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Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to Andrew Muller Primary School, where your child's educational journey in the Miller Place School District begins!

Our mission at AMPS is to build a strong academic foundation for every student in a safe, happy, and nurturing environment. Through a robust curriculum, character education, positive socialization, and a close partnership between home and school, we create a supportive, creative space for our youngest learners. In these precious early years, we relish the opportunity to help shape the skills and positive attitudes of tomorrow's leaders.

Academics & Curriculum

We are committed to delivering high-quality, state-aligned instruction through rich, engaging learning experiences:

- **English Language Arts (ELA):** We foster a lifelong love of reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Our literacy foundation uses the *Hegerty Phonemic Awareness Program* and *Foundations* for phonics, spelling, and handwriting. We also utilize *Into Reading* to meet New York State Learning Standards in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and grammar.
- **Mathematics:** *Eureka Math* supports our students in developing deep conceptual understanding and procedural fluency.
- **Science:** *Mystery Science* provides hands-on exploration across physical, life, earth, and space sciences, as well as introductory engineering and technology concepts.
- **Social Studies:** Guided by *Nassau BOCES Social Studies*, students explore topics focused on family, community, civics, and foundational economics.

Student Supports & Special Education

Targeted reading and math interventions are readily available for students through the district's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework.

Additionally, a comprehensive suite of special education services is available to support qualifying students.

Technology & Weekly Specials

Each classroom is equipped with a Smart Board, and all students in Grades 1 and 2 receive an individual laptop to build essential 21st-century digital literacy skills. In 2nd grade, students begin formal typing readiness training.

Every week, students participate in specialized instruction including:

- Physical Education - 3x
- Music
- Art
- Library Skills (including book borrowing and hands-on Maker Space activities)

Health, Character, & Well-Being

Student well-being is embedded into everything we do:

- **Health:** Guided by *The Great Body Shop* curriculum teaches students to make safe, healthy lifestyle choices.
- **Character Education:** Integrated daily and enhanced by monthly counselor-led lessons incorporating *Second Step*, the *Buddy Bench*, and core character values.

School Facilities & Community Programs

Home to approximately 500 students, our campus features two playgrounds and two athletic fields. Breakfast and lunch are provided free of charge (with snacks available for purchase). We are also proud to host five Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) classrooms and a Before & After School Care Program, both operated through S.C.O.P.E. Education Services.

The caring and dedicated team at Andrew Muller Primary School strives every day to build a positive foundation that your child will carry throughout their time in the Miller Place School District and into adulthood.

We encourage you to consult the district calendar, read our monthly newsletters, and actively participate in our school community events. We look forward to a wonderful school year ahead!

Sincerely,

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