

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

Vanessa Bobb - Intervention

New Coaches

Courtney Bolyard – Jr High Volleyball

Nicole Bright – Jr High Cheer

Christina McLean – Jr High Volleyball

Cooks: Kimberly Lee, Director of Food Services, nutrition@southernlocal.org 740-721-0520 ext. 4100

Custodians: John Arkley, Building and Grounds Supervisor, john.arkley@southernlocal.org 740-721-0520 ext. 4004

Bus Drivers: Charlie Hoops, Transportation Supervisor, 740-721-0520 ext.4005

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.

Available Non-Certified Opportunities

Southern Local Schools is in need of substitute cooks, custodians, and bus drivers for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested, please contact the following supervisors:

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.

Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Southern Local Schools would like to thank The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution for their generous donation of school supplies for our students.



Welcome Back, Falcons! Soaring High with Outstanding 3rd Grade Test Scores!

Millcreek is so excited to welcome our students back for another wonderful year! We hope everyone had a fun, safe and restful summer break. Our halls and classrooms are ready to be filled with smiling faces, new friendships, exciting learning opportunities, and unforgettable memories.

As we begin a new school year, we also want to celebrate an outstanding accomplishment from our students and staff. More than 80% of our third-grade students achieved a passing score on the ELA Ohio State Test! This achievement is a wonderful reflection of the hard work, dedication and perseverance demonstrated by our students and staff. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and grateful to our teachers, staff and families for the support and encouragement they provided throughout the school year.

We look forward to building on this success and continuing to help every student learn, grow and reach their full potential. Welcome back students! We look forward to another great year filled with learning, growth and success. Let’s make it a great year!

Pictured below top row (left to right): Mrs. Jodi Hellyer, Parker Bolyard, Mrs. Joy Patton.

Bottom row (left to right): Carlene Hill, Jet Green, Krew Dillon, Walker Hill



 FREE Breakfast & Lunch for ALL Southern Local Students!

Reminder: Every student at Southern Local School District receives FREE breakfast and lunch during the 2026–2027 School Year through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

- ✔ No meal applications required
- ✔ Free breakfast and lunch for every student
- ✔ Helping students stay fueled and ready to learn every day

We’re proud to provide healthy meals to all of our students at no cost to families!

Driver's Ed

Southern Local Schools now offers driver's Ed through the Muskingum Ohio Valley Educational Service Center (MOV ESC) Driving School. Follow this link below for more information.

If you have any questions please email me at keista.wickham@southernlocal.org.

<https://www.southernlocal.org/muskingum-ohio-valley-educational-service-center-mov-esc-driving-school>

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: - Bidly 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 SPIRIT WEEK!

Get ready for a fun-filled week of school spirit, September 28 – October 2! 🎉

🗓 Monday: Crazy Socks or Adam Sandler Day

🗓 Tuesday: Switch-It-Up Day

🗓 Wednesday: Country vs. Country Club Day

🗓 Thursday: Comfy Clothes Day

🗓 Friday: Falcon Pride Day

🗓 Friday at 1:15 PM: Athlete, Band & Cheerleader Clap-Out!

We can't wait to see everyone's creativity and Falcon pride! Go Falcons! 💜🦅

🦅 Now Enrolling – Falcons F.L.Y. After-School Program! 🦅

Falcons F.L.Y. (Fun, Functions, Fundamental Learning for Youth) is open for enrollment! Students will enjoy academic support, enrichment activities, and fun opportunities to learn and grow after school in a safe, supportive environment.

✅ Homework help

✅ Hands-on projects & enrichment

✅ Leadership & teamwork opportunities

Spots are limited—don't miss out!

👉 Register today to help your child soar with Falcons F.L.Y.

Questions? Contact Kera Hill, Site Coordinator at kera.hill@southernlocal.org

You're Invited to Join Us! 🎃

Miller High School FFA is excited to host our 4th Annual Trunk or Treat event, and we're inviting local businesses and organizations to participate!

📅 Date: Sunday, October 11, 2026

🕒 Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

📍 Location: Miller High School Student Parking Lot

This is a great opportunity to engage with the community, promote your organization, and help provide a safe and fun Halloween experience for local families.

If you are interested in setting up, please contact Ms. Wilson at:

📧 chloe.wilson@southernlocal.org

We hope to see you there!

