

Miller Avenue Elementary

# Husky News



*Monthly Issue:* The newsletter, loaded with information pertaining to our school, can be found on the Garaway home page at [www.garaway.org](http://www.garaway.org) - hover over the schools tab and click on Miller Avenue from the drop-down choices. Call the office at (330)852-2441 for any questions you may have and we will be happy to help you.



Friday, October 9, 2020

*E + R = O, (E)vent + (R)esponse = (O)utcome*

## Spirit Week

Monday, October 12th thru Thursday, October 15th

Help us celebrate the Garaway Pirate Football team's season and wish them luck in the upcoming playoff season!



'Merica Monday - USA - red, white, and blue

Pink Out Tuesday - Support breast cancer awareness - dress in pink

Wake Up Wednesday - Wear school appropriate PJs

Tie/Tie Dye Thursday - Dress in ties and/or tie dye apparel

## IMPORTANT NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you so much for actively helping your children and taking an interest in their education. Please know that our students' and teachers' instructional time is very valuable and we would like to minimize any disruptions to that time. So it is with that in mind that we ask you to **always check in at the office** when coming to the school. Please allow the Secretary, Tina Medley, to deliver any forgotten items or messages to your child. We also would appreciate it when walking children in that you say your goodbyes to them in the lobby and allow them to proceed to the classroom on their own. This will also help with keeping interruptions to a minimum and will encourage your child's independence.



**SCHOOL BUILDING DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL 8:30 a.m.** **\*\*See below under additional notes for a change to our temperature taking routine.** Please do not drop off students before 8:30 a.m. Employees do not start their day until 8:15 a.m., so therefore, for proper supervision of students, they should not be arriving until 8:30 a.m. Every child must arrive wearing a mask and will have their temperature taken as they enter the school building. Please understand that employees are doing their jobs to benefit the welfare of all students at Miller Avenue. We appreciate your consideration of this matter. Thank you!!



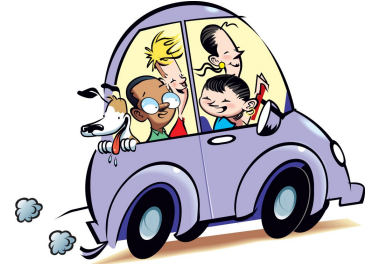
### **EARLY MORNING BUS ISSUES**

When experiencing an early morning bus issue (from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.), please call the **Central Office at (330) 852-2421** rather than calling the Miller Avenue office to better ensure that there will be someone available to assist you. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**CALLS & NOTES PERTAINING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF YOUR CHILD(REN):** Due to the busy nature of dismissal time and the office at Miller Avenue, it is best to send in a written note with your child(ren) in the morning explaining any change in their ordinary routine. All changes in routine **MUST** go through the Secretary, Tina Medley. All notes are sent down to the office every morning and a coordinating bus or pick-up slip will be issued and passed back to the teacher in the afternoon. **Please, do not give notes to the bus drivers!** If your child has a complicated schedule (such as going on different busses to babysitters/grandparents) please send in the details of the schedule to Tina. It is very difficult for the bus drivers to keep all of the students schedules coordinated, so to make it easier on them a bus slip must be issued. All calls for any changes pertaining to the plans for transporting your child must be made by **2:00 p.m. PLEASE!!** Whether the change involves a bus, walking home or needing to be sent to the pick-up line, you may phone the Miller Avenue office at (330)852-2441. We do want to stress that a **change in the routine must be made to the secretary by a parent/guardian by a note or phone call.** We will **NOT** make a change to your child(ren)'s schedule from them telling us to.



**CAR PICK-UP LINE** We are always striving to make the process of picking up your children the safest and most efficient way that we can. This year because of the large volume of pick-up students, we have moved up the start time. We will be sending children out to be picked up **starting at 3:05**. Please be sure to follow the directions of the aides that are on duty and to have the pick-up tag visible, to make it as easy as possible for the aide on duty to see the name. Students are being kept in their homerooms



and will be called to the lobby as soon as their names are called. Please do not exit your vehicle and enter the building while in the pick-up line as it holds up the whole process. If you need to enter the building (example: your child has forgotten something) please pull to a parking spot and walk your child back into the building. The pick-up line can become very dangerous, so please do not allow children to dart across to re-enter the building. Please make sure they are either walked back across by a responsible adult. Older children may re-enter on their own, but please remind them to go to the crosswalk and wait for an aide to safely direct them back across. We are most appreciative of your cooperation and patience in our efforts to have this process run as smoothly as possible. Car Pick-Up tags are available at any time. Please send in a note or phone the office to request pick-up tags.

