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MILLER RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

Welcome back to another exciting school year. I am looking forward to seeing you and your family as we begin the 2009-2010 school year.

Class lists will be posted outside of Door N on Friday, August 14 after 1:00 p.m. We will have an Open House on Monday, August 17 from 4:00-5:00 for students to visit their new classroom and to meet their teacher. Kindergarten students and parents will meet their teacher on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. The first day of school for students in grades 1-5 will be on Tuesday, August 18. Student hours are 9:00-3:45. Kindergarten students with last names beginning with A through M will come to school on Friday, August 21 and then begin full time on Tuesday, August 25. Kindergarten students with last names beginning with N through Z will begin school on Monday, August 24.

This year we will serve breakfast in the classroom between 8:50-9:00. This will give every student the opportunity to start the day off with a nutritional meal. Since this is a new experience for all of us, some classrooms may need extra help. If you are available to assist, please contact your child's teacher.

The District Wellness Committee is encouraging parents to send in healthy snacks or treats for class parties and birthday celebrations.

Students are expected to wear uniforms on the first day of school. All requests to opt out of uniforms must be done before the start of the school year. Contact the office for a form and to schedule an appointment with me to discuss it.

The PTO Executive Board met last week to finalize details for this year. Money has been allocated for various student activities throughout the school year. These opportunities could never take place without the support of the Miller Ridge community. I want to thank you in advance for all you do to help all of us. Here are some dates to put on your calendar: Fall Fund Raiser begins on September 25; Fall Festival will be held on Friday, November 13 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Santa Shop is the week of Dec. 14-18. We are in need of someone to coordinate the Book Fair for the week of Feb. 8-12. I am also looking for someone who can coordinate the Memorial Garden in the front of the building. If you are good at working with landscape, I have a master plan drawn up for the area.

You will have access to the online Lunch Prepay program this year. You will need to know your child's six-digit school ID number. If your child does not know it, you may get this from the teacher or by calling the office. A letter will be sent home from the Treasurer's Office with complete details during the first week of school.

Applications for student accident and health insurance are available in the school office.

Concerns about the swine flu continue to be on the minds of everyone. Our staff will discuss with students the importance of hand washing and covering mouths when we cough or sneeze. Please feel free to send in hand sanitizers and extra disinfecting wipes for the students to use. We appreciate all the help!

Congratulations to third grade student Hailey Ingram. This summer, Hailey was credited for saving the life of a three year old neighbor. Hailey's quick thinking saved the young girl from drowning in the swimming pool. A copy of the newspaper article is hanging up on the hallway door going into the cafeteria.

Please remember that the key to a child's educational success is open communication between home and school. I encourage you to make every effort to know your child's teacher and to monitor daily progress. Contact the teacher whenever you have concerns. My expectations for the teachers are the same. I want them to do everything possible to help make your child succeed. Keeping you informed will allow you to know how to help your child at home. Please let me know if I can be of any help during the school year.

Sincerely,

Michael Lolli