Ohio Operating Engineers Local 18

Brian Camechis from Ohio Operating Engineers Local 18 for visiting Miller High School and speaking with our students about career opportunities in the skilled

trades! 🚜👷

Students learned about Local 18's apprenticeship and hands-on training opportunities, including careers operating and maintaining heavy equipment. We are fortunate to have the Local 18 Logan Training Site right here in our region, giving students access to outstanding career training close to home.

Thank you, Brian and the Local 18, for investing in our students and helping them explore exciting options for their future!



Millcreek Data Days

Millcreek Elementary will continue with our data days for teacher professional development. The following days Millcreek students will not have class. These are additional days that are not on the original school calendar.

December 4th
February 5th

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS & AIDES NEEDED!

Southern Local School District is looking for dependable individuals to join our substitute list for the 2026–2027 school year!

🍎 Substitute Teachers: \$110 per day

📖 Substitute Aides: \$15 per hour

Substitute positions are as needed and on a day-to-day basis. Staffing needs can arise unexpectedly, so substitutes are often contacted by 6:00 AM to see if they are available to work that day.

We are looking for individuals who:

- 💜 Enjoy working with children and young adults
- 💜 Have strong communication skills
- 💜 Are dependable, flexible, and willing to help where needed
- 💜 Can be available on short notice when possible

Substitute Requirements:

All substitutes will need to complete an FBI/BCI background check and obtain the appropriate substitute license through the Ohio Department of Education.

Don't let the process stop you from applying! Keista can help walk you through the background check and licensing process and answer any questions along the way.

📧 Interested in becoming a substitute? Contact Keista Wickham, District Office Administrative Assistant, at keista.wickham@southernlocal.org for more information or help getting started.

- 💜 💜 Join the Southern Local family and help make a difference—one school day at a time!

Millcreek School Outreach

Millcreek Elementary continues to offer a variety of services and programs designed to support students and families throughout the school year.

Families are encouraged to review the latest newsletter for a reminder of the services currently available, information about programs being offered at Millcreek Elementary, and a look at additional resources and opportunities coming soon.

The goal of these services is to ensure that students and families have access to the support and resources they may need. Families who could benefit from additional assistance are encouraged to reach out at any time.

If assistance is needed and the school's support contact is unavailable, families may also contact supervisor Chelsie Schultheis at chelsie.schultheis@jfs.ohio.gov or [740-342-3836](tel:740-342-3836).

Millcreek Elementary is grateful for the continued partnership of staff, families, and community members who help ensure students and families feel supported and connected to available resources.



Southern Local Holds 9/11 Memorial

Southern Local School District held a special 9/11 Memorial on Friday, Sept. 11, bringing students, staff and community members together to remember and honor those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

As part of the memorial, Miller and Berne Union cheerleaders unveiled a 15-by-25-foot American flag. Members of both schools' football teams and bands also participated in the evening's tribute.

Southern Local thanks Athletic Director Chuck Knopp for organizing the event, as well as the many volunteers who helped throughout the evening.



Miller High School Discount Card Fundraiser!

Miller High School students are selling Discount Cards for just \$20 each! These cards offer great savings at a variety of local businesses and can be used again and again throughout the next year! 🎉

💜 Cards are available by PREORDER ONLY! By purchasing a card, you're helping support Miller High School students! Proceeds will help fund numerous student programs and activities, including Student of the Month gift cards, student agendas, the Top 10 Banquet, student incentives, and more!

💵 \$20 per card

📅 Preorders due October 13

📝 Checks may be made payable to Miller High School Find a Miller High School student to place your preorder and help support our Falcons! 🦅💜💜 Great savings. A stronger tomorrow. Go Falcons!

**MILLER HIGH SCHOOL / KROGER
REWARDS PROGRAM**

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.

AEP Foundation

Students, staff, and school representatives welcomed Brandy from the AEP Foundation to the school today as she presented a \$2,000 grant check to support the school’s food pantry.

The generous donation will help provide food and other essential items to students and families in the school community. The school is grateful to the AEP Foundation for its continued commitment to supporting local students and helping meet the needs of families.

“We are incredibly thankful for this generous support,” school representatives said. “This grant will make a meaningful difference in our ability to keep the food pantry stocked and available to those who need it.”

