



Miller Elementary School

Principal: Blair Klco

Student Support Coordinator: Torian Billings

Dear Miller Families,

It is hard to believe that we are heading into the first week of October. The first month of this historic school year is almost in the books. It has certainly seen its challenges and wonders. You have been amazing! Though we are ALL feeling awkward and uncomfortable because we have not yet reached a sense of routine with our new norms, I see students engaging in lessons and submitting good work online, and I have seen our children leading adults through the routines and technology when a guest teacher was necessary. I see teachers going above and beyond to create lessons and continuing to try new ways to deliver instruction while doing everything they can to engage students and help them solve any technical or login issues that may surface. And I know parents are doing a terrific job of finding the balance between work and virtual learning for our students. Your ability to recognize your battles with your children when they tend to believe others before their own parents, and your positive communication with the school when something is needed is SO appreciated. We see you, and I hope that you recognize your discomfort is about disruption of routine and NOT because of perceived shortcomings. You're doing great!

As a reminder, we are at school and ready to help if you need it. If you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact me or any of the following people for the most immediate assistance.

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| • Principal | Blair Klco | blair.klco@pccsk12.com | (734)416-2087 |
| • SSC | Torian Billings | torian.billings@pccsk12.com | (734)416-2067 |
| • Secretary | Heather Walsh | heather.walsh@pccsk12.com | (734)416-4800 |
| • Classroom teacher | | firstname.lastname@pccsk12.com | |

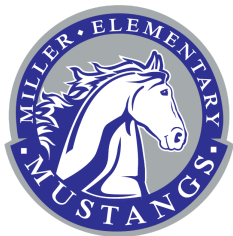
I am providing a link to our district flowchart of [How to Resolve a Conflict](#) with district contact information. Please be aware that the virtual start to the school year has produced a larger than normal number of emails and phone messages for district staff to return. Contacting us at the school level will allow for most timely responses and for the people closest to your student to evaluate the situation. Please know that your concerns will be addressed as soon as possible.

P-CCS teachers and administrators have been made aware that some students are experiencing issues during remote learning that require them to re-authenticate their Zoom accounts. Students are encouraged to check that their zoom account is authenticated daily (or when prompted by Zoom for authentication) to ensure easy access to remote learning.

Students who are experiencing issues with Zoom should complete the following steps:

1. Open an internet browser (Chrome) tab
2. Enter www.zoom.us in the search bar

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3. Click on SIGN IN (upper right-hand side, blue lettering)
4. Scroll down to the bottom - it will say sign in with google
5. Click on "sign in with google" and log in using their PCCS credentials
6. Go back to their google account and go to their apps launcher (the waffle) and click on Canvas to go to your courses' Canvas zoom links

Board Meetings

- Next board meeting is September 29th. Information can be found on the [PCCS webpage](#). This week, the Board will hear and vote on a proposed plan and timeline to starting bringing students in the Safe Start back to school. This meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.
- This board meeting and past board meetings can be found on the [P-CCS YouTube Channel](#).

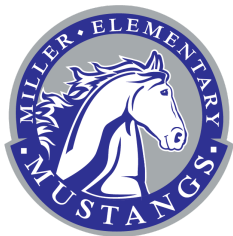
Attendance Line

- 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

Canton Public Library Card

- Coming soon, our students will have access to eBooks through a site called Sora. We encourage you to sign your child up for a Canton Public Library card so they will have full access to all the available eBooks. The link to sign up can be found on Canton

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Public Library's website and will be included on the written version of this message online. <https://www.cantonpl.org/content/apply-card>

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,
Blair Klco
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