



Millview Elementary School

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Important Updates:

We thank you for your **continued** patience, understanding, and flexibility as we navigate the school year within a distance learning environment.

Use of cameras during instructional blocks:

We understand that it is not mandatory for students to have their cameras on during their instructional blocks, but we strongly recommend that students do. Data is showing that there is a correlation between students who turn their cameras on and their grades. Students that are receiving passing grades during distance learning are mostly the students who have their cameras on, and are actively participating in the classroom discussions. Students who have their cameras off are often disengaged and are earning poor grades.

- Teachers and students feel more connected to the classroom environment when the cameras are on and can build positive relationships, which will enhance the students ability to do well.
- Families, we would appreciate your support with helping us provide the best possible educational experience for your child.

Upcoming Events



Oct. 26 - Nov. 6, 2020

Parent Teacher Conferences
Dates and Times for individual
students vary by teacher

Nov. 11, 2020

No School - Veterans Day

Nov. 20, 2020

School News/Event Highlights

Red Ribbon Week Reverse Caravan Celebration



On October 27th, the Millview staff and community celebrated Red Ribbon Week. The school hosted a reverse caravan. Parents were encouraged to bring their child(ren) and drive through the Millview parking lot, honk their horns, meet the staff, and say "Hello". The event lasted a little over an hour as

2nd Quarter Progress Reports get sent home

Nov 23 - Nov. 27. , 2020

No School - Thanksgiving break

car after car drove through the parking lot and students got a chance to meet their teachers "live", even if it was just through their car windows. Students received red ribbon treats for coming out and joining the fun. It was such a successful event that there are plans to do it again before winter break.



Around the Campus

After School Program

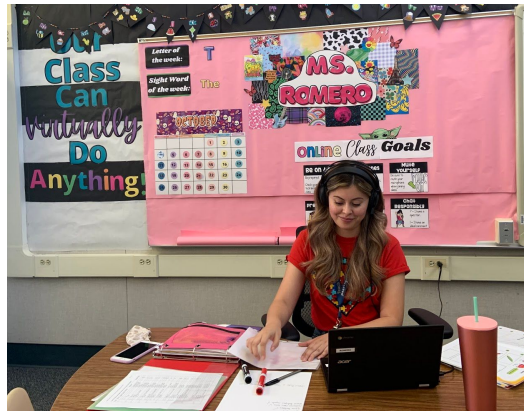


Our After School Program is up and running, they started on the 19th of October. Tutors are available to support students with their academics after the last instructional block. They run three different groups of 45 minute sessions from Monday through Friday. Each group averages 7 to 10 students. So, Millview is providing additional support to about 130 students per day. The tutors are assisting students with completing their homework or

classwork as well as providing additional support with topics covered in class each week. The students are so excited, even if it is through a virtual platform, they enjoy seeing another friendly adult face besides their teacher. If you have any



questions, please feel free to contact Lisset Vargas, who is the After School Program coordinator for Millview. She can be reached in two ways; through email lisset.vargas@ctff.us or by phone (559) 514-7507.



Student of the Month

We like to acknowledge our students for their hard work and dedication to academics and exhibiting exemplary character. Congratulations to all our students for the month of ***September***, they demonstrated ***Hard Work and Enthusiasm***.

TK/Kindergarten - **Emily Ambriz and Alejandro Ramirez**

1st Grade - **Nikolas Rodriguez, Edrian Valencia, Mateo Castellanos, Zuleymi Jarquin-Rios, and Ximena Gonzalez Zavala**

2nd Grade - **Tyler Smith, Jonathan Villagomez, and Jocelyn Marin**

3rd Grade - **Audrina Cortez, Myriam Almaraz, Brandon Morales Avalos, and Alexander Ramirez**

4th Grade - **Ian Siordia, Angelina Contreras, Jazlyn Jimenez, and Brianna Mejia-Ramirez**

5th Grade - **Geraldine Torres, Hnuemin Leon R. and Anilee Larios**

6th Grade - **Lia Carrillo, Judith Martinez, and Rodrigo Rivera**



Promoting Character Education

The character trait of the month is **loyalty and cooperation**. **Loyalty** means that we are always "true to our word" and if we promise to do something or be somewhere then we try our hardest to keep that promise. **Cooperation** is about working together and helping others. We encourage you all to be loyal and cooperative to your classmates, friends, and family! Who knows... you may just be our next student of the month!

