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MILLER RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

Today marks the halfway point of the first quarter. Students in grades 3-5 will bring home mid-term reports. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

This week our students and staff proved they are well prepared for any emergency that may occur while at school. We did have to evacuate the building for a short time on Wednesday due to the bomb threat received in the district. Please note that if we should ever have to leave the school premises in an emergency situation, our evacuation site is The Breiel Boulevard First Church of God at 2000 N. Breiel Boulevard.

There will be a meeting for any parent wishing to have their child join Girl Scouts on Monday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All of you are invited to attend a parent meeting to discuss our new Math program. It will be held next Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The following areas will be covered:

- Understand how and why the teaching of math has changed
- See videos of students solving math problems
- Receive strategies for helping your child excel in math
- Learn about Middletown's newly adopted math curriculum, *Investigations In Number, Data, and Space*

The next Early Release Day is Wednesday, September 23. Students will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m.

Grade one parents will have Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Friday is the first day of the PTO Nut Sale. This is our main fund raiser. Money earned from this sale will help support the many activities here at school. Our school is blessed to have such a supportive group of parents.

We will have a dancing group from Middfest perform for the students on Wednesday, September 30.

In case you did not hear or see the news, Miller Ridge has once again been designated as an EFFECTIVE SCHOOL on the State of Ohio Building Report Card. The staff has worked very hard to make sure every student is successful. We are still aiming for that top distinction of Excellence. The staff is meeting on a regular basis in small groups, called Professional Learning Communities. In these meetings, we look at data gathered from assessments and then work to design lessons that will meet the needs of everyone. I plan on having a special luncheon for the staff next Friday to thank them for the outstanding work they have done. Please feel free to send in a note of thanks to them to show your support.