

SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOLS/ 740-721-0520
*The Mission of Southern Local Schools is to provide a quality, child centered
education where all students can succeed.*

FIRST E-EDITION OF THE PURPLE PRESS

SCOTT CHRISTMAN, SUPERINTENDENT



PURPLE PRESS CHANGES

Due to increasing costs with the postal service and being informed by the New Lexington post office that we must hand carry all Purple Press issues to them personally, we have had to resort to an online edition. We plan on having it on the district's website and our Facebook page. This change allows us the ability to include much more information to the community about activities in the schools than we were previously able to provide. We hope you enjoy the changes.

MILLCREEK YEARBOOKS

Cherie Irwin
Yearbook Advisor

The cost of the Millcreek Elementary Yearbook has been reduced from \$23.87 down to \$12.00. This price reduction is due to people participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program. To date this school year, Kroger has donated approximately \$1,200.00 per school for the last 8 years. **Participating in this will NOT affect your fuel points in any way.**

It would be great if more people would add Millcreek Elementary Yearbook to their Kroger Plus account.

Go to: www.kroger.com

Click on sign in

Enter email address and password

Click on My account

Click on Community Rewards on the left.

Under "Find you organization" enter Qk387

Under "Select your organization" fill in the circle for Millcreek Elementary Yearbook

Click Save changes

If you have not set up an online account please consider doing so. Go to www.kroger.com and follow the prompts. You will have to leave the page and go to your email to click on a link to finish setting up your account. Once set up, just follow the instructions listed above.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you! (740-521-0522, ext.3176) or cherie.irwin@southernlocal.org

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Guy Williams
Director of Special Education

The Special Education Department is off and running this school year. We have been working hard serving all of our students and we have also been looking for new ways to serve our students. We welcome input from families on any part of the Special

Education process so please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have. We love to have families participate in the process so please let us know how we can help.

MILLER HIGH MANUFACTURING DAY

Addey Headlee
HS Guidance



Miller High School participated in Manufacturing Day on Oct. 4th by taking a field trip to Cooper Standard. A group of students learned about different jobs within the company and how everyone works together to keep the business running smoothly. After the presentation, we took a tour of the facilities and saw how the products are made. We would like to thank Cooper Standard and our business liaison, Hannah Kilbride, for helping make this experience a success for our students!



JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASS FUNDRAISERS

TEXAS ROADHOUSE - Items to be sold:

Rolls (frozen) are \$5.00/dozen. Students earn 50% profit

Honey Butter \$2.00 each. Students earn 50% profit

Gift Cards are \$20.00 each. Students earn 10% profit

SALE DATES: 10/3/19 through 10/25/19. Money is due with orders. Any items not paid for in advance will not be ordered. No orders will be accepted after the deadline unless you have contacted Mrs. Havlicek. Order **MUST** be submitted on Monday, October 28. **Make checks payable to:** Miller HS Junior Class or MHS Senior Class.

PIE PEDDLER Reminder to students and parents:

Order **MUST** be submitted on Monday, October 21. **Make checks payable to:** Miller HS Junior Class or MHS Senior Class.



WINTER WEATHER IS COMING

Please be sure that we have the phone number(s) you want called so you are aware of school closings, notifications, school information or if we need to contact you for an emergency. If you have changed a number or deleted a number, please be courteous and notify us of ANY CHANGES. We are starting to receive phone calls from people out of our district complaining of phone calls and they have no children here. If you have a number you need taken out of the system or a new one to be added, **call Pam Summers in the District Office @ (740) 721-0520.**

KIDS ON CAMPUS NEWS

Kids on Campus is so excited about this school year! We will be bringing back popular clubs from years past and adding some new incredible opportunities. In addition to clubs like cooking, baking, archery, outdoor/survival skills, art and paracord tying, we are also introducing clubs like forging and possibly juggling! Clubs at KoC are always student-driven, so if you can get a few of your friends interested in a club or activity, we can work together to get it offered at school.

