

Miller Elementary School

Principal: Blair Klco
Student Support Coordinator: Torian Billings

Dear Miller Families,

Our first week back with our Kindergarten, First, and Second graders was a huge success and brought excitement back to our Miller hallways. I am looking forward to tomorrow when we will be able to welcome back all of our Miller students, including our third, fourth and fifth graders to their classrooms.

Weekly Schedule

This week, students will be in school with their designated cohort on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. On Wednesday, teachers will connect with students for about thirty minutes remotely to check in and have a class meeting. The rest of the day students will be completing activities asynchronously while the teachers prepare lessons and activities for the remainder of the week and upcoming week.

On Friday, October 30th, there is a half day of school for students. All instruction on Friday will be done remotely with both cohorts, **BLUE** and **GREEN**, meeting with their teacher synchronously in the morning.

Bell Times

- Blue Cohort (AM) 9:00-11:30
- Green Cohort (PM) 1:30-4:00

Arrival and Dismissal Times and Procedures

Arrival and dismissal looks very different this year and I need your help to make arrival and dismissal a success. Last week we made a couple of tweaks to our plan and I think we have a good system in place. In order for arrival and dismissal to be successful I am asking that you utilize the car drop off and pick up loop for both arrival and dismissal. This will allow students to get out of their vehicles and travel directly to their classrooms. I know traditionally Miller is very much a community walking school and utilizing the car loop will be a great change for some, but it will help us provide the greatest supervision for your children and reduce the amount of foot traffic around the building.

I know this may not be a possibility for all families or you may live directly across from school, and the idea of driving is silly. I completely understand and if your child will be walking to school independently or with you, please review the two documents so you are aware of the new arrival and dismissal procedures.

- [K-2 Return to Learn Procedures](#)
- [3-5 Return to Learn Procedure](#)

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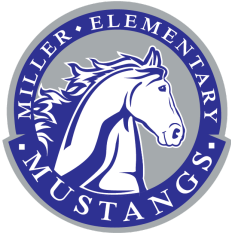
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- It is important for us to know how your child will be getting to and from school. Please take a minute to [complete this survey](#) to help us plan for your child's return.
- Staff will be outside to greet your child as they arrive. Please make sure your child is wearing a mask as they exit your vehicle. Kindergarteners and First Graders will line up near the front entrance of the building and be welcomed by their classroom teacher. Second through fifth graders will line up on the basketball courts. Horseshoes are painted on the sidewalk and blacktop to mark social distancing and each child should line up on one horseshoe. **If you are in the blue cohort please arrive no earlier than 8:45am. If you are in the green cohort, please arrive no earlier than 1:15.** While it is nice to see other Miller families, please do not congregate on school property as we are working to maintain adherence to social distancing guidelines.
- For dismissal please be prompt in picking up your children at the end of their school day.
- Students will need to exit school property immediately and should not stay on school grounds to play.
- **Blue Cohort (AM)**
 - Arrival 8:45-9:00
 - Dismissal 11:20 for Kindergarten and 1st graders
11:30 for 2nd through 5th grade
- **Green Cohort (PM)**
 - Arrival 1:15 - 1:30
 - Dismissal 3:50 for Kindergarten & 1st graders
4:00 for 2nd through 5th grade

What to Bring

- All students may bring a snack (fruit, vegetables, crackers, cheese) and a water bottle with them to school. Your child's teacher will notify you of any food allergies that may impact your child's snack. They should also bring the school supplies (including journals and math books) that they received at the beginning of the year as these will need to go back and forth with them each day. Students will not be using community supplies this year. If you would like to purchase the supplies suggested by the teacher, please feel free to do so. We will also have additional supplies at Miller for students.

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Miller Student Credit Union

- The credit union is coming back to Miller this year. It will look a little different than it has in the past but we still want to encourage our students to learn the benefits of saving. Attached is a newsletter from our partner Community Financial as well as a calendar of deposit dates.

MSU Girls STEM Day

- MSU is sponsoring a girls STEM day on November 21 for girls in grades Kindergarten through fourth. Registration is taking place right now through November 11th. [Check out the attached flyer for more information.](#)

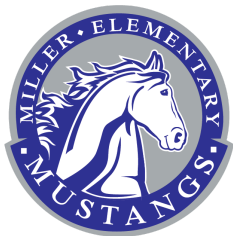
Health and Safety Update

- When your child returns to school they will receive two documents. The first is the WCHD Student Screening Tool. The second is parent screening questions, which you will receive two copies of. We ask that you review, sign and return one copy to Miller and keep the second copy for your reference. I have attached both documents for your information.
- Please click on this link: to view a video from our school nurses that explains how we will be working to keep students safe at school, and what you can do to help us.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-xeprpLxJ7UX8L4vChQTmWlcjPdd6RU4/view?usp=sharing>
- Also, the nurses have created a COVID-19 Toolbox on the district website that serves as the clearinghouse for information from P-CCS and the Wayne County Health Department. Please click on this link:
<https://www.pccsk12.com/departments/health-safety/covid-19-toolbox>

The Half Days Designated for AM/PM Cohorts

- October 30,2020 No in person learning
 - Remote learning with a portion of live synchronous instruction for both cohorts in the morning with a teacher work day in the afternoon.
- November 18, 2020 BLUE Cohort will attend AM Session
- November 19, 2020 GREEN Cohort will attend AM Session

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Food and Nutrition

- The Food and Nutrition Services department will begin sending home breakfast and lunch meals with each student starting Monday, Oct. 26, in grades PK-5. Meal pick up for virtual students and other students are still available every Wednesday.
- Food distribution will continue to take place at our pick up sites on Wednesdays @ Discovery 1-3 pm, Starkweather 10-12, Liberty 4-6 pm and Salem 4-7 pm in ADDITION to the bags of food sent home with elementary students next week
- Even though all students are currently receiving free meals until June 30, 2021, it is important for families to re-apply for free and reduced lunch benefits. These applications impact other funding and grants within the district and state.

Board of Education

- The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education has rescheduled the special workshop from Thursday, October 22 to tomorrow, Monday, October 26 at 7:00 pm. to discuss a plan for returning secondary students to in-person learning. To view this important meeting live (or the recording of the meeting after the fact), please click on this link:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmvPI7A1k6jPVIrRrWQSxoA>
- In compliance with the Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253 – Reporting of Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 at Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is providing all P-CCS COVID-19 School Associated Cases. Direct link to the P-CCS COVID-19 School Associated Cases document: <https://sites.google.com/pccsk12.com/p-ccs-2020-21-return-to-school/p-ccs-covid-19-school-associated-cases?authuser=0> You also can find this information on our Return to Learning Hub.

As always, I appreciate your attention to this message and remember **We are Miller and We are Proud!**

Sincerely,
Blair Klco

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[Return to School Hub](#)

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