***\*\*Because of outside cold temperatures affecting the readings on the thermometers we use, we have had to make some adjustments to our morning routine - SOME ADDITIONAL NOTES***

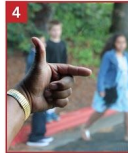
**PERTAINING TO SAFETY AT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP** Parents who bring students to school, please make sure to line-up in the drop-off zone (behind bus zone) only if dropping your child off. At 8:30 your children can exit their vehicles and walk into the building. The aides will be in the lobby to take their temperatures. Please understand that if your child's temperature reads high, we will put them in the quarantine room for a 5 minute mask-break and at that time take the temperature again. If it still reads at 100.4 or higher, you will receive a phone call to have you return to pick your child up and take home (per the flow chart recommendations from the Tuscarawas County Health Department that was shared with you previously). Please continue on straight through and exit out of the bottom parking lot - **DO NOT TURN LEFT OR SWING OUT TO GO AROUND THE CAR AHEAD OF YOU, please be patient and keep the line moving swiftly and safely.** Please be respectful of everyone's time and if you are planning on walking your child into the school, you must move to the parking spaces on the left. Please **DO NOT block** the bus zone at any time. Please make sure that your child **DOES NOT dart out** into the lane of traffic, as it is a very busy time of day with cars coming and going. Also **DO NOT** allow them to walk between the busses. As stated above, please say your goodbyes to them in the lobby and allow them to proceed to the classroom on their own. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, stop in the office and talk to Tina Medley, Secretary and she will either deliver the message or ask the teacher to come to the office to speak to you. **PLEASE DO NOT GO TO THE CLASSROOM**, as teachers are very busy during this time. Thank you for helping us out in these circumstances so as to keep our students as safe as possible

**Please know that making sure your child arrives at school and gets home safely is our utmost priority. Thank you so much for helping us out with all of these matters.**

**BUS SAFETY:** Here are a couple of flyers from the Transportation Department

**Crossing the Street to Board the School Bus**  
STUDENT AND PARENT INSTRUCTION

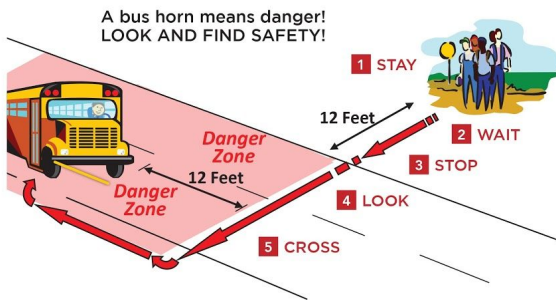
- 1 **STAY:** on your side of the road, 12 feet away from traffic.
- 2 **WAIT:** for the bus to stop and the stop arm to extend. The Driver will be holding his left palm up for you to wait for traffic to stop
- 3 **STOP:** and look for traffic both ways, then check again. When it is OK the driver will give you a "thumbs up" and then point in the direction you will walk to cross the street
- 4 **LOOK:** for moving traffic both ways as you walk directly across the road.
- 5 **CROSS:** 12 feet in front of the bus in full view of your driver. Be careful in the danger zone and board the bus without delay.



**Crossing the Highway is DANGEROUS - Cars May Not Stop!**

Your life depends on the following:

- You must **LOOK BOTH WAYS** for moving cars. If a car is moving, do not step into the road.
- **PAY ATTENTION!** Take ear buds out! Don't talk or text!
- If you hear the **HORN**, look and find safety!
- **PARENTS**, even if you are crossing with your child, please follow these same steps.



For illustrated instruction watch youtube video "Bus safety hand signals 3".

