

Miller Elementary School

Principal: Blair Klco Student Support Coordinator: Torian Billings

Dear Miller Families,

Congratulations on two very successful virtual school days. I appreciate your patience and perseverance as each and everyone worked through our new way to do school. Below are a couple of announcements for our midweek communication.

Enrollment

 Now that the school year has officially started, your student can no longer change his or her remote learning decision. Due to staffing and scheduling restraints, particularly with the Virtual Academy, the district cannot make any changes. The next chance to switch your remote learning choice will be at the end of the semester/trimester.

Meet and Greet and Curriculum To Go Bags

- Meet and Greet appointments will continue Thursday and Friday between 12:30
 & 3:00. If you haven't scheduled an appointment with your child's classroom teacher please be sure to sign up.
- Curriculum To Go Bags will continue to be handed out for our virtual academy students and our families who are participating in virtual meet and greet meetings on Thursday and Friday between 12:30 and 3:00 in the arrival and dismissal loop.

Pre-Order Application for Meal Benefits

- The USDA has announced FREE breakfast and lunch for ALL children 0-18 years
 of age and up to 26 with an IEP. This will begin with pick up Tuesday, September
 15. We will provide 5 breakfast and 5 lunches at the following sites, as supplies
 last every Tuesday.
 - Starkweather Academy -10 am-12 pm
 - Discovery Middle School 1 pm-3 pm
 - Liberty Middle School 4 pm-6 pm
 - Salem High School 5 pm-7 pm
- We are encouraging enrolled P-CCS Families to reserve their meals by completing the pre-order on the MYPAYMENTS PLUS App.
 - The app used for pre ordering is https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome
 - The menu for the meals is located at https://pccsk12.nutrislice.com/
 - The online application for free and reduced benefits is. https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/PLYC01
 - Benefits expire on 10-21-2020 if not renewed.
- Families experiencing economic hardship are encouraged to review the requirements for free and reduced meals. Families are also reminded that

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applications for the free and reduced meal program must be resubmitted yearly. The online application for free and reduced benefits is https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/PLYC01. Benefits expire on 10-21-2020 if not renewed.

• For more information from the Food & Nutrition Services Department, visit Safe Start Remote Feeding link for updates.

Device Pick Up Make-Up Day

- Friday is also Miller's Device Pick-Up Make-up Day. Families can still sign up for a district device through the Back to School Registration process on MISTAR Parent Portal. The red link can be found in the upper-right corner of the home screen. Students must meet ALL of the eligibility requirements identified in the Chromebook/iPad Take-Home Participation Agreement NO LATER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE their school's scheduled pickup time. Students whose last names start with A-M pick up from 8:00 9:45 AM, and those whose last names start with N-Z pick up from 9:45 12:00 PM. District device distribution will take place outside of our school in the bus loop. When you arrive please make sure that you have:
- Your photo ID
- Your student's student ID number

Process:

- You will stay in your vehicle when you arrive and throughout the entire process.
- The process is expected to take a few minutes per family; with limited staffing and safety measures required, we regret that wait times might occasionally be long.
- If you are sick or not feeling well, please do not come. Let us know and we will work to ensure issuance for you during our next round.
- Please contact com with your student's name and student's ID # if you have any questions.

Technology Questions / Support

- Virtual Academy students having trouble with their Zoom connection should be contacting their teacher directly and not any other district department or individual. If your teacher can't solve your problem, she or he can get you to someone who can quickly. This information also may help:
- o To Access ZOOM
 - On Windows, Macs, and Chromebooks
 - Go to http://zoom.us
 - Select Sign In
 - Select Sign in with Google
 - Enter your district Google account information

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OR

- Use the Google Apps Launcher (aka Waffle) to locate and launch the app On District iPads
 - Launch the Zoom app
 - See the directions here: https://sites.google.com/pccsk12.com/hlh/zoom

On Personal iPads/iOS and Android Devices

- Download the Zoom App from the app store
- Download Zoom for iOS Devices
- Download Zoom for Android Devices
- Launch the Zoom app
- See the directions here: https://sites.google.com/pccsk12.com/hlh/zoom
- Please note, in some cases, a link to a Zoom meeting may be posted in a student's Canvas course, so a student may have to log into their Canvas account to locate and/or join a Zoom meeting.
- More information and district resources can be found on the <u>P-CCS Home</u> Learning Hub website.

I hope you are having a wonderful beginning of the school year and remember **We are** Miller and We are Proud!

Sincerely, Blair Klco We are Miller and We are Strong