that masks be worn, but it is not mandatory at this time. We will require masks and temperature checks for students that are riding the school bus.
- Please continue to use adhere to safety preventative measures such as:
  1. Social Distancing
  2. Proper Handwashing
  3. Covering mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing
  4. Using hand sanitizer when unable to wash hands
  5. Staying home when sick or have a temperature

# 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 or e-mail 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.

## Students Entering the Building in the Morning

Your child's safety is important to us. Therefore, in an effort to keep our building safe and secure, students will need to walk into the building without being accompanied by a parent. Staff members are posted throughout the building to ensure the safety of students as they enter the building independently. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### PRP NEWS

PRP is excited for the upcoming year! We have set the following goals. Won't you help us reach our goals?

- \*Get more parents involved.
- \*Construct outdoor classroom(s)
- \*Provide a large playground canopy to cover the playground.
- \*Increase volunteer numbers.

For more information, please contact Ms. Elaine Miller at [Seniorgal05@yahoo.com](mailto:Seniorgal05@yahoo.com).

### Nurse News

Please be reminded that you may bring OTC (over-the-counter) medications to Nurse Michelle for your child when he or she has a headache, stomachache, or similar conditions. Miller County Elementary does not have and cannot provide such medication for students.

## Drop Off and Pick-Up Guidelines

For your child's safety, please do not drop students off at school prior to 7:30. 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 7:30. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



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 3:00 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 Kindergarten school year is off to a great start. We are very excited to be a part of this milestone in your child's education. We have many new materials to enhance your child's learning experiences. As you know, the students will be undergoing a period of adjustment. Most have not been in a structured learning environment for an extended time period. As teachers, our initial goals will be to help students learn to maintain focus and self-control in order to become better listeners, enhance their ability to follow routines and procedures, and ensure that **ALL** students are given the opportunity to learn in a stable, secure, and productive learning atmosphere. Please assist our efforts by reminding your child daily to do their "best work" while making "good choices". With your support, this year will be a huge success.

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### 1st Grade News

Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> grade! We are excited about having the opportunity to teach your 1<sup>st</sup> grader. Our goal is to provide your child with a positive and enriching environment in which they will thrive and grow academically. Reading with your child nightly is an important part of helping them become successful readers. We look forward to working with you this year!

The first grade team members are:

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Please feel free to reach out to us with questions or concerns.



## **2nd Grade News**

This month in Language Arts we will be covering statements and questions, plural nouns with -s and -es. In Math, students will represent and solve story problems within 20 through the context of picture and bar graphs that represent categorical data. Students will build towards fluency with addition and subtraction. In Science, students will learn the physical attributes of stars which include their size and brightness. They will also learn that the sun and the moon have different patterns and the effects that the Sun has on Earth. In Social Studies, the students will be learning about rules and laws and will be able to identify the elected officials of the executive branch and where they work.

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## **3rd Grade News**

Welcome to 3rd grade! Mrs. Alisan Worsley will be teaching ELA and Social Studies. Mrs. Kydie Dean will be teaching Math and Science. We are looking forward to an awesome year! If you have any questions or need to contact us, please feel free to do so on Class Dojo, email, phone, or a written letter to the school.

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## **4th Grade News**

Welcome to fourth grade! We are very excited about the upcoming year and look forward to getting to know both you and your child. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer and are ready to get back to school! The fourth grade teachers have planned a fun filled year!

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Mrs. Dawn Jackson ([djackson@miller.k12.ga.us](mailto:djackson@miller.k12.ga.us))

Ms. Glenda Smith ([gsmith@miller.k12.ga.us](mailto:gsmith@miller.k12.ga.us))

## **5th Grade News**

We are looking forward to a WONDERFUL school year. We ask that all parents stay involved as much as possible. Parental involvement is key in your child's academic success this year. We will be utilizing Class Dojo, and strongly urge that you connect as soon as the information is shared. We will also be utilizing the following computer programs: iLearn, Online components of Reading Wonders, Edmentum, Study Island, USA Test Prep, and Google Classroom.

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## **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!

**“Success doesn’t just find you. You have to go out and get it.”**