

Elementary Rustler News

OCTOBER 2023

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCREENINGS

On October 11th the Department of Health will be here to conduct School Screening Services.

They will provide the following-

Vision-Grades 1, 5, and 7

Hearing-Grades KS, K, 5, and 8

Physical Assessment-PreK, KS, K, 5

Scoliosis for girls-Grade 5

Scoliosis for boys-Grade 8

If a parent would like to request one or more of these evaluations for a child not in the grades above, evaluations can be requested by parents. The DOH would need a written note stating the child's name, grade, and evaluation(s) requested.

If a parent wants to decline screening services, the form sent home with your child needs to be filled out, signed, and returned to the classroom teacher.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. B-K at 605-853-2711.

BEDTIME STORY NIGHT ON OCTOBER 26TH

On October 26th from 6:00-7:00 pm, the Elementary Teachers will be providing a Bedtime Story Night. Students can come to the school at 6:00 pm in their pajamas and travel from room to room to hear stories read by our teachers! We are looking forward to a fun night!

"A NEW NORM"

On October 19, students in grades 5-6 will attend a program presented by South Dakota author Tom Roberts. The presentation is a tale that is intended to reflect the feelings of those who struggle with anxiety, depression, grief, anger, doubt, shame, fear, and more. "A New Norm" is a partnership between Avera Health and Children's Home Society. They are pleased to be able to

offer this mental wellness program to students in hopes of sharing light with children going through difficult situations.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 9th-No School

October 9th-School Board Meeting 6:30

October 10th-Northwestern MS Honor Band

October 11th-Health Screenings

October 11th-Music Parents Meeting 5:30

October 19th-Mental Health Awareness Program for grades 5-6

October 20th-End of Quarter 1

October 23rd-No School

October 26th-Bedtime Story Night 6:00-7:00

October 29th-Halloween Carnival 2:00-5:00

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Remember cutting out box tops to help the school get free items such as playground balls?

The program has become much simpler. Here are the steps-

Download the BoxTops app on your phone

Choose Miller Elementary School (look for Miller SD)

Scan your receipt on the app

Earn cash for the school!

You can go to BTFE.com for more information. You can enter to win \$1,000 for your family and \$1,000 for your school! On the BTFE website, go to Cash For You to see how you can enter!

Good luck and thank you for time and participation!

SPECIAL DIET REQUIREMENTS AND USDA INFORMATION

If your child is on a special diet due to health or religious reasons, please fill out the information that was sent home from Kristin Kolda. Kristin is the head of our School Lunch Program, and the USDA requires that we have documents on file for these purposes. Please call the school with any questions and speak to Kristin.

DRILLS

We held our first fire drill, and it went very well. By the end of October, we will be having an Intruder Drill. Administration will meet with staff beforehand to explain the details. Please

have a conversation with your child to let them know this is for practice in case a bad person would be in our area or town.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO INVOLVE PARENTS IN SCHOOL?

IT BENEFITS STUDENTS

Children whose families are engaged in their education are more likely to:

- earn higher grades and score higher on tests;
- graduate from high school and college;
- develop self-confidence and motivation in the classroom; and
- have better social skills and classroom behavior.

In one study, researchers looked at longitudinal data on math achievement and found that effectively encouraging families to [support students' math learning](#) at home was associated with higher percentages of students who scored at or above proficiency on standardized math achievement tests.

Students whose parents are involved in school are also less likely to suffer from low self-esteem or develop behavioral issues, researchers say.

And classrooms with engaged families perform better as a whole, meaning that the benefits affect virtually all students in a classroom.

<https://www.aecf.org/blog/>

Thank you so much for your attendance at Parent-Teacher Conferences and for your communication with the school! We, as Miller Elementary Staff, truly appreciate your time!

Mrs. B-K




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Please contact me whenever you have questions or concerns.

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