

Miller Place Union Free School District

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Be Safe, Be Happy & Learn A Lot!

August 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying the summer.

There has been a five minute change to the start time and end time of the school day. **AMPS official school hours are 9:20 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.**

Enclosed you will find the Census Verification Report, your child's bus tag and the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application.

Census Verification Report/Computer Use Agreement:

This document is vital to ensure we have accurate information to communicate with you should the need arise. It also allows your child access to their computer account. Please verify the information on the Census Card and make any changes that are necessary. BOTH SIDES of this document have information on it and the back page NEEDS TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT or GUARDIAN AND STUDENT. This document must be submitted to the AMPS Main Office prior to Thursday, September 17, 2026. Failure to meet this deadline will result in your child's computer account being disabled. Upon receipt of the completed Census Verification Report, internet access will be restored.

Bus Tag:

To help ensure that your child gets on the correct "Go Home" bus, please attach the enclosed tag to your child's backpack with the following information:

- YOUR CHILD'S NAME
- THEIR TEACHER'S NAME
- THE "GO HOME" BUS LETTER AND BUS STOP

If the bus tag is lost or becomes difficult to read during the school year, please request a new tag from the AMPS Main Office.

Household Income Eligibility Form:

If you would like to apply for Free or Reduced-Price School Meals, please complete the application and return it to the AMPS Main Office or to the Food Service Coordinator in the District Office. If you have any questions regarding the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application, please call the District Office at (631) 474-2700 ext. 753.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The first day of school will be on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

STUDENT PLACEMENT

Student placement was carefully considered based on our knowledge of your child together with your input. As always, our goal is to balance classes to ensure the best learning environment for each child. Your child's class placement will be posted on Thursday, August 20th on the SchoolTool Parent Portal.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

We invite you to visit AMPS on Wednesday, August 26th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or Thursday, August 27th from 10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. only. The nurse will be available to receive medication during those hours. Boxes will be left outside the classrooms for you to drop off supplies, if you wish. Please check the supply list letters. Some teachers have asked for items to come in on a schedule.

Allergy Alert Classrooms:

Some classrooms will be designated as “Allergy Alert Classrooms” with signs clearly posted on the doors. If your child is placed in one of these classrooms, you will receive an email message prior to the first day of school. Please review the email carefully to ensure that you are aware of any foods that could pose a risk to your child's classmates. These guidelines apply specifically to in-class snacks only. Students may bring any items they choose for lunch, as lunch is eaten in a separate area. Please note that all classroom visitors must also follow the allergy guidelines by washing their hands before arriving at school.

Cafeteria: Breakfast and lunch are free for all students this year. Please help your child learn their four digit PIN Code for the first day of school. We will of course help them if they don't remember.

Transportation: We encourage you to allow your children to ride the bus to and from school beginning the first day. You can find your child's bus information on the SchoolTool Parent Portal under “User Defined”. Buses may run late for the first few days of school. Please do not be concerned. It is a normal part of the beginning of the school year. Transportation questions can be answered by calling FIRST STUDENT Bus Company at (631) 924-8400.

Arrival and Dismissal: If you must drive your child to or from school, you will need to drive to the upper parking lot and walk down the steps to the side door.

* Arrival drop off: **9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

* Dismissal pick up: **3:45 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.**

If you are picking up your child, please send in a note with your child in the morning. Please make sure your note has the date, your child's first name, last name and the name of the person who will be picking up. Please try not to pick up your child between 3:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. as it interferes with a smooth dismissal procedure.

If you will be picking up your child every day, you may send one note with all the necessary information at the beginning of each year.

Every person picking up a student will be asked to show photo ID. If a person does not have a proper ID, they will be asked to retrieve it before they are allowed to pick up a child.

Health Office Phone Number: Please call the Nurse's office directly in the morning to report an absence. The nurse's direct phone number is: 631- 474 - 2717.

The following information can be found by clicking on the AMPS “Building Information Tab” and then Opening School Information”. Additional information can be found on the announcements page in the AMPS Orientation PowerPoint.

- Principal's Welcome Letter
- AMPS Opening Information
- Bus Safety Rules
- Bus Stop Drop Off Forms
- Childcare Transportation Form
- Board of Education Meal Charges Policy (8505)
- Child Find Information - Special Education Notice
- Computer Use Policy (4526.1)
- Custody Letter

- DASA Parent Letter
- Health Forms
- Meal Charges
- Supply Lists

We are looking forward to the first day of school and to working with your child this coming school year. If you have any questions about school, please call our office at 631-474-2715.

AMPS OPEN HOUSE NIGHTS:
Kindergarten – September 16, 2026
6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

2nd Grade – September 16, 2026
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

1st Grade – September 17, 2026
6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Laura Gewurz, Principal
Tricia Cucinello, Assistant Principal