



August 2017

MILLER ELEMENTARY
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Dear Miller Elementary Parents,

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer break. It is hard to believe that August is right around the corner. We are looking forward to the 17-18 school year of learning and growing together.

As we move into year two, we are continuously committed to holding tight to our school mission: "To Empower Learning for ALL." At Miller Elementary we do this by.....

- ★ Building solid relationships and partnerships with all stakeholders.
- ★ Focusing on the whole child.
- ★ Customizing the learning environment where all learners make progress.
- ★ Working together for all students here at Miller Elementary.

With every year, there comes a few changes in staff, as members of our Miller team embark on new adventures including: Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Roy, Mrs. Whitfield, Ms. Andrews, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Wilson, Ms. Carpenter, Mrs. Jahan and Mr. Damian. We wish them the best as they begin this new chapter of their lives. We are happy to welcome some new faces to our Miller team and are ecstatic to have them as a part of the Miller Instructional Team!

Miller Summer Office Hours

The office will be open beginning Tuesday, August 1st from 9:00-3:30 pm for parents to enroll, register, or submit necessary paperwork. We will have extended hours on Thursday, August 3rd from 9:00-7:00 pm. If your child is not returning to Miller, or you need snap code information, please email Becky Morse, our data clerk at morser@friscoisd.org.

Registration & Enrollment Begins Tuesday, August 1st

For **new** students coming to Miller, please refer to the district website for specific information you will need to register your child at: <http://www.friscoisd.org/about/enrollment/home>.

For **returning** students, please submit your proof of residency by coming to the Miller Office, send email with attachment, fax (469-633-2085), or drop off in our outside mailbox (sealed envelope with your child's name and grade level). This applies to families that registered in the Spring 2017, including Kindergarten Roundup.

Proof of Residence

We will begin collecting proof of residency on August 1st. Please bring one of the following documents as your proof of residency by Thursday, August 17th. We unfortunately cannot accept any other documents (ex: cell phone bill).

- Electric Bill
- Water Bill
- Gas Bill
- Lease Agreement/Contract
- Home Agreement/Contract

Arrival & Dismissal

Attached to this email I have also included our arrival and dismissal plan. Please take some time to review this information and feel free to reach out to us here at school if you have any questions.

FISD Elementary School Hours: 7:45 a.m. until 2:55 p.m.

Students entering the building after 7:45 a.m. will be counted tardy and will need to obtain a tardy pass from the office. Please work with us to help teach our children the importance of being punctual. If your child is purchasing breakfast in the school cafeteria, he/she must be in line by 7:35 a.m.

Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night, Friday, August 18th

Kindergarten Orientation (Kinder Only)

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Brief overview of Miller Elementary from Mrs. Miller, principal and the Kindergarten team in the café (cafe doors will be opened at 3:45pm for this event)
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4:30 pm - 4:45 pm Kindergarten parents will go to their child's classroom and hear the "ins and outs" from their child's teacher. Please bring your child's school supplies with you as well.

4:45 pm – 5:30 pm **The main front doors of the school will open at 4:45 pm for Kinder parents ONLY.** There will be staff members in the hallways to assist you. If you have pre-ordered supplies, they will be in your child's classroom. Spirit-wear orders will be available and PTA membership will be open this night as well!

1st-5th Grade Meet the Teacher Night, Friday, August 18th

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Meet the Teacher/Supply Night for 1st-5th grade students. **For grades 1-5, the main front doors of the school will open at 5:30 pm.** There will be staff members in the hallways to assist you. If you have pre-ordered supplies, they will be in your child's classroom. Spirit-wear orders will be available and PTA membership will be open this night as well!

Personalized Email From Your Child's Teacher

Every teacher at Miller is amazing and we know you and your child(ren) are anxious to learn who their teacher will be this year. Rather than waiting to come up to the school and see a posted class list, your child's teacher will be emailing you this year to let you know the exciting news and to welcome you to their classroom. Emails will be sent out on Thursday, August 17th afternoon, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 pm. The teacher will remind you about bringing your supplies on Meet the Teacher Night and we will all look forward to greeting you and your child at that time.

First Day of School, Monday, August 21st

All students will need to be in their classrooms by 7:45 am. Students can begin arriving at 7:20 am. PTA will be hosting a Tears and Cheers Breakfast for all Kindergarten parents in the library to celebrate your child's first day beginning at 7:45 am. Parents are welcome on the first day of school to walk their child to their classroom. On the second day of school, children will go to the café or gym if arriving before 7:30 am, where Miller staff will be there to supervise. At 7:30 am, classroom teachers will come to cafe or gym to pick up their students. I promise your child will get to their classrooms safely and we have staff members stationed throughout the school to assist our students in locating their classrooms; especially our precious Kindergarten kiddos. I understand as a parent it is difficult to leave your child in the hands of another person, especially if they are tearful, and some will be. I promise we will get them to where they need to be and provide them that extra TLC they may need. I remember and it still happens to me at times where one of my children will get teary eyed and utter the dreaded phrase, "Mommy, please don't go." The guilt I still feel leaving them in tears to find out when I called a few minutes later that they were perfectly fine and happy as can be! Oh, the joys of children knowing how to tug at our hearts.

Volunteering & Checking In

Please remember that you are required every year to complete the background check in order to be able to volunteer here at school, attend field trips, or fifth grade camp. The volunteer background check can be found on our district website at <http://www.friscoisd.org/about/resources-and-information/background-checks>.

Thank you in advance for always having your driver's license available every time you come to visit our campus, whether you are on campus to volunteer, dropping off something to the nurse, or eating lunch with your child. You will need your license to check in at the front office and get a visitor's pass. This procedure is expected district wide for the safety of our students and I thank you again in advance for your patience and understanding as we make every effort to keep our students safe. Our receptionist, Ms. Moore will be happy to assist you if it is your first time coming to Miller and you are not in the system.

PTA

We are excited our Miller PTA has been hard at work getting ready for another exciting year. There will be plenty of opportunities for parents to get involved and we hope that you do. Please check out the new PTA website at <http://coymillerpta.org/>.

Weekly Principal Email

I will send out a weekly email to parents on Friday afternoons that recaps the week and upcoming events. You will receive the email from school messenger system. Through the system, it only sends the email to the primary contact's email address. If you need to add/change an email, please notify our campus data clerk at morser@friscoisd.org.

Curriculum Night, Thursday, September 7th

Miller will continue with an Interactive Curriculum Night, so parents can learn the strategies and philosophy of how their child is learning. With the structure of this night, we are focusing on parent education of the curriculum and ask that you make other arrangements for your child/children. Thank you for being an active participant in your child's education and marking this date on your calendar. For our 5th grade parents, this will also incorporate an informational meeting on Pine Cove, which is scheduled December 11th -13th. Times will be announced at a later date.

No School, Monday September 4th

Labor Day

We look forward to meeting you soon and beginning our journey of learning together!

Ashley Miller, Principal and Miller Elementary Team