

# Elementary Rustler News

NOVEMBER 2023

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

As I reflect upon my first year at Miller Elementary, I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with your children and our staff. I get to work in an environment where there is a strong culture of learning and where students and staff are valued. Your children make me smile EVERY DAY, and I am so thankful to be a part of Miller Elementary, Millerdale Colony Elementary, and the Miller School District.

I hope each of you has a blessed Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends!

## PJ AND HAT DAY ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The elementary student council is hosting a Pajama/Hat Day on Friday. Students may donate \$1 for wearing pajamas, \$1 for wearing a hat, or \$2 for wearing both. The funds will be distributed among three people currently battling cancer-Mrs. Gibson, Charlie Fawcett (Mrs. Palmer's brother, and Jeri Horan (Mrs. Rogers' mom).

The student council will be reading books to students in Grades KS-2 that day, as well!

## PENNY WAR RESULTS

Our students raised \$933.66 through our Penny War to donate to Hands of Hope!!! We are so grateful for all of your support and for hauling pennies to classrooms!

## INDIAN EDUCATION SUMMIT YOUTH DAY IN HURON

Date: November 18

Time: 9:00AM-1:00PM

Location: Huron Event Center

No Cost

Any families/students interested in attending are welcome to participate in a fun day of interactive learning and growth. Some of the topics explored will be drumming and singing techniques, Oceti Sakowin activities, storytelling, ceremonies, traditional games, all about the buffalo, and Lakota star knowledge.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November 7th-Picture Retakes

November 9th-Veteran's Day Program in the Armory at 10:00 AM

November 11th-No School

November 13th-World Kindness Day/Kodee Fulton will read her children's book to students in grades KS through 3rd grade

November 16th-Shop Local Presentation by Tara Yost

November 17th-No School

November 22nd-24th-No School/Happy Thanksgiving!

## PICTURE RETAKES

We will be receiving our school pictures soon. If you would like your child to have retakes done, Jaimi will be here on November 7th to take those.

## BEDTIME STORY NIGHT

108 students attended our Bedtime Story Night; thank you so much for bringing your child/children! We are already talking about our plans for next year! This provided a great opportunity for us to spend time with our students outside the school day.

## FREE TIME IN TODAY'S DAY AND AGE

One of my colleagues recently shared an ADHD questionnaire with me, and Electronics Exposure was listed under substance abuse. This sparked a conversation about how much the use of electronics has increased in all of our lives. I remember having a phone on the wall with no screen and getting excited to watch cartoons on one of our three TV channels on Saturday mornings! We didn't fight over the remote because there wasn't one!

One thing I have found while being at indoor and outdoor recess is that students get excited about playing the old fashioned games I remember playing as a kid. Some of our students recently started jumping rope with long ropes and are working on hand/eye coordination as they try to "enter the jumping area". When we are indoors, students love to play Duck, Duck, Goose and Red Light, Green Light.

What we think of fondly from our youth can be new and exciting games to them! Don't be afraid to bring out those old board games from time to time; I bet your children would love playing them with you. When I get to eat lunch with students, I love to hear about all of the fun

things children do in the evenings and on weekends. None of these stories include electronics, but they always include their time with family and friends. That's what matters to them:)

## 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](http://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!

## YOUTH BASKETBALL INFORMATION

If you are a youth basketball coach and would like me to forward emails that I get regarding tournaments, please contact me.




## CONTACT US

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Please contact me whenever you have questions or concerns.

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