

Purple Press

Southern Local Schools/ 740-721-0520

The Mission of Southern Local Schools is to provide a quality, child centered education where all students can succeed.

New Staff

Brea Minnich - Teacher
Brooklyn Smathers - Teacher
Lindsey Clawson - Teacher
Angie Thomas - Teacher
Diane Horn - Aide
Peggy Higgins - Aide
Kelsey Shackelford – Director of Student Services
Rikki Wilson - Outreach
Ryan Walter - Teacher
Brooke Dickerson - Teacher
Bruce Block – Teacher
Mitchell Smith - Teacher
Riley Anthony – Wellness Spec.
Stephanie Burgess - Teacher
Amy Brunton - Aide
Maranda Burgess - Aide
Jessica Edgington - Aide
Tommy Bruce - Teacher
Melissa Palmer - Aide
Chloe Burns – Aide

New Coaches

Lacey Starlin – Head Volleyball
Julia Dearing – 8th Grade Volleyball
Jace Agriesti – 7th Grade Volleyball
Makayla Martz – JV Volleyball
Michael Stover – AD
Carson Starlin – Assistant AD
Randy Adams – Golf
Ryan Bice – JR High Girls Basketball
Charles Knopp – JV Boys Basketball

REMINDERS ON STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

At the high school, parents will be permitted to use the student parking lot entrance nearest the high school building, drop off their child at the curbside nearest the SIDE DOOR that opens to the student parking lot, and then exit through the student parking lot at the exit nearest the stadium. Parents picking up high school students in the afternoon will have to park in the top row of the student parking lot nearest State Route 155, and wait for their child to walk to their vehicle.

DISTRICT-WIDE CALLING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

For those who are new to our District, a system was implemented a few years ago which the District uses to notify all staff and the parents of students who are enrolled in Southern Local Schools of 2-hour delays, school closings, emergencies, sporting event cancellations, and general information. 2-hour delays and closings will still be announced on local television channels. This system provides a much quicker relay of information to you. **If you are not receiving these calls, NEED TO CHANGE OR REMOVE A NUMBER, or you wish to have your name and number removed, call Keista Wickham in the District Office @ (740) 721-0520.**

PLAN A FOR CALAMITY DAYS

As a reminder to parents, we have a “Plan A” alternate bus route system to deal with inclement weather. These plans will be distributed to students to bring home, put on the website and put in the Perry County Tribune. Please save to refer to if a Plan A is called.

SUB BUS DRIVERS ARE NEEDED

Southern Local Schools has openings for sub bus drivers. For information on training requirements or questions contact the Southern Local bus garage at 740394-2768 or 740-721-0520 choose the transportation department.

SAFE SCHOOLS HELPLINE

There are occasionally times when students or parents would like to provide information to a school but hesitate because they do not want their identities known. Providing open, direct communication with the community has long been a basic practice for Southern Local. The Board of Education now offers The Safe School Helpline, another method to allow parents and the community to provide input for our school.

Whether it is a student who fears being called a “snitch” or “narc” by peers, or a resident who worries about vandalism in retaliation for reporting a crime, possession or use of drugs or alcohol, reckless driving, or any other illegal activity, Safe School Helpline provides a solution.

The Safe School Helpline utilizes a unique, automated telephone service that allows callers to report an allegation, concern, or suggestion confidentially and anonymously. He or she is never asked to give a name. The voice message is

typed then faxed to school officials. In this way, no one except an operator hears the voice. Calls are made through a tollfree number.

Each call is assigned a case number. The caller can then call back to the Helpline to check the school's progress on the call or to provide more information. A caller may make a report 24 hours a day and the schools will be notified the next school day. Ordinarily, the principal of the school, where the alleged offense occurred, will investigate. Should a crime such as drug trafficking or possession of a weapon be reported, the superintendent will be notified immediately, day or night, and he can contact the police department. As with any allegation against a student or staff member, no public action would be taken until guilt is proven.

Safer Ohio School Tip Line

The Safer Ohio School Tip Line is a free safety resource available to all Ohio schools. The tip line is an anonymous reporting system that accepts tips via call, text, web form, and mobile app 24 hours a day. Anyone can download the Safer Ohio School Tip Line app or use this link to access the web form.

This tip line allows students and adults to anonymously share information with school officials and law enforcement about threats to student safety — whether that involves a threatened mass incident or harm to a single student.

