



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 January/February Message

Welcome back Firebird families! We hope you all enjoyed your winter break and are as ready as we are to get 2018 off to an amazing start! We are thrilled at the outcome of our new office, KidSpace facility, Head Start classrooms and special area classrooms....they turned out beautifully! Our final phase of construction will be to remove the portables from our campus and to complete our parking lot and arrival and pickup drive thru...we are almost there! All construction is on time and on track to be complete by April of this year. Thank you all for your patience and flexibility while we have been under construction. Our beautiful school is well worth the wait and we are anxious to share every bit of it with all of our community. Looking forward to another great year with you all!

Your Grateful Principal,

Amanda Wilber



### Congratulations to our November Students of the Month!

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Mary T.	Therell M.	Zayd P.	Brigitte L.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	Donovan C.	Bella G.	Kailani M.	Jordin R.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	Adrian Y.	Dema P.	Erick G.	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	Tylin H.	Chandler D.	Valerie C.	Kammy P.
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Yerai A.	James S.	London T.	Dayani G.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Mya J.	Hector L.	Tya E.	

### 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 • Aaron Jahneke, Vice President  
Larry Herrera, Member • Tee Lambert, Member • Nikkie Whaley, Member  
Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

Richard E. Miller Calendar of Events

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

<b>JANUARY</b>	
01/25	Kindergarten Open House 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
01/25	Governing Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
01/31	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. <b>Early Release at 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
02/01	Parent/Teacher Conferences Translation Night 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. <b>Early Release at 1:00 p.m.</b>
02/02	Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
02/02	<b>Early Release at 1:00 p.m.</b>
02/02	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip
02/06	Arizona Broadway Theatre Girls Basketball vs John Jacobs @ JJ 4:30 p.m.
02/08	Girls Basketball vs Orangewood 2 @ OR 4:30 p.m.
02/08	Governing Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
02/08	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip
02/13	Slim Goodbody/Orpheum Theater Girls Basketball vs Acacia 2 @ REM 4:30 p.m.
02/16	Girls Basketball vs Sunset @ REM 4:30 p.m.
02/19	<b>President's Day - NO SCHOOL</b>
02/22	Governing Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
02/27	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Desert Outdoor Center
<b>MARCH</b>	
03/02	Read Across America Day

## TEACHER INTERVIEW FAIRS

Interviewing and issuing contracts for the 2018-2019 school year.

**February 24**

**8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

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

Questions? Call 602-347-2622

Email: [teach@wedschools.org](mailto:teach@wedschools.org)

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## Kindergarten Open House 2018 - 2019 school year

Calling all future kindergarten families! Welcome to Richard E. Miller Elementary School. Registration for 2018-2019 began on December 1, 2017! We will have our Kindergarten Open House on January 25 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Please come and meet our teachers!



### 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 **January & February**:

**Rule 17:** Make every effort to be as organized as possible.

**Rule 18:** When classwork is assigned, there is to be no moaning or complaining.

**Rule 19:** If a teacher is privately speaking to a student, do not look at that student.

**Rule 20:** Sometimes teachers give awards for good behavior and academic performance; never ask for or demand a reward. Students follow classroom expectations to better themselves not because they want a reward.

**Rule 21:** When a guest teacher is in the classroom, obey the same rules that you follow when your teacher is with you.

**Rule 22:** When there are visitors in the classroom, continue to follow expectations and keep working.

**Rule 23:** If someone in the class wins a game or does something well, we will congratulate that person.

**Rule 24:** When you do well at something, do not brag. If you lose, do not show anger. Instead, say something like, "great job" or "good game" or don't say anything at all.

## GIFTED SERVICES

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. Testing for placement in the gifted program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website ([www.wesdschools.org/Page/18](http://www.wesdschools.org/Page/18)) or contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the website as well. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Jason McIntosh, with any questions you may have ([Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org](mailto:Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org) / 602-347-2651). The gifted teacher on your campus can be reached by email at [Carolyn.King@wesdschools.org](mailto:Carolyn.King@wesdschools.org) or by phone at 602-347-3057 as well.

### GENERAL REMINDERS:

#### 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.

**Immunization Reminder:** If you have a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, please remember they need the Meningococcal and Tdap if their birthday is between January - August, 2018.

#### Temporary ID Badges

If your student has used a temporary ID badge in the last several weeks, we ask that you PLEASE return it to the front office. You may need to purchase a new one for your student. They are \$5.00. Thank you!

#### 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.

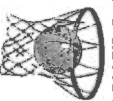
#### Birthday Celebrations

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!

### Girls 2018 Basketball Team



Ciyimaya G.	Kimani T.
Savanna C.	Tya E.
Isabella U.	Chelsea M.
Neriah H.	Nancy N.
Yerai P.	Eliana M.
Gisselle V.	London T.
Janessa S.	Isabella S.
Latrice L.	Tiffany A.