The most exciting **possibility** for the year is the addition of **FREE DRIVER'S ED** for students who are 16 and have a valid temporary permit by May 1st **AND** who have completed at least 30 days of KoC prior to April 1st.

If you're interested in joining this year, please email Mr. Fulk at chris.fulk@southernlocal.org or Ms. Courtney at morefiel@ohio.edu.

TESTING UPDATES FOR PARENTS

3rd grade fall Ohio's State Test in English Language Arts (ELA) will be given on **Oct. 23rd and 24th**. Each day the students will take a 90 minute ELA assessment.

Millcreek Elementary will be conducting Gifted whole grade level testing **October 21-28**. This will be for grades 2 and 4. The assessment will include reading, language, mathematics, science, social studies and cognitive sections.

Miller HS will be offering the ASVAB to any junior or senior that is interested in going into the military. This test will be given on **November 13, 2019**.

December 3-18 will be the high school Ohio's State Test retake window. Sophomores, juniors and seniors will be retaking state tests in order to receive their points to graduate.

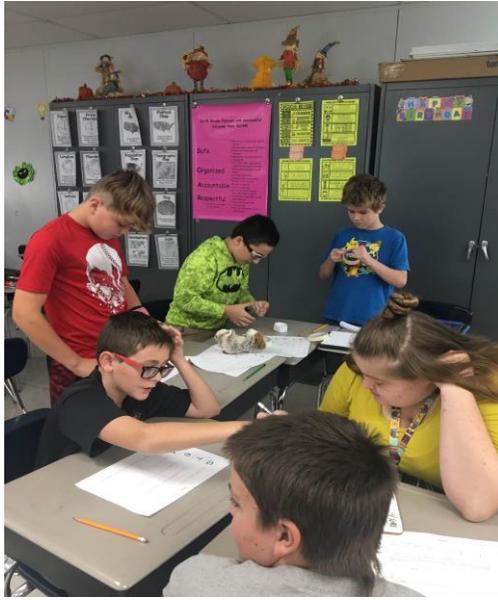
We would greatly appreciate if your child could be in attendance for all of their testing days. It is beneficial for students to test in their normal atmosphere and with their peers.

If you have any questions regarding testing, please feel free to contact our district test coordinator, Sara Puckett, at sara.puckett@southernlocal.org or (740)0721-0520.

FFA NEWS

Fruit Sale Starts October 10th and runs till November 11th. Fruit sale includes Apples, Citrus, Pears, Apple Cider, Mixed Apple Buckets, and a Cheese and Sausage box. You can see any FFA member to place an order. The profits go to benefit The Miller FFA and all their activities they hold and trips they are able to take.

Miller FFA will be heading to National FFA Convention Oct. 30th to Nov. 1st. Members will be exposed to career tech education, career pathways, college fairs, and much more such as guest speakers and workshops.



SIXTH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Tracey, 6th Grade

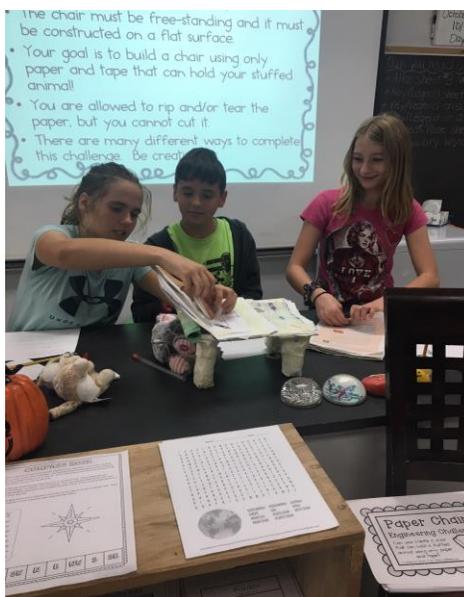
What's been going on in 6th grade Science? Who's Walter? What are 'Dancing Raisins'? Can you design and make a chair out of only paper and masking tape that can hold a stuffed animal? If we cannot see the bottom of a cube, can we infer what symbol might be there based on the other sides of the cube? When do scientists have to guess? Do brain puzzles strain your brain? What does it mean to waft something? All this and more has been happening in 6th grade.