Things to report to the tip line include (but are not limited to):

- Bullying incidents;
- Withdrawn student behaviors;
- Verbal or written threats observed toward students, faculty or schools;
- Hazing;
- Weapon/suspicious devices on or near school grounds;
- Gang-related activities;
- Unusual/suspicious behavior of students or staff;
- Self-harm or suicidal sentiments; and
- Any other school safety-related concerns.

MILLER HIGH SCHOOL / KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

Kera Hill

Miller High School has partnered with Kroger's Community Rewards. A portion of each sale made at Kroger will be donated to our school to help with the cost of paying for yearbooks.

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

Visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into their Kroger account you can search for MILLER HIGH SCHOOL either by name or **LT512** and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

*Customers must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to your organization.

*If you do not yet have a Kroger rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

Fall Sports Banquet

The fall sports banquet for football, golf, and volleyball will be on November 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Cafetorium. It will be potluck style, boosters will provide pizza This is for all players 7-12.

Junior High Student Council

The Junior High Student Council will celebrate World Kindness Day on November 13th by starting a Penny Drive in the 7th and 8th grade home rooms. The money will go toward helping purchase gifts for the Angel Tree for one boy and one girl within our school district.

8th and 9th Grade Washington DC Trip Parents & Students

There will be a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, November 14th from 5:30-6:30 pm, for parents and students about trip details and account balances. The meeting will be held in the old High School Cafeteria.

MILLCREEK ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK

Millcreek Elementary Yearbook Pre-K through 6th grade (Millcreek students only) We are asking for your help with photos for our yearbook. Things that we would like to have are: - Biddy league photos - Pictures that you may have taken on the first day of school - School Dance or Extra activities at the School - Spirit Week or Right to Read Week Photos - Fall Festival at the School - Christmas Parties - Valentines Parties - Christmas Spirit Week Photos - Morning Club Photos - After School Club Photos - All Pictures that are school related Things we DO NOT Want are: - Family Photos - Home Photos - Vacation Photos - Children who are not Students at Millcreek All Pictures can be emailed to millcreekyearbook@southernlocal.org. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Amy Starlin or Cherie Irwin. Attention: All Submissions may not be included in the yearbook but we appreciate you sending them in for consideration.

Millcreek Elementary – No School

Due to the Dyslexia Law, Millcreek Elementary will not be in session on the following dates: 12/8/23 2/2/24 4/26/24 Miller High School will be in session.

Elementary Holiday Music Performance

The Elementary Holiday Music Performance will be held in the MS gym on Thursday, December 14 @ 6:00 p.m. and will include all students grades K-6.

Important Dates

Millcreek will be having Secret Santa December 11-15.

MHS students will be taking EOC retake exams Dec. 4-8

All sophomores and juniors will be taking the PreACT on Dec. 5

No Millcreek Kids on Campus Clubs on Nov. 20-21

Miller Junior Class



Miller Junior Class
Christmas Make & Take
 Pre-sale tickets November
DEC 8 5:30-7:30 PM
 Join us at the Miller Cafetorium for a fun family evening! Get your picture taken with Santa, make ornaments while sipping hot cocoa. Popcorn, hot dogs, soda, cookies!!

Tickets are 1.00 a piece and can be purchased prior to event or the night of

- ornaments- 1 ticket
- picture with Santa- 2 tickets
- soda- 1 ticket
- hot dogs/ chips- 3 tickets
- hot cocoa- 1 ticket
- popcorn- 1 ticket

Please cut and return this portion with your student if you would like to pre-purchase tickets. Cash or check. Make checks to Miller Junior Class. We look forward to seeing you!

Students Name _____ grade _____
 Teachers Name _____
 # of tickets _____ Please contact Stephanie Davis if you have any questions. 740-721-0522 ext. 3040

Blood Drive



American Red Cross
 GIVE SOMETHING THAT Means Something
GIVE BLOOD

Blood Drive Miller High School

Cafeteria
 10397 OH-155
 Corning, OH 43730

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023
 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment see Sarah Alfman or Ava Strawn, or go to RedCrossBlood.org.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Come give blood Nov. 10-30 for an exclusive pair of Elf & Red Cross socks, while supplies last! Join us to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the film Elf and make giving blood a holiday tradition! © & TM New Line Productions, Inc. (s23)

Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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National School Bus Safety Week is October 16-20, 2023

This year's theme is Driving Safely in the Future. Here are tips to keep our children safe.