The school extends its appreciation to Brandy and the AEP Foundation for their generosity and investment in the school community.



**Millcreek Elementary Earns 4-Star Rating on Ohio
School Report Card, Highlighting Student Growth and
Early Literacy**

Millcreek Elementary has plenty to celebrate after earning an impressive 4 out of 5 stars on the Ohio School Report Card! The rating shows that Millcreek students demonstrated significant evidence of exceeding expected growth!

Our school also earned 4 out of 5 stars in Early Literacy, highlighting the strong work being done to help students build the reading skills they need for future success. One especially exciting result is that 91.4% of Millcreek third-grade students met the requirements to be promoted to fourth grade under Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee. That means 9 out of every 10 third graders reached the required reading benchmark.

A 4-star rating is more than a number on a report card—it is a reflection of the progress our students are making and the commitment of the people who support them every day. To see how other local schools compare, please visit reportcard.ohio.gov. These results are something the entire Millcreek community should be proud of. They reflect the hard work, dedication and perseverance of our students, teachers, staff and families.

A special thanks to Principal Sara Puckett and Superintendent Annette Losco for their continued encouragement and support! Way to go Falcons!
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**Ohio University Representative Visits Miller High
School**

Jessica Jones, a representative from Ohio University, recently visited Miller High School to speak with students during Extra Help.

Jones shared information about Ohio University’s academic programs, campus life, admissions process, scholarships, and other opportunities available to students considering their plans after high school. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the college experience.

Miller High School appreciates Jones for taking the time to visit and provide students with valuable information as they explore their future educational opportunities.



MILLER HIGH SCHOOL VETERANS DAY

Miller High School will be holding a **Veterans Day Assembly** to honor the Veterans in our community for their service, sacrifice, and dedication to our country.



Wednesday, November 11, 2026



9:00 AM



Miller High School Gym

As part of our assembly, we are creating a special **Veterans Day slideshow** that will be presented during the program and shared with our community.



Help Us Honor a Veteran!

If you know a Veteran you would like us to recognize, please complete the form below. <https://forms.gle/9snrvBvxezUXUBE6A>



Please submit a **separate form for each Veteran** you would like honored.



Submission Deadline: October 1, 2026

Thank you for helping Miller High School recognize and honor the brave men and women who have served our

country!

For questions, please contact **Keista Wickham** at keista.wickham@southernlocal.org.

GET READY FOR A SPOOKY GOOD TIME!

The Purple and White Athletic Boosters proudly present their FIRST-EVER SPOOKY TRAIL!



Friday, October 16, 2026



6:00 PM – 11:30 PM



Admission: \$5 per person



Children 3 and under are FREE!



The trail entrance begins by the High School Baseball Shelter House.



Bring your family and friends for a night of spooky fun while supporting our Miller Falcons!

💜 All proceeds benefit ALL Miller High School sports! We hope to see you there! 🍁👻💜💜

Athletic Facilities Sponsorship Program

Supporting Miller Falcons Athletics

Purpose: The Southern Local School District Board of Education has established the Athletic Facilities Sponsorship Program to encourage partnerships with local businesses, organizations, alumni, and community members in support of District athletic facilities and future capital improvements.

Through your sponsorship, you are helping enhance the athletic experience for Southern Local student-athletes while investing in the future of our school community.

Please Note: Business sponsorships provided in exchange for advertising benefits are generally not considered charitable donations. Sponsors should consult their tax advisor regarding the tax treatment of their contribution.

Sponsorship Opportunities



Platinum Sponsor — \$5,000 or More

Digital scoreboard advertisement

Recognition for five (5) years

Recognition on the official Athletic Facilities Sponsor Donor List



Gold Sponsor — \$2,500–\$4,999

Digital scoreboard advertisement

Recognition for two (2) years

Recognition on the official Athletic Facilities Sponsor Donor List



Purple Sponsor — \$1,000–\$2,499

Digital scoreboard advertisement

Recognition for one (1) year

Recognition on the official Athletic Facilities Sponsor Donor List



Falcon Sponsor — Up to \$999

Recognition on the official Athletic Facilities Sponsor Donor List

Donor list displayed at the Miller Football Stadium

Additional Information: Sponsorships are subject to approval by the Southern Local School District Board of Education.

