



# NEWS from the DEN

W.E. Miller Elementary School  
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February 23, 2012

## Paw Plans

**March 5**

Inventions Due in Class

**March 9**

STEM Night  
6 PM – 8 PM

**March 13**

Kindergarten Orientation  
9:15 AM Media Center

**March 14**

School Dismissed at Noon  
Lunch is served  
NO Morning Kindergarten  
Parent ~ Teacher  
Conferences 4PM-8PM

**March 15**

**No School ~**  
Parent / Teacher  
Conferences 12PM-8PM

**March 16**

**No School**

**March 26-30**

**Spring Break ~ No School**

Dear Parents,

Miller Elementary will have many events in March.

Our annual Invention Convention will be held March 6 - 8. This is a activity in which the students create a prototype or a drawing of a new invention that helps the environment, helps people, or solves a problem. The judges, from the Greater Bend Rotary Club, will choose approximately 10 winners on March 7. The winners and their families receive their award at a Rotary Club luncheon on March 13. Last year more than 200 students entered the Invention Convention.

The Miller Parent Teacher Organization is sponsoring at STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) night on March 9, 6:00 – 8:00PM. Students and their families can participate in hands-on activities that focus on science, technology, engineering, and math. The night will start with scientist David Bermudez from the Bend Science Station. This is a great evening family activity. Please come!

Our teachers will contact you soon to schedule your report card conference. The schedule this spring only has enough time for 20-minute conferences for each child.

Conference Schedule:

Wednesday, March 14	No half-day K, all students go home at 12:00 PM Teacher preparation for report cards 12 - 4 PM Conferences 4 - 8 PM
Thursday, March 15	No student attendance today. Teacher preparation for report cards 8 AM- Noon Conferences 12 – 8 PM
Friday, March 16	No student attendance, non-contract day for teachers

On March 13, at 9:15 AM, Miller Elementary will have the first kindergarten orientation in the school's media center (the second K orientation is April 18 at 9:15 AM). If you have a K student for the 2012-13 school year, please attend one of the orientations. We will review the K curriculum, half-day and all day programs, busing schedules, and tour the school. Please bring your K student as well for the orientation.

Respectfully,  
Steven Hill, Principal

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Nutrition Services 541-355-2540

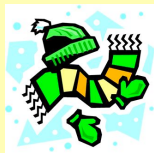
### ***To report a student absent:***

[miller-absent@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:miller-absent@bend.k12.or.us)

### **Deadline for Area Change Request is April 10, 2012:** An Attendance

**Boundary Change Request** form, available at every school, may be used to allow families to move between boundary areas. Parents request the change at their neighborhood school then the form is forwarded to the requested school. Requests that are received **before April 10, 2012** are usually granted for the next school year. Requests received *after* April 1 will be considered after all other requests have been evaluated and generally will be honored *if* there is room at the requested school. **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** Please check the school boundary maps to see what middle school your child is scheduled to attend. **Middle School Boundary Change Requests are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Lost & Found:** Check the lost and found during conferences, March 14-15, 2012, as all unclaimed items will be donated to charity on March 23. Parents, please put your child's name on everything that comes to school: lunch box, coat, hat, binders, gloves, water bottles. Volunteers help the staff return items to students IF there is a name on the item!



### **Kindergarten Orientations:**

Miller Elementary School will be offering two orientation sessions for parents who have an incoming kindergarten student

for the 2012 - 2013 school year. Parents only need to attend one of the sessions.

Orientation dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, March 13 9:15 AM

Wednesday, April 18 at 9:15 AM

Prospective kindergartners are encouraged to attend with you! Please call 541-355-2500 if you have any questions.

**Kindergarten Registration:** This year, kindergarten registration begins on April 18 and will continue throughout the rest of the school year. Information that is **required** in order to register your kindergartner child includes a birth certificate, immunization record and proof of address. Please share this information with any parents who may not receive a school newsletter. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2012 in order to attend kindergarten in the fall.



**Volunteering at Miller:** All school volunteers must complete a Background Check Packet prior to working in the classroom. The background check must be cleared through Human Resources before you can attend an overnight field trip. Please allow 4-6 weeks for approval for overnight fieldtrips. The background check, once approved, is good for 3 years at any Bend LaPine School. Also, if you plan to transport students on a field trip, you must

complete a 'Proof of Liability Insurance' form. Application forms can be picked up in the office. **You must fill out a new liability form at the beginning of each school year.**



### **Enrichment Wednesdays at Miller**

Join the **Minute to Win It** Challenge! Bring your fun ideas and be ready with your game face on, you versus 60 seconds on the clock. We will be working as a team and as individuals to see what special talents we have while playing fun games and activities.