School Climate and Culture

PBIS and student recognition for academics and good behavior



We would like our Millview parents/guardians to know that we are attempting to recognize students for good behavior as well as completing their academic tasks through educational apps that require them to be engaged certain minutes per day. Lexia Learning is for all students in grades 1st through 3rd. Students are being asked to use the program for 20 minutes each day. Khan Academy/Map Accelerator is a program to be utilized by all 3rd through 6th graders. Students are also required to use the program for 20 minutes a day.

Each program requires students to be on for 100 minutes a week. Those students who complete their tasks and do what is expected of them get their names placed in a weekly drawing for the possibility of receiving a prize. There is also a second chance drawing held at the end of the month for all the students who were recognized during the month, for an additional special prize. The winners of the weekly and monthly drawing are recognized during our morning announcements. **Families, please continue to keep encouraging your child(ren) to log into the instructional blocks each and every day, as well as complete their daily/weekly minutes for the educational apps that support their learning. Their participation in the virtual classroom is greatly appreciated. We understand how hard this is for them, but we are hoping that our incentive system is helping students to continue to be motivated. Keep up the hard work, Eagles!!!**

Day of the Dead

Day of the Dead is also known as Día de Muertos in Spanish. It is celebrated in Mexico between October 31st and November 2nd. On this holiday, Mexicans remember and honor their deceased loved ones. It's not a gloomy or morbid occasion, rather it is a festive and colorful holiday celebrating the lives of those who have passed on. Mexicans visit



cemeteries, decorate the graves and spend time there, in the presence of their deceased friends and family members. At night the candles light up the cemeteries, creating a beautiful landscape of bright lights.

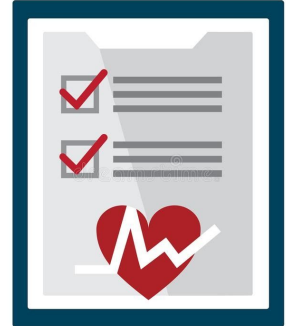
information provided by Suzanne Barbezat

Family Health and Wellness

A Note from the Nurse

Medication forms: a "must have" for administering

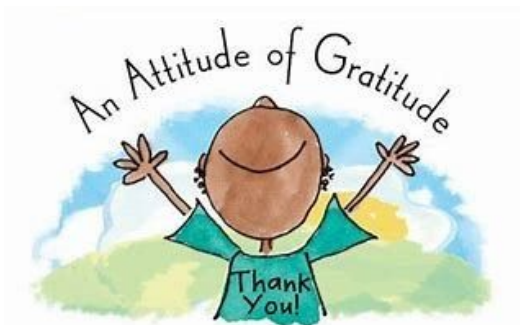
Each year, there are many students who take medication for a variety of reasons. For medications to be administered at school, the completion of a "Medication Administration" form is required annually. These forms were mailed out last week. If your child will require medications at school and you have not received the form, please contact your school nurse to obtain the form. Since we don't have a date at which we will return to campus, it is better to have these forms filled out by your child's doctor sooner rather than later. Please return the signed form to the nurse.



Counseling Corner

It's November, a time where we reflect on the things we are grateful for. Gratitude has been shown to increase and improve feelings of happiness, connection, mental health, and physical health, while decreasing feelings of depression. With these amazing benefits, how can we add more gratitude into our daily lives? Consider the following activity to do at home.

To direct your focus towards positive aspects of life, consider a brief journaling exercise to write 3 things that you are grateful for (e.g. person, laughter, music, food, health, skill/ability, event, etc.), and include a reasoning behind each of the 3 things. This typically takes around 5 - 10 minutes and can have a great impact on increasing feelings of happiness. This could even become a meal time reflection like "Thankful Thursday" where each person at the table shares 3 things they are grateful for that day.



Please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the year if I can be of service.

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