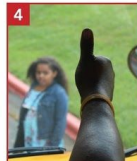
**MORNING**

**Crossing the Street when Exiting the School Bus**  
STUDENT AND PARENT INSTRUCTION

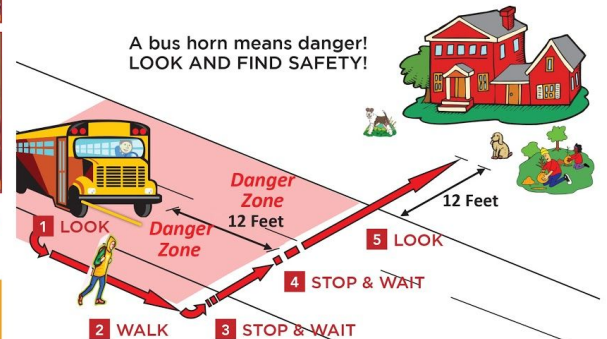
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- **PAY ATTENTION!** Take ear buds out! Don't talk or text!
- If you hear the **HORN**, look and find safety!
- **PARENTS**, even if you are crossing with your child, please follow these same steps.



- 1 **LOOK:** for traffic in all directions, especially to your right, before you step off the bus. Cars sometimes pass on the right side. When OK...
- 2 **WALK:** away from the right front of the bus in full view of your driver, going past the extended bus crossing arm. Then stop and...
- 3 **WAIT:** Your Bus Driver will be holding his right palm up for you to wait until all traffic is stopped.
- 4 **STOP:** When it is OK to cross, the Driver will give you a "thumbs up" and then point in the direction you will walk to cross the street
- 5 **LOOK:** for moving traffic as you promptly cross and move 12 feet off the road.



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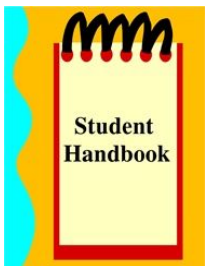
**AFTERNOON**

**If your child will not be in school.....**

- Please email me at [tmedley@garaway.org](mailto:tmedley@garaway.org) or
- Call the school phone (330) 852-2441 and leave a message - if leaving a message, please be sure to send in a written excuse when the student returns to school.

On the email or school phone please state the date, your name, your child's name, grade level and the reason for the absence. If any homework is requested please also state how you would like to receive the homework. Teachers ask if you would like to come in to pick up the homework that you please wait until the end of the school day to make sure they have time to gather it up.

**Although at this time, for the safety of the children, our drinking fountains are closed, we understand how important it is for our children to stay hydrated and we want to reassure you that water bottles are being refilled by staff members and donated water bottles are available for them to get if they forget to bring their own. Please remind your child that all they need to do is ask and a staff member will make sure that they get what they need!**



**DRESS CODE REMINDERS**

As stated in the student handbook, students are permitted to wear shorts until the end of October. Just a reminder that "Shorts must be worn at a length that is decent and in good taste with the length being at least mid-thigh." Also, "Proper footwear is required at all times. Flip-flops are not permitted. Sandals must have heel straps." Please see your student handbook for any other dress code concerns.

**COLDER WEATHER IS ON THE WAY!!**

The weather at this time of year can be very unpredictable and the cold will soon be here, so please be sure that your student is dressed appropriately for **outside weather** – we want to remind you that we hold our recesses outside if at all possible.

**Layered clothing works best when the weather is so unpredictable!**



**MEDICATION POLICY REMINDER:** Just a reminder that students per the Medication Policy are not allowed to have any kind of medication (including over the counter types, cough drops and such) on them at any time. Please try to administer any type of medication your child may need before and/or after school. If your child will need to have any medication administered during school hours the parent/guardian may come to the school to administer it. If the medication must be administered by the school Secretary or Nurse, the proper paperwork must be filled out by the physician and sent into the school. **PLEASE do not send** in cough drops and such with your child.



**4th, 5th & 6th GRADE PARENTS:** All 4th, 5th & 6th Grade students received a Garaway Chromebook Policy Handbook that was included in the First Day Packet. That Handbook detailed the usage/policies of the Chromebooks supplied to your student. Please submit your \$50 payment for the Chromebook at your earliest convenience. If your child has an outstanding fee for last year's Chromebook please submit that payment as soon as possible.

**\*\*When sending in money to the school for such things as lunches and chromebook fees, please make the check payable to Garaway Local Schools and include in the memo line what the money is for - PLEASE DO NOT make it out to Miller Ave. as the bank will not accept it. Thank you!!**



You need a  
**yearbook!**  
(just sayin'...)

