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Smoke Signals Newsletter

Travis Rohrig, Principal

Trina Schutte, Dean of Students

School website: https://www.milan.k12.in.us/o/mes
Link to Milan Spirit Store:
http://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/indiana/milan/milan-high-school

MILAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menu
Link to the folder of cafeteria menus: https://bit.ly/3h9v1ju

Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Monday 16
Pancake Stick Graham Cracker Grilled Cheese Peas Celery Sticks & Ranch Applesauce	Pop Tart Sausage Link Soft Taco Salsa & Chips Black Beans Fruit Cookie	Cereal Buttered Toast Diced Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potato Carrots Roll Fruit	Mini Cinni Sausage Link Pizza Tossed Salad Cucumber Slices Fruit	Cereal String Cheese Turkey, Ham & Cheese Sub Sliced Tomato Steamed Broccoli Fruit
Tuesday 17	**Wednesday 18**	**Thursday 19**	**Friday 20**	**Monday 23**
Mini Pancakes Sausage Link Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce Carrots Peas Roll Fruit	Warm Biscuit Sausage Patty Hot Dog Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables Applesauce	Breakfast Bar Sausage Link Birthday Celebration Pork Fritter on Bun Au Gratin Potatoes Corn Fruit	Bagel w/ Jelly Cream Cheese Roast Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potato Green Beans Roll Fruit Pumpkin Pie	Granola Bar Yogurt Ham & Cheese on Bun French Fries Mini Carrots & Ranch Applesauce

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IF YOUR CHILD HAS A TRANSPORTATION CHANGE, **PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE**. DO ***NOT*** RELY ON JUST SENDING A MESSAGE OR EMAIL TO THE TEACHER. WE CAN NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE TEACHER WILL SEE THE MESSAGE BEFORE DISMISSAL. ***812-654-2922***	

Important Dates

⭐ Tutoring - Nov 10
⭐ Early Dismissal, Veterans Day Program - G4 performs 9am MHS gym - Nov 11
⭐Tutoring, Good News Club - Nov 12
⭐ World Kindness Day - Nov 13
⭐ National Substitute Appreciation Week begins, Tutoring - Nov 16
⭐ Tutoring - Nov 17
⭐ Early Dismissal/PLC - Nov 18
⭐ November Birthday Celebration, Tutoring, Good News Club - Nov 19
⭐ Thanksgiving Meal during lunch - Nov 20
⭐ Tutoring - Nov 23
⭐ Tutoring - Nov 24
⭐ Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL - Nov 25-27
⭐ G2 Christmas Program @ Milan Christmas Walk 6:30pm - Nov 28
⭐ Tutoring - Nov 30
⭐ Tutoring - Dec 1
⭐ Special Education Day, Early Dismissal/PLC - Dec 2
⭐ Tutoring, Good News Club - Dec 3
⭐ Tutoring - Dec 7
⭐ Tutoring - Dec 8
⭐ Early Dismissal/PLC, G3 Christmas Program 6pm at MHS - Dec 9
⭐ Tutoring - Dec 10
⭐ CARES Breakfast with Santa - Dec 12

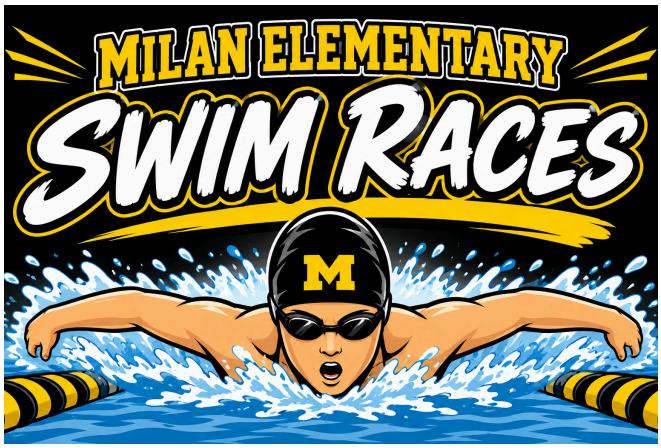
Good News Club (GNC)

GNC will be held after school on Thursdays beginning on October 22 and ending on December 3rd.

