MILLARD MUSTANG EXPRESS

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A Word from our Principal

Dear Millard Families,

We are in the middle of our first trimester and our students have been busy learning and having fun. As I visit classrooms, I am able to see our students actively engaged in lessons, checking out books from the library, staying active in PE, and checking in with our staff at recess. Our students and staff are working diligently to ensure that our school is a wonderful place to learn and to be a part of. We are truly proud of all our Mustangs!

You may have heard that we have started our schoolwide incentive program to promote positive behavior and a welcoming school climate. The "Mustang Bucks" are certificates given by all staff members to students who show good citizenship in many different ways. Every Friday we will do a raffle and announce the winners over the loudspeaker and the students selected will get a prize. If your child says that they received a "Mustang Buck" be sure to give them a high five!

Parent/guardian and teacher conferences will be held next month. This year, parents and guardians can request an in-person conference or one on Zoom. Please let your child's teacher know the format that you prefer. We look forward to working with all of our families to support our students. Lastly, students are invited to wear a Halloween costume on Monday, October 31st. All costumes must be appropriate for school and meet the dress code guidelines. Masks and weapons are not allowed. We also ask that students enjoy their candy at home and not at school.

Thank you for your continued support for our students and our school.

In Partnership,

Dr. Jorge D. Gonzalez Interim Principal



Oct. 10 -14 – Book Fair

- Oct. 12 International Walk & Roll to School Day
- Oct. 11 ELAC Meeting @ 3:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Oct. 17 SSC Meeting @ 3:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Oct. 18 PTA Meeting
- Oct. 19 Unity Rally (Wear Orange)
- Oct. 21--Millard Pumpkin Patch Students Pick A Pumpkin to Take Home
- Oct. 28 -- Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Oct. 31 Halloween
- Nov. 4 Fall Festival
- Nov. 8 Picture Re-Take Day
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day, No School
- Nov. 14-18 Parent/Teacher Conferences. Early Dismissal Gr 1-5
- Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving Break, No School



English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)

We will have our first English Language Advisory Committee meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. Everyone is welcome and parents of English Learner students are highly encouraged to attend. The Zoom link will be posted the day of the meeting on the Millard website.



• Home Lunch Containers

We ask that students do not bring glass containers to school as they may break and cause injury.



School Site Council (SSC) Meeting

Our first school site council meeting will be on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted the day of the meeting on the Millard website.



<u>Book Fair is Coming!</u>

Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Millard from Monday, October 10th through Friday, October 14th.



Celebrate International Walk and Roll to School Day!

Join Millard Elementary on October 12, 2022 for International Walk and Roll to School Day! We will celebrate our school spirit, our health, and the environment with the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools program. We encourage you to celebrate safely and to follow local health guidelines.

This year, our school will celebrate in-person at the schoolyard. With your family and friends, you can participate by:

- Taking a walk, or riding a bike, skateboard, or scooter.
- Biking with your child on their own or with a trail-a-bike.
- Taking the bus with your child and walking to and from the bus stop.
- Joining a Walking School Bus or a Bike Train.

Post a fun photo on social media to celebrate the day! Remember to tag <u>@AlamedaCoSR2S</u> on Twitter with #WalkandRoll22 and #IWR2SD, and post on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/saferoutestoschool</u>.

We look forward to walking and rolling with you!



Pet Reminder

We love our pets at Millard Elementary. We ask that if you bring your pet on campus that you clean up after them. We want to ensure that our students have a clean environment for learning and having fun. Thank you for your support.



Staff Parking Lot

There is no parking in any of the staff parking lots. All vehicles parked in the handicap spots must have a handicap placard.



Steven Millard Elementary PTA Corner

Pumpkin Patch - PTA is thrilled to host an on campus Pumpkin Patch once again! All students will visit the patch with their class during the school day on October 21st. Children will pick out a pumpkin to bring home and are encouraged to decorate it (no carved pumpkins) for our annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest the following week. When students bring their pumpkins to school in the morning on the day of the contest, place them on the table with your grade level. Pumpkins need to be picked up after school or they will be thrown away. All pumpkins must be decorated by students only and if you use glue/paint/etc, completely dry.

10/21 - Pumpkin patch, Students pick a pumpkin to take home

10/28 - Pumpkin decorating contest

Fall Carnival - Carnival Games, Food, Cake Walk, Photo Booth and more fun events!

When - Friday 11/4 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Millard PTA is excited to host the biggest event of the year for our kids and we need lots of volunteers to make it happen! We would love to hear if you've volunteered for the fall carnival in previous years.

What to expect and time commitment?

- Chairperson to lead the program.
- **Minimum of 1 volunteer for each of the areas**: Game prep, Cake Walk, Food, Decoration, Ticket, High School students, security.
- Meet and start the prep work from next week, time commitment of 2-3 hours every week till the event.
- **10/29** Minimum of 5 volunteers needed to check the games we have in the school shed and plan for 11/4. **Time commitment of 3 hours.**
- **11/4** Minimum of 5 volunteers to set up the games after school and complete before the event. Meet after the event to break down. **Time commitment of 3 hours.**
- **11/5** Minimum of 3 volunteers to arrange the games back in the shed. **Time commitment of 3 hours.**

Please sign-up <u>here</u>. Any help is appreciated even if you could not stay for the whole time.

Volunteers

Book Fair - Sign up <u>here</u> if you want to contribute (10/10 - 10/14) Pumpkin patch - Need help to set up the table, arrange pumpkins (10/21 6.30 - 7.30 AM) and break down after the contest (10/28 School Hours). Sign up <u>here</u>. International Walk & Roll to School Day - 10/12 7:45 - 8:35 Unity Day school rally - 10/19 8:00 - 8:30

PTA Association Meeting - Moved to October 20th 6.30 - 7.30 PM (Zoom link)

Reminders Reflections - Submission due 10/16. Questions: 99reflectionspta@gmail.com

Membership - If you haven't joined yet, please consider joining PTA (<u>Totem</u>) and contribute to School events. More involvement will help bring more events to our kids! Let's make this happen!

Is Your Child On Track in Math?

<u>IvyMath</u> is offering free comprehensive math assessments and parent conferences to discuss your child's math strengths and weaknesses and how they compare to grade level

IvyMath will set up a custom learning plan for your child, and schedule 2 free private virtual coaching sessions to work on their weaknesses. This is a great way to make sure your child is on track in math as we start the school year!

These coaching sessions are free for all Steven Millard Elementary families. Popular times fill up, so please register quickly! Signup now at: <u>lvyMath.com/Boost</u>

Feedback/Suggestion/Ideas - stevenmillardpta@gmail.com





Mrs. Yamaguchi's Class "Pumpkin Patch"



Mrs. Carroll's Class "Harvest Tree"