

Millersport Messenger

News from Millersport Elementary

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Mrs. Angie Harrison
Principal



Principal's

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year. So far, Mother Nature has been cooperating, and we have not had as many snow days as we had last year.

It is very difficult to watch what is happening in our school district as the result of failed levies. No school is perfect, but I believe in my heart that we have something special here in Millersport. Busing cuts, cuts in teaching staff, and possible loss of sports and band all affect students deeply. I see these changes wearing many hats- my principal hat, my child advocate hat, my "boss" hat, and even my mom hat- and all of the changes are heart-wrenching. PLEASE get involved. Help us help the students. Get involved with levy campaigns. Write letters to the editor. Make positive comments on our LakerPride Facebook page. Share positive experiences your child had at our schools. Tell an inspirational story. Get registered to vote, then VOTE. We need you. The kids need you.

Angie Harrison, Principal

New Online Tests

This year, most Ohio students in grades 3-8 will take a new and different set of state achievement tests that are based on Ohio's New Learning Standards. Both the standards and new tests reflect higher expectations for what students should know and be able to do in math, English language arts, science and social studies. The new tests also will better measure what students have learned and what they can do with their knowledge.

In grades 3-8 math, the new state tests will replace the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA). The new tests also will replace the OAAs in grades 4-8 English language arts.

All grade 3 students took the OAA in reading this fall. The state recently passed legislation which will require all third graders (regardless of the score in the fall) to take the paper/pencil Reading OAA again this spring. This is a change from information you may have received previously. The Third Grade Reading Guarantee is still in effect. A score of 394 will be needed on the OAA either from the fall score (taken last October) or this spring (April) for your child to move to grade 4 in fall 2015.

The new state tests also replace the grade 5 and 8 science tests and bring back the social studies tests at grades 4 and 6.

Each of these state tests has two parts. The first is performance-based (taken in February and March). Students will provide answers and explain how and why they chose them. The second part is an end-of-course exam in which students simply select responses (taken at the end of the year). A student's final score will combine the scores from both parts.

We have provided a copy of the testing calendar for the performance-based assessments in this newsletter.

If you have questions about the new state tests, contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Harrison.

Upcoming Events

- ✓ Feb 13- PTO Valentine's Day parties
- ✓ Feb 16- No school, President's Day
- ✓ Feb 19 & 26 Parent Teacher Conferences
- ✓ March 18- Early dismissal
- ✓ March 20- No school, teacher work day
- ✓ April 3- April 6 Spring Break
- ✓ April 21- Third Grade Spring Reading OAA

Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child who will be five years of age on or before August 1? If so, he or she is eligible to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration will begin on Monday, February 17 and will continue for the three weeks thereafter. Parents can register children on school days between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm. For your convenience, we will also have evening registration on February 19 and February 26 from 4-7pm. You will need the following items to register a student:

- original birth certificate (no copies)
- social security card
- proof of residence
- immunization record
- custody papers (if applicable)

****Kindergarten students MUST have a physical before entering kindergarten. We will provide the physical forms when you register your child.**



Smart Cookies

All “A” Honor Roll

4th Grade

Cooper Winders

5th Grade

Carrie Carpenter

Tyler Hall

6th Grade

Christian Benedetti

Jacob Bruckelmeyer

Naomi Carpenter

Brooke Hurst

Holly Manifold

Kendyl Schilling

Ethan Severance



“A/B” Honor Roll

4th Grade

Grace Beidel

Sophie Bidwell

Carter Budreau

Drizztan Carter

Cameron Cash

Shyanne Ennis

MaKenzie Gossel-Smith

Amy Harrison

Clint Hay

Trey Johnston

Alex Kelly

Mitch King

Thorne Kovacs

Angel Lehman

Delaney Leonard

Michael Levacy

Carson Miller

Lily Miller

Noah Robertson

Jordan Ross

Michael Smith

Alayna Thompson

Brody Thompson

Ben Whalen

Megan Wiles

Natale York

Hailee Young

5th Grade

Brooke Durbin

Eian Cook

Bailey Cotterman

Haley Eiginger

Arianna Eldridge

Izabella Erlenbach

Abbygail Hetrick

Zebediah Loring

Allie Maynard

McKenzie Qurshi

Addison Sharp

Jalen Smith

Ellie Stoner

Trevor Treinish

Nate Turner

Kayla Weekley

6th Grade

Veronica Atwood

Shane Baker

Megan Batson

Damon Bingman

Mariah Curry

Gracie Demolet

Gaige Ety

Dominic Fernandez

Aimee Foltz

Katie Hall

Lillian Harrison

Carter Purvis

Mason Purvis

Darren Reese

Natalie Robertson

Rebecka Schilling

Syanna Singleton

Courtney Spencer

Tate Treinish

Andrew Wamack



Green Kids

Help us salute the following students who were on GREEN every

Kindergarten

Brice Ballenger
Klaire Barton
Jordan Cahill-Medors
Aubrey Catando
Alleigh Chevalier
Ronja Daniel
Dillon Donaldson
Tamsyn Doran
Logan Everhart-McMahon
Owen Everitt
Desi Fernandez
Josyah Finegan
Kyler Fisher
Mason Guzzy
Bailey Harness
Alli Hitchcock
Max Kittle
Breann Laughlin
Taylor McCauley-Greenlee
Macon Mynes
Drew Reed
Mallory Rhoton
Rylynne Schmelzer
Wyatt Stutske
Jaidyn Suver
Ariana Thompson