GNC will not be held on November 5th.

If you have questions, contact Robin Laws.
robinlaws89@gmail.com





Save the dates!

Swim races will be here soon. We will have races on the following dates.
Monday Dec 14th:
8:30 2nd grade, 12:00 4th grade
Tuesday Dec 15th:
8:30 3rd grade
If you are coming to swim races, please enter the doors by the gym.



The weather in Indiana is wild. We are in the season where the morning is cold and afternoon gets warmer.

Many students leave coats and sweatshirts behind. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Also, if you are missing something, have your student check the lost and found.





Fourth grade parents, you are welcome to attend the Veterans Day program. Please sit in the first section of wooden bleachers when you enter the gym.

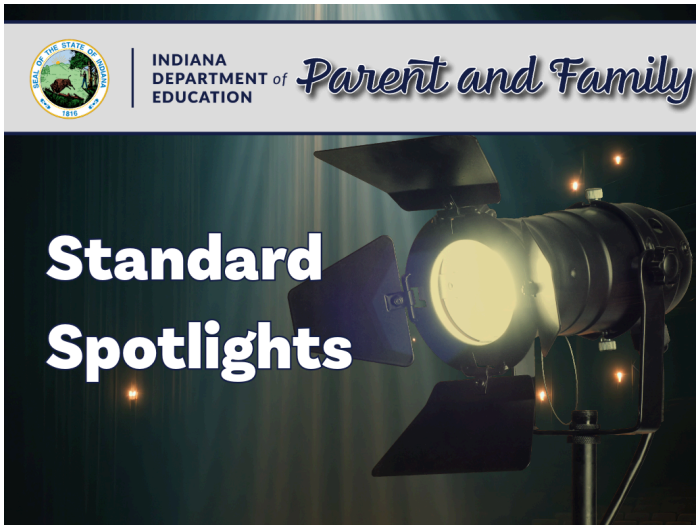
IMPORTANT CAFETERIA UPDATES

Meal accounts are prepaid accounts. School cafeterias are not permitted to offer credit for meals. I am available to help anyone needing meal assistance. You can contact me by calling the school at 812-654-2922 and asking for Ginny or emailing me at ginny.shannon@milan.k12.in.us .

Also, after the winter break, we may need to provide an alternate breakfast to students with negative accounts. We do not want to do this, but we will not have an alternative.







HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO HELP WITH HOMEWORK AND YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO HELP? MAYBE YOU DIDN'T LEARN IT THE WAY IT IS BEING TAUGHT.

HERE IS A HELP FOR YOU, THE STANDARD SPOTLIGHTS.

These documents are for helping in 3rd and 4th grade math. They have a video and a resource to help you!

3rd Math

4th Math

If you are interested in ordering football sectional gear, click on the link below. Orders must be placed by 3pm on Tuesday, November 10th to have them in time for Friday's regional championship.

https://sectional3peatmilan.itemorder.com/shop/home/

The Indians play Knightstown at home on Friday for the Regional Championship at 7pm. Bundle up, be loud and proud, and cheer on the Indians!





It's food drive time again! Last year we collected 3200 cans for the Milan food pantry! We are hoping for this year's drive to be as successful as in past years! Here is what you need to know!

○ Donations will accepted November 16th-20th.

○ We CANNOT accept expired food!

○ The class with the most donations earns an ice cream party from MHS National Honor Society.