**THE 2019-2020 YEARBOOKS ARE HERE!!** They were delivered to Miller Avenue today and will be sorted and sent home next week. I will be sending out an email to all of you who pre-ordered and paid for a yearbook to let you know that they will be sent home with your child - **current GVA students who ordered, you will need to call me to let me know if you'd like to stop by to pick yours up or would prefer me to mail it to you.**

We purchased some **extra** yearbooks that are available for sale - on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. We have plenty at this point but when those copies run out, we will no longer be able to order additional copies, so please keep this in mind if you are wishing to purchase one. The cost of the yearbook is **\$18.00**. Please make checks payable to **Garaway Local School**. Don't miss your chance to purchase one - it will make a great keepsake!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



- ❖ **PIRATE PACKS have been going home each week on Friday's - applications are still available for anyone wishing to participate. Please call and ask for an application if you would like your child to be included!** Pirate Packs are assembled by a wonderful group of volunteers from both the Sugarcreek and Ragersville United Church of Christ. We are so appreciative of the donation of their time and money to this program – it is a big help to many of our families.
- ❖ **Friday, October 16th - NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional Development Day; End of 1st 9-Week Grading Period**
- ❖ **Friday, October 23rd - Report Cards issued**

## **Congratulations to our Miller Avenue Students for participation at the 2020 Tuscarawas County Fair**

Students who took part were **6th grader, Cali Hershberger-Slemmer** and **4th grader, Graem Wallick**. We know the dedication to their participation was outstanding and want to thank them for their hard work, efforts and showings with their 4-H projects at the 2020 Tuscarawas County Fair!

We are very proud of you - Great job everyone!



## SEPTEMBER 2020 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



**K - Madison Miller & Blake Graber**  
**1st - Alex Miller & Grace Miller**  
**2nd- Riley Gerber and Kason Fish (absent from picture)**  
**3rd- Asher Garmon and Beau Yoder**  
**4th - Landri Miller and Drake Snyder**  
**5th - Megan Kaser and Lukas Miller**  
**6th - Charlee Yoder and Easton Hostetler**  
**CC - Theodore Schlabach and Kody Miller**

***Congrats on a great start to the year, keep on working hard!!***



**A NOTE FROM THE CAFETERIA:** Please **DO NOT** send in any food in packed lunches that will need to be refrigerated and/or microwaved.



Milk may be purchased with a packed lunch - it is 50 cents for each milk and the child must report to the teacher on duty that they would like to purchase the milk so that his/her account will be charged accordingly. During this “Free Breakfast/Lunch” program due to Covid 19 please note that **does not** include milk with a pack lunch.

**LUNCH MENU** - Lunch menus are sent home by email to the Parent/Guardian group and are also available online. Additional paper copies are always available, contact the office or tell your student to stop in and request one if you would like one.



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**READ THE NEWSLETTER, YOUR CHILD CAN WIN A PRIZE!!**

***\*\*One student per class will be picked to be a Prize Winner by each homeroom teacher to come to the office to pick a prize. Parents please send in a note stating that you have read the newsletter - since we are doing a digital version of the Husky Newsletter and you will either be viewing online or receiving it by email, just send in your note using any scrap of paper you have at home! \*\*\****

***\*\*Keep scrolling for some flyers we were asked to share with you!\*\****

**We invite you to participate!**

## **The Great Pumpkin Glow**

**At Historic Schoenbrunn Village**

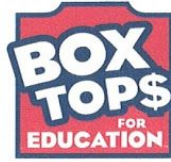
**Event Description: Do you love fall? Then we hope you will be excited to participate in the Great Pumpkin Glow to support Historic Schoenbrunn Village. This exciting new event will provide an opportunity for safe family fun as families can view over 1000 lighted jack-o-lanterns from the safety and comfort of their car at a reasonable cost. (\$5 per car.)**

**A perfect event during this pandemic! There will be a large variety of themed carved and painted pumpkins, enhanced by holiday decorations, music, lights and characters! Watch for the special themed pumpkins, and cast your vote on your favorite! With the challenges on an ongoing pandemic, a driving tour is perfect for 2020!**



**When: October 22nd - 24th, from  
6pm-10pm.**

**Where: Historic Schoenbrunn Village  
Lower Level, off Delaware Drive**



Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school!

Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN**  
YOUR RECEIPT

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP  
OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:**



If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can “double dip” during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT**  
**BTFE.COM**