



Richard E. Miller Elementary School
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MILLER 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 August/September Message

Dear Firebird Families,

Welcome back to our 2017-2018 school year! It has been great to see each and every one of you back on our campus, or if you are new to our community, to welcome you for the first time. As you can see, we have been under a bit of construction over the summer and this construction will be continuous throughout the year. Our summer renovations included new carpet/paint for all of our classrooms and library, new playground equipment, new technology (all classrooms are now wireless), new flooring in our cafeteria, and the beginning phase of our new parking lot. In addition to our classroom updates, we will also be adding a few buildings, which will contain our KidSpace and Head Start programs, as well as new classrooms for music, PE, art and band/strings. Also, we will be reconstructing our administration building and cafeteria. We are thrilled about our exciting additions!

While we are excited about our new additions and changes to our school, we realize that adjusting to the systems we have put in place as a result of this construction has required patience on your part. I extend to each and every one of you my sincere thanks for your patience during drop off and pickup and for following the new processes we have in place.

Here are a few reminders that will assist with a smoother transition:

1. We have one entrance with two lanes to drive into when entering our campus. The right lane is the drop-off/pickup lane and the left lane is the passing/visitor parking lane. If you choose the left lane, you must park your car either in visitor parking or use this lane as a passing lane. This is not a drop-off lane. In order to drop-off/pick up your child in your car, you must remain in the right lane.
2. When you are picking up your student(s), please post a sign in your front windshield that states the name of your student(s) and grade...this will assist with quicker pick-up.
3. As a result of the construction, we are using one gate for all students to dismiss from. Space is limited. Please leave room at the gate for students to come out safely, and wait in the locations that are coned off as parent sections.
4. Remember, if you would like an alternative to using our new parking area, you may always use the parking lot across the street.

Once again, we would like to welcome you all back for our 2017-2018 school year! We are looking forward to a great year together and to apply our mission of Reaching Every Mind to be the best, expect the best, and get the best.

Your grateful and proud Principal,
Amanda Wilber



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Arrival and Dismissal Times and procedures

Each day we are excited to welcome students and parents onto our campus. In order to assure student safety, we have teachers and staff members posted throughout the campus to monitor the safety/security of our students. Gates open each day at 7:10 a.m. At 7:10 a.m. is also when our staff members will be posted throughout the campus to assure students on campus are arriving safely. The past few weeks, we have noticed several students waiting at the gates as early as 6:40 a.m. This is unsafe. Monitors are not on duty until 7:10 a.m. and gates do not open until this time. In order to assure students are safe, we do have a fee-based program called KidSpace available as early as 6:30 a.m. If you are unable to wait with your student before gates open, KidSpace is a great option to utilize. If you have questions about KidSpace, you may contact Peggy at 602-347-3011 or visit our District Web page at www.wesdschools.org to find out more about our KidSpace program.

Also as a reminder, dismissal each day begins at 2:25 p.m. If you would like to check your student out before that time, it must be before 2:00 p.m., unless it is noted as an emergency/appointment. Consistent interruption of classes between 2:00-2:25 p.m. to dismiss students early, is disruptive to the classroom learning environment and negatively impacts the cohesiveness of the classroom. Thank you for your understanding with this



Richard E. Miller Calendar of Events

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

SEPTEMBER

9/04	Labor Day - No School
9/08	Dental Sealant Program
9/12	Site Council Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
9/14	Governing Board Meeting
9/18-9/22	Scholastic Book Fair Week
9/19	Book Fair Late Night 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
9/19	Title I Parent Night 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
9/25	Vision and Hearing Screening
9/28	Governing Board Meeting

OCTOBER

10/5	Picture Retakes
10/9-10/13	Fall Break Week - No School
10/12	Governing Board Meeting
10/18	Parent/Teacher Conference
10/25-10/27	Parent/Teacher Conferences and early dismissal Wed., Thu., Fri.
10/26	Governing Board Meeting

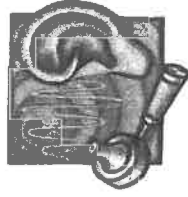
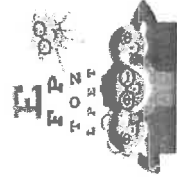


ATTENDANCE LINE

602-347-3015

Available 24/7

Don't forget to call the attendance line when your student will be absent. When calling the attendance line, please state the reason for your child's absence.



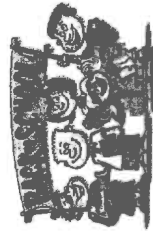
Health Screenings

Students have their vision and hearing screened in accordance with the state of Arizona's Department of Health Services guidelines. Vision and hearing are very important to your child's ability to learn, listen and make good progress in school. The goal is to remove health-related barriers to learning.

This year the screening is scheduled to take place on Monday, September 25. It is important that your child is in attendance on this day. If glasses or contacts are worn, please make sure they have them with them. Parents/guardians are informed of the results if follow-up care is recommended. School-based screenings are not intended to replace routine wellness examinations by the primary health care provider.

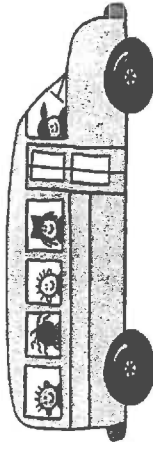
If you do not want your child's vision and/or hearing screened, please contact the health office. If you are concerned about your child's hearing or vision or have questions about the screening program, please contact the health office.

The success of the screening day is dependent upon volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact the health office.



FROM THE OFFICE

Have you moved over the summer? Did you change your telephone number? Please come by the office with your updated information. We have update information forms that can be completed and turned into the front office. Please remember your picture identification, as we must verify all changes. If you have any questions, please call the front office at 602-347-3000.



Student ID Cards

Each student at Richard E. Miller Elementary should have received a permanent ID card, coin sticker Z-Pass and a pouch with a lanyard. The ID card and Z-Pass are used to check out books at the library, eat lunch in the cafeteria and to track student bus riders as he or she boards and departs from the bus.

It is important to know that safety is our top priority and each student should wear his or her ID card every day while on campus. These cards are very important, please keep it from being lost or stolen. There is a \$5 replacement fee for ID cards and Z-Passes. Lanyards and pouches may be replaced for 50 cents.



Week of September 18 - September 22



Join us for our Parent Night and Book Fair on Tuesday, September 19 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Gifted Services Testing Opportunity

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) 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/602-347-2651](mailto:Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org)). The gifted teacher on our campus can be reached by email at Carolyn.king@wesdschools.org or by phone at 602-347-3057.