First Grade

Kendyl Bonkowski
Thomas Cuyler
Raygen Donnelly

Rebecca Dymek
Sadie Fayerweather
Jayden Gillman
Andrew Hill
Ty Johnston
Katelynn Kreher
Ellie Lanning
Sydney Littlejohn
Colten Mason
Leila Morgan
Brady O'Neal
Justin Phillips
Keanan Qurshi
Jenna Schilling
Darian Smith
Jeffrey Smith
Aiden Staley
Brock Wright

Second Grade

Addison Beidel
Ellen Bruckelmeyer
Meghan Bruckelmeyer
Haiden Byrd
Emalene Chevalier
Haiden Clark
Peyton Dilley
Nicholas Dollmatsch
Meabella Hannigan
Hannah Hill
Madeline Kittle
Layla McComas
Madelyn Miller
Emma Raver
Scarlet Sheets

Madelyn Winders
Katelynn Young
Hannah Zimmerman

Third Grade

Camron Allen
Connor Ball
Alexis Barch
Olivia Beckwith
Emily Blevins
Allison Foltz
Caleb Gallagher
Makayla Huntsman
Tyler Large
Zack Montgomery
Kylee Morgan
Veronica Rarey
Elliott Rhoton
Mayci Schiling
Allyson Schwartz
Kylee Shafer
Ava Sharp
Nolan Solano
Silas Stout
Ryan Turner
Sara Voss
Nadya Williams

Fourth Grade

Sophie Bidwell
Carter Budreau
Amy Harrison
Trey Johnston

Alex Kelly
Delaney Leonard
Carson Miller
Megan Wiles
Cooper Winders

Fifth Grade

Carrie Carpenter
Nate Turner
Brilyn Wiley

Sixth Grade

Shane Baker
Christian Benedetti
Jacob Bruckelmeyer
Naomi Carpenter
Aimee Foltz
Lillian Harrison
Brooke Hurst
Holly Manifold
Kendyl Schilling
Syanna Singleton
Courtney Spencer
Andrew Wamack
Miranda Warren-Martinez

PTO Critical Need

We are very concerned regarding the future of our Parent Teacher Organization, the Laker PTO. We have had some very strong leadership in the past several years. These folks want to take a well-deserved break, and we have not yet found anyone to take their place. Please consider becoming involved. The PTO funds many things for our school including Smart Boards, teacher classroom accounts, assemblies, and playground equipment. The PTO was also a prominent sponsor for our new soccer field. Major events sponsored by the PTO include the booths at the Sweet Corn Festival, the Fall Harvest Dance, and Spring Fling. We are hoping a few parents will get together and choose to lead together. Our current PTO leadership will work with you to allow you to become familiar with the organization. If you are interested, please contact Traci King at 740-973-0013. **This is now a critical need, and we do not want to see our PTO dissolve.**

Blizzard Bags

Mid-year Online Testing Schedule

Winter weather is definitely here! Should school be closed or delayed, you will be notified via our One Call Now system. It is very important that your numbers are correct. Please notify us immediately if there is a change in your contact information.

Remember that school could close early for reasons other than weather (electricity or water issues, for example). We must be able to contact you in these situations as well.

This is just a reminder that students will be going outside for recess whenever possible. If the air temperature or wind chill temperature is twenty (20) degrees Fahrenheit or above (with no precipitation), the students will go outside on most occasions.

Some of you may have heard that state legislation allows school districts to plan the school year using a specified number of hours rather than days. This change allows school districts to have flexibility with calamity days (snow days). **WE WILL STILL USE BLIZZARD BAGS IF NECESSARY, but we do not need to use them until we start running short on hours.** You may see them posted on the teacher's web page, but please do not have your child complete the activities until you are instructed to do so by your child's teacher OR through a One Call Now phone call.

Also, if your child is a walker, please note that our Safety Patrol members are excused from safety patrol when the temperature (or wind chill) dips below zero. It is recommended that you take your child to school on these days OR have young children walk with older children.

February 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 NO SCHOOL	17 TEST PREP	18 ELA Unit #1 (75) 8:30-9:45 - 4th Grade ELA Unit #1 (75) 10:15-11:45 - 5th Grade	19 ELA Unit #2 (90) 8:30-10:00 - 4th Grade ELA Unit #2 (90) 10:15- 11:45- 5th Grade	20 ELA Unit #3 (80) 8:30-9:30 -4th Grade ELA Unit #3 (80) 10:00-11:00 -5th Grade
23	24 ELA Unit #1 (75) 8:30-9:45 - 6th Grade	25 ELA Unit #2 (90) 8:30-10:00 - 6th Grade	26 ELA Unit #3 (80) 8:30-9:30 - 6th Grade	27 MAKE-UP testing day

March 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 MAKE-UP testing day	3 SCIENCE Unit #1 (75) 8:30-9:45 - 5th Grade SS Unit #1 (75) 10:15-11:30 - 6th Grade	4 SS Unit #1 (75) 8:30-9:45 - 4th Grade	5 MATH Unit #1 4th - (80) 8:30-9:50 - 4th Grade MATH Unit #1 3rd - (75) 10:15-11:30 - 3rd Grade	6 MATH Unit #2 4th - (70) 8:30-9:40 - 4th Grade MATH Unit #2 3rd - (75) 10:15-11:30- 3rd LAWRENCE
9 MAKE-UP testing day	10 MATH Unit #1 5/6th - (80) 8:30-9:50 - 5th Grade 10:15-11:35 - 6th Grade	11 MATH Unit #2 5/6th - (70) 8:30-9:40 - 5th Grade 10:00-11:10- 6th Grade	12 MAKE-UP testing day	13 MAKE-UP testing day
16 MAKE-UP testing day	17 MAKE-UP testing day	18 FINAL MAKE-UP TEST DAY 8:30 - 12:15	19	20 No Students Teacher Work Day

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