



THE MILLER PONY EXPRESS

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Miller Mustangs – Galloping to Success!

The mission of William D. Miller Elementary School is to ensure that students are learning in an environment that supports positive academic, social, emotional and physical growth of all individuals while challenging them to exceed their own expectations.

APPLEFEST – The Miller PTO would like to thank everyone that participated with AppleFest. Whether you helped at the bake sale, donated bake goods or helped out at the AppleFest booth, your help was greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS – We would like to congratulate the following students on being the winners of the 50/50 and Quilt Raffle ticket selling contest for Applefest:

1st Place – Mason Ziegler – 3rd Grader (\$50 Toys 'R Us gift card)

2nd Place – Derek Stephenson – 4th Grader (\$25 Burger King gift card)

3rd Place – Mason Hosfelt – 1st Grader (\$15 Burger King gift card)

CONGRATULATION WINNERS – We would like to congratulate the following on being the winners of the 50/50 and Quilt Raffle ticket drawing that took place at Applefest:

1st Place S. Heimberger (Huron Twp.)

2nd Place Nick Stroia (Grosse Ile)

3rd Place Bob Marien (New Boston)

Quilt Susan Kosikowski



MEAP TESTING – The following is a schedule of testing dates:

October 11th – Reading 1 (3rd, 4th & 5th)

October 12th – Reading 2 (3rd, 4th & 5th)

October 13th – Writing 1 (4th only)

October 18th – Math (3rd, 4th & 5th)

October 19th – Writing 2 (4th only) Science (5th only)

Please refrain from making any appointments (doctor, dentist, etc) during these testing times. Thank you for your cooperation. **Please see the back of this newsletter for tips on "Taking the MEAP".**

MARKET DAY – We are starting Market Day at Miller. Order forms have been sent home with the students. Orders are due by Wednesday, October 26th or you can order online at Marketday.com by Thursday, October 27th. Any questions, please call Jessica Galinis at 734-347-0560 or e-mail at jessicagalinis @gmail.com

TRUNK OR TREAT – Join us on Friday, October 21st from 6-8 p.m. in the Miller parking lot for Trunk or Treat. If you are decorating a trunk, please be at Miller at 5:30 p.m. There is a \$5.00 entry fee per trunk to participate in the trunk decorating contest. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.** If you have any questions, please email Deb Kirk at Debkirk@gmail.com or Ms. Bennett at misslismarie@yahoo.com

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd in the evening and Thursday, November 3rd in the afternoon and evening. If you have not scheduled a conference, please call the school office. Remember to bring your papers for recycling for our recycling bin.

FALL FUNDRAISER – Our teacher fall fundraiser is now in full swing. Here are important dates regarding the fundraiser: **October 18th** – Product delivery **October 25st** – Money due

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 12 thru 27 MEAP Testing – 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students

Oct 18 PTO Meeting – 9 am

Fundraiser product delivery

Oct 25 Fundraiser money due

Oct 31 Halloween parade – 2 pm

Nov 2 Picture re-takes



TAKING THE MEAP TIPS FOR PARENTS OF 3RD, 4TH & 5TH GRADERS

- **Parents can make an invaluable contribution to improved MEAP scores by helping children come to school on MEAP days prepared for success.**
- **Make sure your child is well rested.**
- **Make sure your child is not hungry. High protein meals are recommended.**
- **Students should prepare by reviewing learning in the academic areas to be tested.**
- **Students should come to the MEAP tests relaxed, but also understanding the importance of staying on task and doing their best.**
- **Avoid scheduling medical, dental, or other appointments on MEAP days. Research shows students do better when tested with their class than in a make-up session.**
- **Please contact your child's teacher, principal or district administration offices if you have questions or comments.**

