



Richard E. Miller Elementary School  
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**MESSENGER**

*The mission of Richard E. Miller School is to provide all students with the mental, physical and social skills that will enable them to reach full potential in a rapidly changing society.*

### Principal's December Message

Hello Firebird Families,

I'd like to begin by saying thank you to all of our Miller community members that participated in our annual Turkey Trot. We had a blast! What a great time we had running, crafting, dancing and celebrating our great community together while also sharing food and fun. Your participation makes such a difference! As the Holiday season begins, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for being part of our Miller family and encourage each of you to continue to join us here at Miller. You make our community the great community it is!

In construction updates...we have some exciting things happening on our campus and at the forefront is the opening of our new building and administration office! We are thrilled! I am sure each of you can see how much progress has taken place...it has been miraculous! After the holiday break, our new office is scheduled to be open and our new buildings should be completed. Once the new buildings are open, Concord will be working on phase three of our project which includes the removal of the portables and expansion of our parking lot (I think we are all ready for that). I want to thank you all as well for your cooperation and flexibility while construction is taking place. You have all been very patient and our kids and community will soon be rejoicing in our brand new school additions.

Thank you again for making our community the great community it is. If you would like to become more involved, or wonder what is happening on our campus, please check out our school calendar online which lists all the wonderful events we have for you to participate in. We'd love to have you!

Happy Holidays!

Your grateful principal,

Amanda Wilber



Richard E. Miller Calendar of Events

**REMINDER: EVERY WEDNESDAY IS  
EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:00 P.M.**

#### DECEMBER

12/01	Boys Basketball vs Roadrunner @ Cholla Middle School 4:30 p.m. 3120 W. Cholla
12/01-12/02	Barnes & Noble Bookfair
12/02-12/09	Boys Basketball Tournament Dates/Times TBD - watch for more information to follow from coach
12/12	Site Council Meeting 4:00 p.m.
12/14	Band/Strings Assembly 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grades In the courtyard at 1:15 p.m.
12/14	Governing Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
12/15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to I.D.E.A. Museum 9:00 a.m. 19 North Art Show
12/15	See Ms. Ciurdar for details (NE Corner 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave. & Northern)
12/16	Teacher Interview Fair
12/21-01/07	Winter Recess - No School

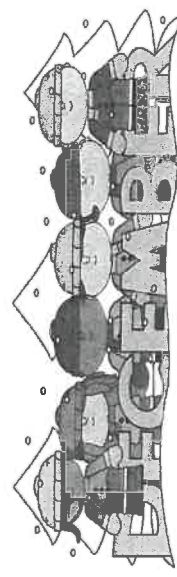
#### KidSpace offers child care during winter recess:

12/22/17 - 1/5/2018 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Lookout Mountain location: 602-896-5991  
15 W. Coral Gables

Sunburst location: 602-896-6415  
14218 N. 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Orangewood location: 602-347-2914  
7337 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue



#### ATTENDANCE LINE

602-347-3015

Available 24/7

Don't forget to call the attendance line  
when your student will be absent and please  
state the reason.



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Governing Board: Bill Adams, President • Larry Herrera, Vice President  
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Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

## Kindergarten Registration 2018 - 2019 school year

Calling all future Kindergarten families! Welcome to Richard E. Miller Elementary School. Registration for 2018-2019 begins on December 1, 2017! We will have our Kindergarten Round-up in January. Watch for more details to follow. For more information, visit online [www.wesdschools.org](http://www.wesdschools.org)



### REM Essential 32 Rules

The Richard E. Miller student and social services team are focused on a school-wide theme of **RESPECT** . . . **respect for others, respect for self, respect for authority and respect for property.** To encourage **RESPECT**, Richard E. Miller has established "The REM Essential 32" using a modified version of Ron Clark's program. The REM essentials are rules that encourage social, oral and emotional development. The rules will be listed in each month's newsletter. We hope you will encourage the use of the rules at home and outside of school.

Rules covered during December:

**Rule 14:** Use manners when dealing with food; be neat, use your napkin and silverware. Never play with your food...it's rude. After eating, we will clean up after ourselves.

**Rule 15:** Whenever you are offered food, whether it be in the cafeteria, a restaurant or treats in class, never take more than your fair share. Don't be greedy!

**Rule 16:** Flush the toilet and wash your hands after using the restroom.

### TEACHER INTERVIEW FAIRS

Interviewing and issuing contracts for the  
2018-2019 school year.  
**December 16, 2017**  
**8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Apply at: [jobs.wesdschools.org](http://jobs.wesdschools.org)

Questions? Call 602-347-2622  
Email: [teach@wesdschools.org](mailto:teach@wesdschools.org)

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### Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2

Barnes & Noble Metrocenter

A percentage of your purchases will benefit  
Washington Education Foundation and help fund  
educator grants in WESDI



Students of  
the Month

Congratulations to our October  
Students of the Month!

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Za'Riyah S.	Julissa B.
	Taelyn T.	Marley G.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	Joey C.	De'Mia T.
	Carmelina M.	Fatimah A.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	Brianna F.	Torrie B.
	A'nyah P.	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	Keira G.	LaRoi G.
	Valerie A.	Iris O.
	Jace S.	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Israel R.	Sahily R.
	Anthony E.	Estefany D.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Xavier S.	Damien R.
	Annell.	



Reminder!

### Health Office

Parents, please do not send cough drops or medications into the health office without completing the health consent form. The consent form must be signed by parent and/or guardian.

### Breakfast

Breakfast is served daily in the classroom from 7:30 - 7:40 a.m. Please be sure student arrives at school on time to participate.

### Birthday Celebrations

We are happy to have our students celebrate their birthday at school.

Please remember:

- \* Call the teacher and arrange ahead of time.
- \* Cupcakes, cookies, single item treats are the easiest to share. Please no cakes - too hard to cut and serve, especially to our younger students.
- \* Please no balloons - too much distraction in the classroom learning environment.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!