**Martial Arts:** Learn the basics of Bushido Kai Karate in this fun, active class! Mind-engaging exercises and games help students learn new karate techniques, self-defense movements, and Japanese terms, all while working up a sweat, and having a blast!

February 29 - April 24, 2:00 - 3:30 pm  
**(March 14, class is 12:00-1:30pm, no class March 28).** Fee: \$80 ID \$108 OD. Limited scholarships are available.

Register on-line: [www.bendparksandrec.org](http://www.bendparksandrec.org)  
541-389-7275 BMRD, 799 SW Columbia Street, Bend, Oregon.

### **Cascade Middle School Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Information:**

Here is some important information for parents of current 5<sup>th</sup> Graders.

Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>: Parent Information Night at Cascade Middle School- 5:30 pm  
TAG information meeting - 6:30 pm  
Thursday May 31st - 5th grade visitation at CMS - 9:15-11am (more information to come in future newsletters.)

### **Free Food During Summer Break!**

Did your family get a letter from our school district inviting you to apply for \$60 a month for food during summer break? If so, turn in the blue consent form by February 29, 2012. You can use the postage paid envelope inside the letter to mail the form or turn it in at our Nutrition Services office (Room 306, 520 NW Wall St, Bend OR 97701).

By turning in the consent form, your family has the chance to be selected for a monthly food benefit of \$60 per eligible child during summer break. This is part of a special project to make sure children who get free or reduced-price lunches during the school year have healthy food to eat at home during summer break. Invitations to apply were sent to families with children in the free or reduced-lunch program only. Participation in the special program is limited and eligible families will be selected randomly to participate. Food benefits for participating families will be provided between June 8 and September 6, 2012. The food benefit amounts for June and September will be prorated because the program will not run the full month. For more information, call 541-355-1151, BLP Schools Nutrition Services.

### **3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and the Recorder!**

Hi Parents and students - As you probably know, your 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning to play the recorder in music class. We are having a great time and learning some fantastic and fun music. We will be working with the recorders for the next 6 weeks or so, and we will do a recorder concert in the spring –



stay tuned! In the meantime, it is essential that your student do some practicing outside of class. (Just 5 or 10 minutes a few times a week would be great). Here are some websites that they can use to help them practice:

- [www.musick8.com](http://www.musick8.com) -click on site features, then recorder karate dojo, username is karate, and password is rubric
- [www.prpextras.com](http://www.prpextras.com) - click on B BAG and Beyond, then enter password b3yond (yes that's a 3)

Both websites have a music player that has background music for your student to practice with. Happy Recorder playing! – Mr. Saccoman.

### **Safe Routes to School for Miller:**

If you were going to bike to school, what route would you take? Miller Elementary is in the planning phase of implementing a Safe Routes to School plan and needs your help. If you already bike to school, tell us how you get there. If not, what route would you take if issues/hazards were addressed? Go to <http://www.bikely.com>, map your bike route to school and email [lucasef@bikearoundbend.com](mailto:lucasef@bikearoundbend.com) the route. It'll help the SRTS team with a critical first step in the planning process of making Miller Elementary a bike commuter-friendly school.



**February is Love the bus month!**

**REMINDER: Inventions are due to the classroom on Monday March 5!**



*March 11, 2012*

*Daylight Saving Time Begins ~*

*Spring Forward!*



**Reminder: Wednesday, March 14 School out at noon. No morning kindergarten.**

**Thursday, Friday, March 15, 16 No school**

**Parent ~ Teacher Conferences**



# COADD

## Central Oregon support group for parents of children with ADHD

**Date:** Wednesday, February 29th

**Time:** 6:30— 8:00 pm

**Place:** St. Charles Hospital, Bend  
(Conference Room B)

**Cost:** FREE, NO RSVP NEEDED



Please email Mikala Saccoman with questions:  
[mlsaccoman@stcharleshealthcare.org](mailto:mlsaccoman@stcharleshealthcare.org)

### Parent Forum

COADD will be facilitating a support group for parents of children with ADHD. A parent panel has been selected to help answer your questions and share experiences. Come share your joys and frustrations and learn from each other.

