

Miller Avenue Elementary

# Husky News



***Bi-Weekly 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. Call the office at (330)852-2441 for any questions you may have and we will be happy to help you.



**Wednesday, December 21, 2016**

**Smile and Move: Complain Less**  
Watch your favorite Christmas movie. Listen to your favorite songs about the holidays - over and over again. Smile and move - Christmas style. Have the Merriest of Christmases and a Happy New Year!



***This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap; the being a force of Nature instead of a feverish selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), Irish playwright and critic***

## **4th GRADERS ATTEND YOUNG AUTHOR'S CONFERENCE**

On Friday, December 9th, Trace Gibson, Morgan Schlabach, Aedan Miller, and Ellie Goehring from Mrs. Miller's 4th grade class attended the Young Author's Conference in New Philadelphia. In order to attend, students had to write a short story. At the conference Morgan, Ellie, Aedan, and Trace had the opportunity to collaborate with other students from the area, listen to an author speak, and watch a local illustrator!



**The Miller Avenue Family** would like to extend a "Christmas Thank-You" to **Baker's IGA, Gordon Milk Transport staff, the Sugarcreek United Methodist Church, and a few anonymous good-samaritans** for being in the Christmas spirit and stepping up to extend a little help to a few of our students and their families that were in need during the holidays. The families, along with all of us here, are very appreciative of their kindness. We want to express our gratitude to them in helping to spread the joy of Christmas.

## **SANTA'S PANTS ARTS FUNDRAISER**

Many thanks are extended to the students who donated art related items, which were picked up by The Arts Council and will be given to many local children in need. We are so happy to have helped with this worthy cause and it was fun to see the kids so excited to help to fill up "Santa's Pants."







**HELP OUR TROOPS CALL HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**

Do you or your family have any old, unused cell phones? Please consider bringing them in to be recycled! The phones don't even have to work, and they can go to a great cause. **November is Military Family Appreciation month**, bring in any old, unused cell phones to the office and Mr. Fisher will have them recycled. The proceeds will be donated to **Cell Phones for Soldiers**, so that soldiers overseas can talk with their families for free throughout the holidays. Thank you for your help in donating to this great program.



**Garaway Local Schools are looking for the following: Substitute Aides, Food Service Workers, Secretaries, Second Shift Custodians and Bus Drivers** - All positions pay minimum wage with the exception of bus drivers. Please contact the Central Office to inquire about sub driver pay and certification requirements. To apply, complete a Garaway Job Application and submit BCI&I and FBI fingerprint background check that is less than 12 months old.

**"INSTANT CONNECT" PHONE SYSTEM INFORMATION** A test call for the calling system "Instant Connect" went out recently. The call should have gone out to your home number as well as cell phones as identified in the Student Database. A text message also went out to any applicable phone numbers. Snow day calls will go out in this same manner. Please note: the phone numbers called or texted for other informational calls are evaluated on an individual basis and may only call one number and text the others. Text messages are restricted to a limited number of spaces. Text messages are more than likely abbreviated information, I would recommend taking the call or listening to your voicemail for the entire message. For any changes in phone numbers please contact your building secretary or Kelli Troyer in the Central Office. The ability to call and add your own emergency numbers is not available with Instant Connect. If you would like grandparents or sitters to receive an "emergency" call for unexpected early dismissals or emergency situations, please call or send a note to your building secretary to add those names and phone numbers.



**\*\*Very Important!! - COLD WEATHER IS HERE!!**

The cold weather has arrived, 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. **Shorts are no longer permitted.** Per the student handbook, shorts are only permitted from April 1st to October 31st.





Mark Your Calendars

**UPCOMING** **EVENTS**



- ❖ **Wednesday, December 21st** - 2 Hour Early Dismissal - *start of the Christmas Break*
- ❖ **Thursday, December 22nd through Monday, January 2nd** - NO SCHOOL



- ❖ **Tuesday, January 3rd** - School Resumes
- ❖ **Friday, January 6th** - Report Cards go home
- ❖ **Monday, January 9th** - Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Tuesday, January 10th** - PTO Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Monday, January 16th** - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**LUNCH MENU** - Lunch menus were sent home with each child and are available online. Additional paper copies are always available, contact the office if you would like one.



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***\*\*Prize Winners will still be picked by each homeroom teacher - since we are now going to a digital version of the Husky Newsletter and you will either be viewing online or receiving it by email, just send in a note (use any scrap of paper you have at home) stating that you have read it and your child will have a chance at being picked to get a prize!!\*\****