Getting Ready for School:

-Have your children put everything they carry in a backpack or school bag so that they won't drop things along the way.

-Encourage them to wear bright, contrasting colors so they will be more easily seen by drivers.

-Make sure children leave home on time so they can arrive at the bus stop before it is due, ideally at least five minutes early. Running after or in front of a bus is dangerous.

Walking to the Bus Stop:

-Walk young children to the bus stop or encourage children to walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see.

-Practice good pedestrian behavior: walk on the sidewalk, and if there is no sidewalk stay out of the street. If you must walk in the street, walk single file, face traffic, and stay as close to the edge of the road as you can.

-Stop and look left, right, and then left again if you must cross the street. Do the same thing on driveways and alleys. Exaggerate your head turns and narrate your actions so your child knows you are looking left, right, and left.

At the Bus Stop:

-Have children wait in a location where the driver can see them while driving down the street. Try to avoid waiting in a house or car.

-Do not let children play in the street. Playing with balls or other toys that could roll into the street is also dangerous.

Getting On and Off the Bus

-Warn children that if they drop something getting on and off the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions.

-Remind children to look to the right before they step off the bus.

-If you meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait on the side where the child will be dropped off, not across the street. Children can be so excited to see you after school that they dash across the street and forget the safety rules.

Mobile Devices - Cell phones and other electronic devices are often permitted on the school bus as long as:

-They are in backpacks or other holders, keeping hands free to use handrails while boarding and departing the bus.

-Sound is muted or headphones, earbuds, or similar devices are used.

-Content does not violate the law or school district policy and procedures.

-Use does not create a distraction for the driver.



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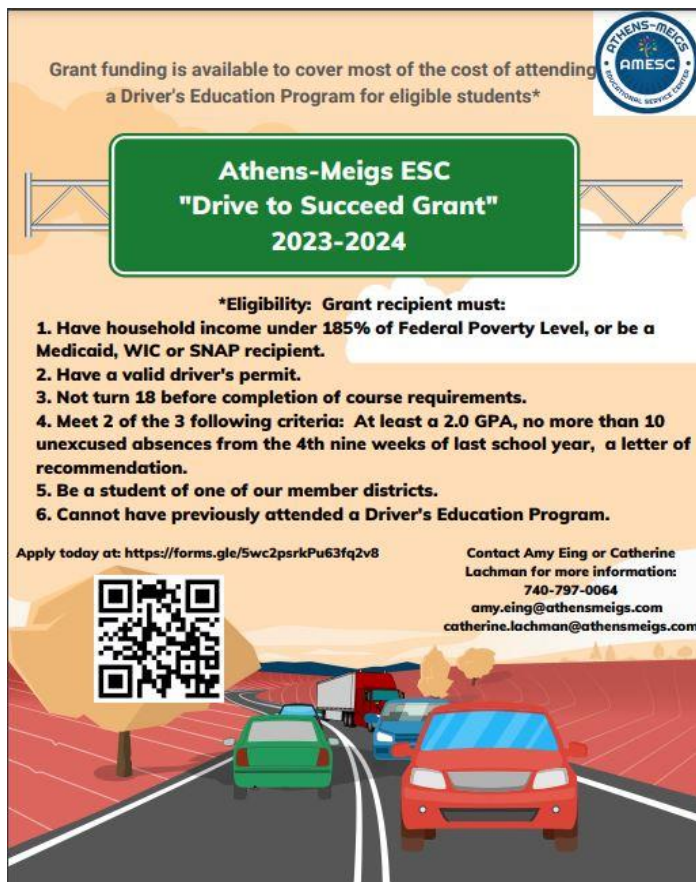
Telehealth Initiative

The Southern Local School District is excited to announce the launch of the school-based Telehealth Counseling Program for our Students in Elementary and High School. We are one of 15 schools in the Muskingum Valley region to benefit from this grant-funded program to increase counseling access. The initiative is a partnership between BroadbandOhio, the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center, and school districts like ours. This program is not to take the place of your family's counseling services. It is an additional option available for students, while they are at school. Again, we are excited to launch this new program! Please contact me with any questions.