The Board reserves the right to modify sponsorship levels, recognition opportunities, and advertising availability based on scoreboard space, fundraising needs, or future program enhancements. All sponsorship funds become the property of the Southern Local School District upon receipt and are non-refundable, except as otherwise required by law.

Questions?

For more information about the Athletic Facilities Sponsorship Program, please contact:

Charles Knopp, Athletic Director



charles.knopp@southernlocal.org

Keista Wickham, District Office Administrative Assistant



keista.wickham@southernlocal.org

Sponsorship & Donation Forms

Forms are available:



Online: www.southernlocal.org under the Athletics section

 In Person: Southern Local School District Office

Thank you for supporting Southern Local School District and Miller Falcons Athletics. Your investment helps create opportunities for our student-athletes and strengthens our community for years to come.

Millcreek Elementary Music Performances 2026–2027!

Our Music Department has announced this year's performance schedule! Please note the dates, times, and participating classes, as the schedule is different from previous years.

 Veterans Day Assembly: November 11 at 9:00 AM – HS Gym

 Holiday Performance: December 16 at 2:30 PM – Elementary Gym

 Spring Performance: March 10 at 2:30 PM – Elementary Gym

Please review the attached letter to see which performance your child's class will participate in. We look forward to seeing our students perform!  





Thank you, The Bid Lodge!

Miller High School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to The Bid Lodge for delivering items that were generously donated to their drop-off site during the recent flood relief efforts. These donations will continue to be used to support local families in need throughout our community. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity, compassion, and support shown during such a difficult time. Thank you to The Bid Lodge and everyone who donated for helping our families when they needed it most.  



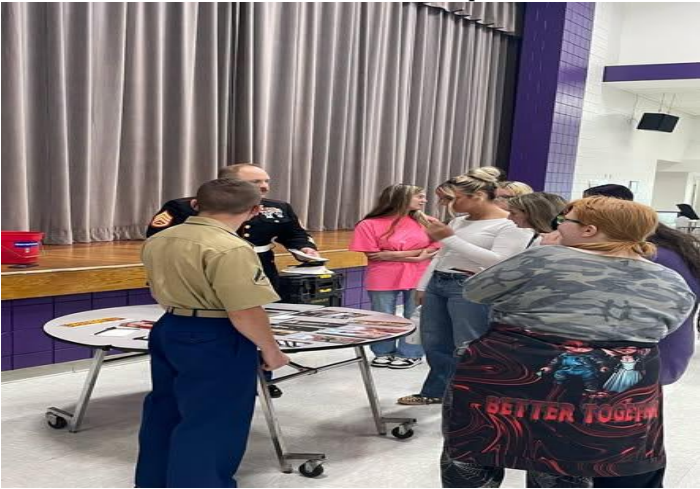
Thank You, Jessica Dorsey!

Miller High School would like to extend a special thank you to Miller alumna Jessica Dorsey for returning to speak with our students about her career in nursing and her journey to becoming a Nurse Practitioner! Jessica shared her personal career path, the education and training required, and what it is really like to work in the healthcare field. Our students had the opportunity to ask questions, learn about the many possibilities within nursing, and hear firsthand how hard work and determination can lead to a rewarding career. It is always extra special to welcome a Miller graduate back to inspire the next generation of Falcons.  Thank you, Jessica, for taking the time to share your experience, knowledge, and encouragement with our students!



 Thank You to the United States Marine Corps!

Miller High School would like to thank our Marine Corps Recruiter for taking the time to visit with our students during lunch and share information about the many opportunities available through the United States Marine Corps. Students had the chance to learn about career paths, education and training opportunities, benefits, and what it takes to serve as a Marine. We appreciate our community partners who take the time to help our students explore the many different options available to them after high school. Thank you for investing in our students and helping them learn more about their future possibilities! 



🚲 🎃 **Perry County's First Bike Rodeo!** 🎃 🚲

Join the Perry County Health Department and Mobility Management for a fun evening of bike safety before Trunk or Treat!

