



Miller Elementary School

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Dear Miller Families,

Congratulations, you survived the first full week of virtual learning with instruction taking place all day long! Give yourself a huge pat on the back, take a deep breath, and remind yourself you are doing an amazing job. This “new normal” is tough and we know everyone is working extremely hard to make it a positive experience for our students. I want to thank you for being patient with all of the teachers as they have navigated the technology and all of the technology glitches trying to get everyone logged in, take attendance and teach new routines to help your child become more independent in this learning environment.

Over the course of the week there have been quite a few questions regarding daily schedules, academic learning, and what to expect for your child throughout the day. Below I have highlighted some answers to those questions as well as general updates.

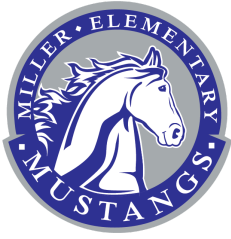
Daily Schedule

- Please see the daily schedule that your child’s classroom teacher has shared on their canvas page.
- You can expect your child to receive live daily instruction in the morning and right after the lunch break. Even though your child is not having live meetings the entire afternoon they are still receiving asynchronous instruction. It is the expectation that your child participates in a special activity as well as access the teachers posted science or social studies lesson and completes the assignment.

Specials and Asynchronous Material

- As we settle into our routines, many families have questions about asynchronous time and what it should look like. Asynchronous time is a time for students to work independently and take a break from their screen. During this time, teachers may instruct students to turn their camera and mic off and turn it on to signify that they have a question. They could also ask students to log out of the meeting and log back in if they have questions. During most asynchronous times, teachers are available to assist students and answer questions.
- The only asynchronous time that teachers aren’t available is during Specials time. This is the time set aside for teachers to plan lessons, review student data and prepare for another day of learning. During this time, students should work on a special activity independently and take a movement break. If they finish early, they can get some fresh air, grab a snack, catch up on some reading, or give themselves a break from the computer screen.
- Here is a link to this week’s [Specials Menu](#) to see this week’s activity options.

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Board Meetings

- Board meetings are a great opportunity to hear the discussions taking place about our current learning environment and next steps to move towards bringing our students back to school. There is also an opportunity to submit citizens comments after you have accessed the meeting agenda.
- Next board meeting is September 29th. Information can be found on the [PCCS webpage](#).
- Past board meetings can be found on the [P-CCS YouTube Channel](#). When you are on the youtube channel click on playlists and at the top you will see board meetings and view full playlist.

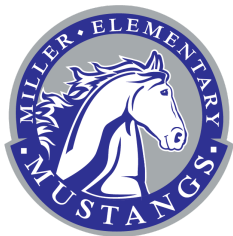
Attendance Line

- Even though we are in virtual mode, we are still taking attendance and need families to call in absences. P-CCS has added the option for families to report an absence in Parent Portal. Once a family member has logged into their Parent Portal account, a link to "Report Absence" will be available at the top of the screen.
- The Report Absence link will open a screen for parents to complete. The parent checks the name of the student for whom an absence is being submitted. If the parent has multiple students, they will all be listed on this page and the parent will be able to select the student for whom the absence is being submitted. The parent also enters the applicable dates.
- If the parent checks the "All Day" flag, attendance will be submitted for all periods on the dates provided. If the parent does not check the "All Day" flag, times must be entered and attendance will be submitted for whichever periods meet during the time range. Please be aware that parents can submit absences two days prior and two days forward. Parents will need to contact the student's school to report any extensive absences.
- For step-by step instructions, please click on this link: <http://links.pccsk12.com/parentreportedabsences>
- Miller Absence Line: (734) 416-4800 and select option #3

Community ED

- P-CCS Community Education Fall Registration is now open. Community Education is looking forward to sharing a variety of new youth and adult enrichment and fitness classes with you this season. Online registration is OPEN for both outdoor and virtual courses that are starting in September. Visit us at pccregister.com for more information and frequent updates. New classes will be added throughout the fall, so visit our website often to view courses that are coming soon. You also can

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sign-up for Community Education e-notifications at pccsk12.com to receive program updates. You also can "Like Us" on Facebook @PCCSCommEd.

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 age 26 for a student within the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Families will receive five breakfasts and five lunches at the following sites, while 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
- Pre-ordering meals is strongly encouraged. Please complete the pre-order at: <https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome>
- The online application for free and reduced benefits is <https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/PLYC01>
 - Benefits expire on 10-21-2020 if not renewed.

Technology Support

- Students and families looking for technology support should submit a ticket by email to their school's technology support contact at miller.technology@pccsk12.com
- For all Parent Portal related issues, please email parentportal@pccsk12.com, and provide the student's name and ID number along with details on their issue.
- Families are still able to obtain a district device (iPads for K-2nd grade students and Chromebooks for 3rd - 5th grade students).
 - Log into [MISTAR Parent Portal](#) and look for the red "Back to School Registration" link in the upper-right corner of the home screen and then follow the prompts. Parents can sign up for a student device in one of the modules. Students must meet ALL of the eligibility requirements identified in the [Chromebook/iPad Take-Home Participation Agreement](#)
 - Email miller.technology@pccsk12.com for pick up arrangements.

I hope you had a great weekend! We are Miller and We are Proud!

Sincerely,
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