Amy Starlin
Millcreek Elementary Administrative Assistant
amy.starlin@southernlocal.org
740-721-0522 ext. 3000

Athens- Meigs ESC "Drive to Succeed Grant"

Spots are Available! This is on a first come first serve basis and spots will fill up quickly. Call the number on the Flier today to reserve your spot. You must meet all eligibility requirements.



Grant funding is available to cover most of the cost of attending a Driver's Education Program for eligible students*

**Athens-Meigs ESC
"Drive to Succeed Grant"
2023-2024**

***Eligibility: Grant recipient must:**

1. Have household income under 185% of Federal Poverty Level, or be a Medicaid, WIC or SNAP recipient.
2. Have a valid driver's permit.
3. Not turn 18 before completion of course requirements.
4. Meet 2 of the 3 following criteria: At least a 2.0 GPA, no more than 10 unexcused absences from the 4th nine weeks of last school year, a letter of recommendation.
5. Be a student of one of our member districts.
6. Cannot have previously attended a Driver's Education Program.

Apply today at: <https://forms.gle/5wc2psrkPu63fq2v8>

Contact Amy Eing or Catherine Lachman for more information:
740-797-0064
amy.eing@athensmeigs.com
catherine.lachman@athensmeigs.com

The flyer features a QR code and an illustration of cars on a road.

Elementary Band

Mr. Carroll is asking that all elementary band students come to school on the following dates for the band in the morning:
Monday, November 20th

Tuesday, November 21st
Tuesday, November 28th
Wednesday, November 29th
Thursday, November 30th
I understand that this may cause some strain on the family's schedules since those may not be your students' normal days for band class, but Mr. Carroll would like to have these extra mornings to work with the entire 5th grade band together, and the 6th grade band together before the concert.
If you have any questions, please send an email to Mr. Carroll @ joshua.carroll@southernlocal.org

Miller Falcons Fan Store

All purchases made via Miller's online Fan Store will help fund the many different items and services needed throughout the year for the athletic program.

Our Athletic Department as well as our students would greatly appreciate your support and purchase made through our new Fan Store! The link and password to the Falcon Fan Store site will be below.

Thank you so much for supporting our Falcon students!
<https://shop.game-one.com/ohio/corning/miller-high->

Password: falcons (case sensitive)

Miller High School's F.L.Y Program

Miller High School's Falcon F.L.Y. After-school programs officially began on October 9, 2023. F.L.Y. is sponsored by the Muskingum Valley ESC, Children's Hunger Alliance, and the school snack program through Nutrition. Every day the students are served a cold dinner and a snack. After-school tutors are available during this time to help students stay on track with schoolwork. Falcon F.L.Y. programs include: crafting, cooking, baking, dungeons and dragons, virtual reality, robot/3D/stem, outdoor exploration/survival skills, and theater. Students will be cooking their own Thanksgiving meal to enjoy with each other on November 20, 2023. F.L.Y is working toward offering driver's ed by Spring. Space is still available for any 7-12-grade students who would like to join!



Sick Guideline

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF						
I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.0 or higher	I have been vomiting in the last 24 hours	I have had diarrhea in the last 24 hours	Itchy head, active head lice	Body rash, with itching or fever	Redness itching and/or "crusty" drainage from the eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit
I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM						
Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least two solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	I have been treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and evaluated by school nurse before returning to class	Free from rash, itching or fever. I have been evaluated by a doctor if needed	Evaluated by a doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by a medical provider to return to school

If you have any questions regarding whether or not you should send your child to school please feel free to contact me directly at 740-721-0535- Courtney Bolyard, RN, District Nurse

Miller's FFA Trunk or Treat

On Sunday, October 29th Miller FFA hosted a Trunk or Treat at the school. Miller students were able to help along with, NHS, Student Council, Cheerleaders, ALA, and parents/community members. At the Trunk or Treat the FFA officers and everyone else passed out candy, there was pumpkin painting, and apple cider. There was a really big turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy their time.

6th Grade News

Students in Mrs. Crane's language arts class read the novel, Restart by Gordon Korman during the first nine weeks.

At the end of the book, the students chose a character and did an in-depth character analysis.



Title I Notices

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Southern Local School District is dedicated to the success of every student. It is our responsibility to partner with parents, and the community. We also work to empower each child to achieve his or her fullest potential to become a lifelong learner. We make the commitment to motivate, to challenge, and to inspire each other to become the best we possibly can be. To accomplish this, parents, teachers, and students need to work together. We ask that you to read over this partnership agreement with your child.

