

Miller Avenue Elementary

# Husky News



*Bi-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.*



# E+R=O

*Maximize EVERY person's potential EVERY day!*

Friday, September 14, 2018

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



*The new playground equipment has been a huge hit with the kids. Here is Lucas checking out one of the slides!*

***Mr. Fisher, Principal visited the Kindergarten class and read "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" book to them.***



## 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 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 8:15 a.m.**

Please do not drop off students before 8:15 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 after 8:15 a.m. Students must be in class by 8:45 a.m. so as not to be counted as Tardy. We appreciate your consideration of this matter. Thank you!!



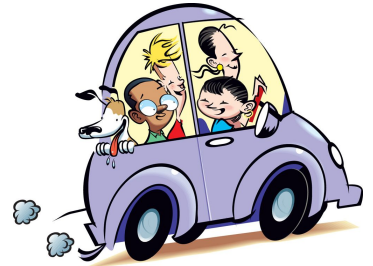
### **EARLY MORNING BUS ISSUES**

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.



**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. We will start sending children out to be picked up at 3:25. Please pull your car all the way up to the end of the awning. Please be sure to have the tag visible, to make it as easy as possible for the aide on duty to see the name. Students are in the lobby and will be called out as you pull up. 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 were made available at our recent Open House. You also may request extra pick-up tags at any time by calling the office.

### **SOME EXTRA 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. 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. Thank you for helping us out in this situation so as to keep our students as safe as possible.



**A NOTE FROM THE BUS DRIVERS:** Due to the buses at Miller Avenue being filled to capacity, it will be difficult to transport children home on a bus that do not normally ride that bus. We would like to encourage parents to arrange for pickup at the school if they have students coming home with their children. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

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



**5th & 6th GRADE PARENTS:** The Chromebooks will arrive soon. Please submit your \$50 payment for the Chromebook at your earliest convenience. Many of you have asked if you could purchase another device instead of the Chromebook. Since it is a Garaway purchased and serviced product, you are unable to purchase a different device. We want our students to be using the same type of device for our tech department and teachers. Thank you for your understanding.



**\*\*When sending in money to the school for such things as lunches, camp 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!!***

### **ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES AND ABSENCE NOTIFICATION POLICY**

We are making some changes to our attendance procedures at the elementary level to better follow the new state requirements.

#### **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

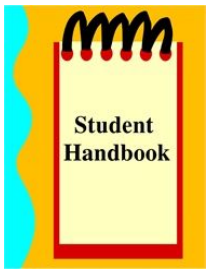
On the email or school phone please state the date, your name, your child's name, grade level and the reason for the absence.

- If the school phone is answered you will need to send in a note the next school day. The note sent the next day should state the date of the absence, your child's name, grade level, the reason for the absence and your signature. If a note is not received the secretary will send home a form letter for you to fill out and return.

Please call the school office by 9:30 a.m. to report an absence. If a phone call is not received, the secretary will call to verify the student's absence.

When **signing in/signing out** your child(ren), we now have a Google form (quick and easy to fill out) on a chromebook located on the counter in the school office.

*Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we move through these new changes to our procedure.*



### **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.

**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 anytime. 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, 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.

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE** Student Accident Insurance enrollment forms and information is available on the Miller Avenue link of the Garaway homepage. Parents, you may access the forms there or call the school office and we can send the forms home if you are interested in enrolling in the student accident insurance program.



- ❖ **PIRATE PACKS TO BE SENT HOME STARTING TODAY - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th -** Included in your child's 1st Day Packet of papers was a Pirate Pack application. 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. Please send in all applications to the school office as soon as possible for your child to be included in this program if you so wish. Additional applications are available in the office.
- ❖ **PEPPERONI ROLLERS FUNDRAISER MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th through MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st** Information will be sent home soon.
- ❖ **6th Grade Camp at Camp Piedmont to be held Monday through Wednesday, September 24, 25 & 26** - Please be sure to send in all forms and money as soon as possible.
- ❖ **NO SCHOOL - Friday, September 28th - Swiss Festival**



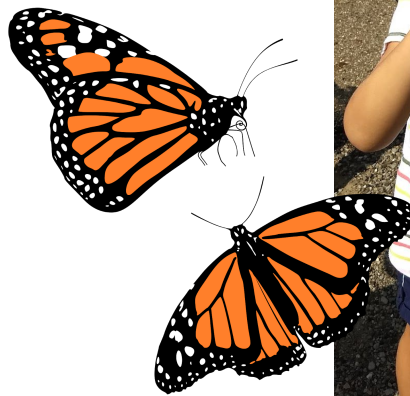
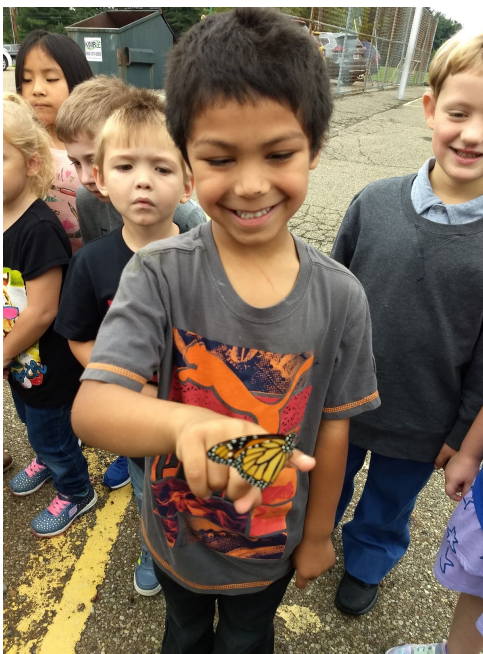
**Swiss Festival Kiddie Parade entry forms were recently sent home - they are due by Friday, September 21st!** Additional forms are available in the office. All other flyers will be sent home as soon as we receive them.

**Girls Youth Basketball Program** The next two Sundays the Girls Basketball Program will be hosting a skills clinics in the high school gym from **2:00-3:30 p.m.** in the afternoon for any girls in Grades 2-6. A flyer was recently sent home for sign-ups for biddy-ball. If you did not receive one see your Secretary.



- ❖ **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10th - Lifetouch Fall Picture Day**
- ❖ **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th - 2 Hour Early Dismissal/Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- ❖ **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12th - NO SCHOOL for Students/Staff Professional Development Day**

**MONARCH BUTTERFLY PROJECT** The K, 1st and 2nd grades have enjoyed watching the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. The Kindergarten class has watched a caterpillar change into chrysalis form and have also watched one emerge from its chrysalis and change into a new butterfly. The classes are enjoying releasing the butterflies and have released as of now a current count of 22 males and 21 females.



**Bring in your Box Tops!!  
Help your school...and win prizes!!**



Everytime a student brings in 25 Box Tops, he/she will get a piece of candy or a small prize. Each month (September-April), the class that brings in the most Box Tops will win a class prize. At the end of the year, whichever class has brought in the most Box Tops will win a class Pizza Party!

Our school is reimbursed for all the Box Tops with cash! This cash is used to purchase items for our school and to help fund school assemblies/activities! Every year, Box Tops brings in over \$1,000 for our school.

Great job! Let's make this another great fundraising year!

**A NOTE FROM THE CAFETERIA:** Please **DO NOT** send in any food in packed lunches that will need to be refrigerated and/or microwaved. Also 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. Students who are on a Free/Reduced status will also be charged if purchasing a milk with their packed lunch as that status is only for school lunch purchases.



**LUNCH MENU** - Lunch menus were sent home with each child in the 1st Day Packets and are also available online. Additional paper copies are still available, contact the office 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! \*\*\****

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