We've been busy with hands-on and/or STEM activities and labs. 'Can You Save Walter?' was an activity where students were practicing the scientific method. Walter was a gummy worm who needed his life preserver, which was a lifesaver. However, students could not touch Walter or anything else with their hands, and Walter was stranded on top of his boat with the life preserver under it.

What about dancing raisins? There were surprised yells when students discovered the chemical reaction between baking soda and vinegar. We were using lab equipment and practicing our lab safety. The mixture created CO₂. The CO₂ bubbles would attach themselves to the raisins causing the raisin to float to the surface. However once at the surface the bubbles would dissipate and the raisin would drop. As the raisin went back to the bottom, the process would repeat, thus the 'Dancing Raisins'.

Most recently students received their second STEM challenge – can they make a chair for a stuffed animal out of just paper and masking tape? The chair has to be free standing, and they cannot use scissors. Students are learning to think like a 21st century scientist, work with groups, make predictions, record data, and to work through a design cycle towards a solution. The great news is that all were successful! And some designs were very creative.

We are off to a great start this year, with much more to come! Stay tuned!



MILLER HIGH SCHOOL

Keista Wickham

Miller High School is seeking the support of the community. We are asking local business owners and organizations to purchase advertisement space in this year's yearbook which will be distributed next August. The cost of advertisement space is as follows:

Ad Sizes	Cost
1/8 Ad Business Card Size	\$25.00
1/4 Page	\$50.00
1/2 Page	\$100.00
1 Full Page	\$200.00
If interested in an ad space please contact Keista Wickham at 740-721-0521 or keista.wickham@southernlocal.org	

MILLER HIGH SCHOOL / KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

Keista Wickham

Miller High School has partnered with Kroger's Community Rewards. A portion of each sale made at Kroger will be donated to our school to help with the cost of paying for student Agenda's.

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

Visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into their Kroger account you can search for MILLER HIGH SCHOOL either by name or LT512 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

*Customers must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to your organization.

*If you do not yet have a Kroger rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

A NEW ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

BOOK BUDDIES

Jodi Hellyer

The third grade teachers have partnered with the Kindergarten teachers and have been implementing something new this school year. "Book Buddies" has been taking place every Friday afternoon over the past several weeks. During Book Buddies, each third grade class visits a Kindergarten class, and students are paired up as buddies. Third grade students read to their Kindergarten buddies. They choose a book during the week, re-read that book several times, and then read it to their buddy on Friday. After reading, they ask their Kindergarten buddy questions about the story, characters, etc. This has been a great experience for all, as it allows the older students to interact with the younger students and be a role model for them. It also allows the younger students to see what great reading progress they will make too! It provides a fun way to work on the reading standards, as the students get to "be the teachers". Book Buddies is off to a great start, and teachers and students are looking forward to continuing the program.

UPCOMING DATES

October 18 – Friday – Staff Inservice - NO SCHOOL

November 27 – Wednesday – Parent Teacher Conference – NO SCHOOL

November 28 – **December 2** – Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL

December 20 – Friday – Staff Inservice – NO SCHOOL

December 23 – **January 3** – Winter Holiday – NO SCHOOL

GRADUATION DATE FOR 2020

Graduation for the Class of 2020 has been set for Friday May 22 @ 7:30 p.m.

REMEMBER, IF YOU EVER NEED A HELPING HAND, YOU'LL FIND ONE AT THE END OF YOUR ARM...AS YOU GROW OLDER YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT YOU HAVE TWO HANDS. ONE FOR HELPING YOURSELF, THE OTHER FOR HELPING OTHERS.

AUDREY HEPBURN