STUDENT CHECKLIST

As a student, I will strive to:

- Follow bus rules;
- Return my homework completed on time;
- Follow school rules; Believe that I can learn;
- Always try to do my best in my work and my behavior;
- Show respect for myself, my school, and other people; Come to school prepared with my homework and supplies; and Attend school regularly.

TEACHER CHECKLIST

As a teacher, I will strive to:

- Provide a safe and caring environment where your child will be encouraged to become an active learner;
- Follow the curriculum designed for your child;
- Believe that each child can learn;

Attend school functions;

Maintain open lines of communication with students and parents;

Keep you informed of your child's progress on a frequent basis; Help you with ways to help your child at home;

Document on going assessment of your child's academic progress; Help your child follow the school and classroom rules; and Seek ways to involve parents in the school program.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CHECKLIST

As a Parent/Guardian, I will strive to:

Believe my child can learn;

Attend at least one (1) parent / teacher conference;

Show respect and support for my child, the staff, and the school;

Read with my child at home;

Check my child's book bag daily for information from school; See that my child attends school regularly and is on time;

Talk with my child about his/her school activities each day;

Choose at least two (2) of the following Attend at least two (2) school functions;

Volunteer as a classroom helper (We suggest 30 minutes at least two (2) times a year)

Every Child Succeeds Act

The Every Child Succeeds Act (ESEA) is a federal law that enforces ongoing changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools. All schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask for and receive information about the qualifications of their child's teachers, academic achievement and growth, and information about participation in state mandated assessments.

Millcreek Elementary and Miller High School receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you at your request. We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education than having a highly qualified teacher and ongoing knowledge of their academic achievement and growth.

The law requires that all teachers must meet a specific legal definition in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding. These professional qualifications include:

1. Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction.

2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements.

3. The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as

National Board Certification) held by the teacher and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

4. Whether your child is provided services by instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Ongoing information on the level of achievement and academic growth of each student will be provided and if applicable and available, for each state mandated academic assessment. Also, as required under this part, timely notice will be given when a student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

Southern Local is extremely proud of the quality of its teaching staff. All of our teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities. Our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level. Southern Local will continue to make every effort possible to hire teachers (including substitutes) that are "highly qualified".

How to Request Information about Teacher Qualifications and/or Assessment Data If you would like to receive information, please write a letter/ email to the principal requesting the information you seek. Be sure to provide the following information with your request: Child's Full Name and, Parent/ Guardian Full Name, Address, and Phone Number.

SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 14 - 16		STAFF INSERVICE/TEACHER ORIENTATION
August 17	Thursday	FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS
September 4	Monday	LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL
October 19	Thursday	STAFF INSERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL
October 20	Friday	NO SCHOOL
November 22	Wednesday	PARENT TEACHER CONF. NO SCHOOL
November 23 - 27		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
November 28	Tuesday	SCHOOL RESUMES
December 21 - January 2		WINTER HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
January 3	Wednesday	STAFF INSERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL
January 4	Thursday	SCHOOL RESUMES
January 15	Monday	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - NO SCHOOL
February 19	Monday	PRESIDENTS' DAY - NO SCHOOL
March 15	Friday	STAFF INSERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL
March 29	Friday	GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL
April 1	Monday	PARENT TEACHER CONF. – NO SCHOOL
April 2- 5		SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
May 22	Wednesday	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
May 23	Thursday	LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS
Evening Conferences - First Semester - HS: 9/21, 9/28 MES: 10/26, 11/2 Second Semester – HS: 2/15, 2/22 MES: 2/15, 2/22		

MAKEUP DAYS AS FOLLOWS: Shall be added at the end of the school year unless otherwise determined by the mutual agreement, per SELA contract.

- Day #1 –
- Day #2 –
- Day #3 –
- Day #4 –
- Day #5 –

Last day for Students May 22
Last day for Teachers May 23

PERIOD	BEGINS	ENDS	DAYS	PROF. DAYS
1	AUG. 14	OCT. 19	48	4
2	OCT. 23	JAN. 3	41	1
3	JAN. 4	MAR. 15	50	1
4	MAR. 18	MAY 23	44	1