📅 Sunday, October 11, 2026

🕒 5:00–7:00 PM

📍 Miller High School – Corning, Ohio

👧👦 Ages 5–10

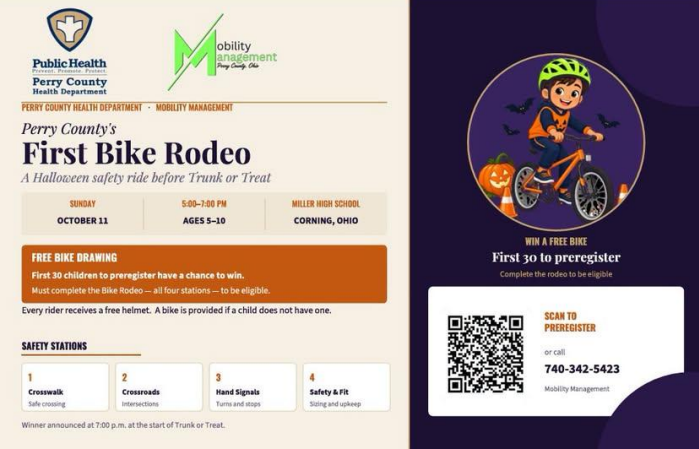
Children will complete four fun safety stations covering crosswalks, crossroads, hand signals, and bike safety!

🎁 **WIN A FREE BIKE!** The first 30 children to preregister will have a chance to win a bike after completing all four stations. The winner will be announced at 7:00 PM!

🚲 Every rider receives a **FREE** helmet, and bikes will be provided for children who don't have one.

📱 Scan the QR code on the flyer to preregister or call 740-342-5423.

💜 Ride safe, have fun, and stick around for Trunk or Treat! 🎃



💜💜 **MEET THE 2026 MILLER HIGH SCHOOL
HOMECOMING COURT!** 💜💜

We are excited to introduce this year's **Homecoming Court** as we celebrate Homecoming Week at Miller High School! 👑🏈

💜 **Freshman Attendants**

Adley Hannah & Jayden Abram

💜 **Sophomore Attendants**

Ryley Siemer & Chad McLean

💜 **Junior Attendants**

Alexis Boley & Jeramiah Boley

💜 **Senior Attendants**

Tessa Brown & Ayden Edgington
Emma Lanning & Ethan Tucker
Grace Rider & Cooper Plant

Congratulations to all of our 2026 Homecoming Court members! We look forward to celebrating each of you

during an exciting week of Falcon pride and Homecoming festivities! 💜💜

💜💜 **Support Our School Year-Round!** 💜💜

Did you know you can help our school earn money just by shopping online? 🛒

Shop your favorite stores through SchoolStore, and our school earns money!

🌐 Visit www.schoolstore.com to participate!

Every little bit helps! Thank you for supporting our students! 💜

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.

AUG 17- 19	MON-WED	STAFF IN-SERVICE/TEACHER ORIENTATION
AUG 20	THURSDAY	FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS
SEPT 7	MONDAY	LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL
OCT 22	THURSDAY	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY – NO SCHOOL
OCT 23	FRIDAY	NO SCHOOL
NOV 25	WEDNESDAY	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – NO SCHOOL
NOV 26 – NOV 30	THUR-MON	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
DEC 1	TUESDAY	SCHOOL RESUMES
DEC 4	FRIDAY	NO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS – DATA DAY
DEC 21- JAN 1		WINTER HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
JAN 4	MONDAY	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY – NO SCHOOL
JAN 5	TUESDAY	SCHOOL RESUMES
JAN 18	MONDAY	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - NO SCHOOL
FEB 5	FRIDAY	NO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS – DATA DAY
FEB 15	MONDAY	PRESIDENT'S DAY – NO SCHOOL
MAR 12	FRIDAY	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY – NO SCHOOL
MAR 26	FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL
MAR 29	MONDAY	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – NO SCHOOL
MAR 30 -31	TUES-WED	SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL
APRIL 1	THURSDAY	SCHOOL RESUMES
MAY 25	TUESDAY	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
MAY 26	WEDNESDAY	LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS

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

PERIOD	BEGINS	ENDS	Last day for teachers	
			DAYS	PROF. DAYS
1	AUG. 17	OCT. 22	48	4
2	OCT. 26	JAN. 4	38	1
3	JAN. 5	MAR. 12	47	1
4	MAR. 15	MAY 26	50	1
			183	7