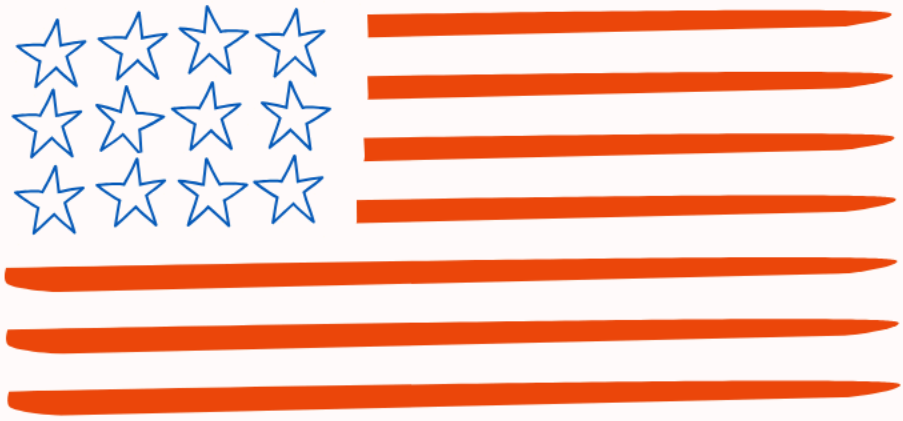
JOIN US FOR OUR VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AT MILAN HIGH SCHOOL

November 11, 2026

Breakfast for Veterans 8:00 - 9:00 MHS Cafeteria

Program begins at 9:00 MHS Gymnamsium

All veterans, families, & community members are welcome!



thank you veterans

Home of the free,
because of the brave.

Questions? Contact MHS Office: (812) 654-3096

Moving Away from Bloomz

bloomz → MyPowerHub

PowerSchool Is Coming!

We will be moving our messaging and behavior tracking to PowerSchool.



Need to Contact a Teacher?

Email is currently the best way to reach your child's teacher.



More information Coming Soon!

We will share more details on how to navigate into the PowerSchool platform.

Do you have an M.E.S. student in need of a coat, hat, or Gloves?



Our M.E.S. Comfort Closet holds many gently used items. These have been donated by area businesses and local families.

We know colder temperatures are on their way, and we want to make sure that our students will be dressed appropriately.

Questions? Reach out to
Mrs. McKittrick at 812.654.2922 ext. 284

PTO NEWS



We want to thank all of you who sold soap for our PTO!! If you missed out in ordering, we did order some extras and we will post them once the soap is delivered. Thanks for helping make a difference for our students!!!

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Mrs. McKittrick Support Station

My class lessons for October focused on understanding four types of conflict (disagreements, rude moments, mean moments, and bullying), the true definition of bullying, and being an upstander. We also participated in Unity Day on October 21st, wore orange, and pledged to be a buddy - not a bully. Students were reminded to "say something if they see something." No one deserves to be bullied, so they should report it to an adult. The following website has great resources:
https://pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/



COMMUNITY NEWS

Milan Elementary School is pleased to share information about local clubs, organizations, and community activities that may be of interest to our students and families. Please note that the inclusion of an organization or event in this newsletter does not indicate that Milan Elementary School is affiliated with, sponsors, or endorses the organization or activity. We share these announcements simply to help keep our school community informed and connected to opportunities in the greater Milan community.



Attention 3rd-6th grade boys and girls!

There is a basketball skills camp on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. It is at the former Manchester Elementary.

You can register here: bit.ly/D1Pturkey26



4-H Open House
Saturday, November 14th from 9AM -11AM at the Ripley County Extension office (525 W Beech St, Osgood)

- Meet the New 4-H Educator
- Talk with 4-H Members, project Leaders and Club Leaders
- Learn about the Enrollment process
- See what to expect from a year in 4-H
- All ages are welcome! Mini 4-H is grades K-2 and 4-H is grades 3-12.

Returning 4-H members are also encouraged to come and learn more!
New to 4-H? With more than 60 project areas, 4-H truly has something for everyone!

Please reach out to the Ripley County Extension office with any additional questions at 812-689-6511.

Public Library Upcoming Events

A CHARLIE BROWN THANKSGIVING

Saturday, Nov. 21st

11:00am

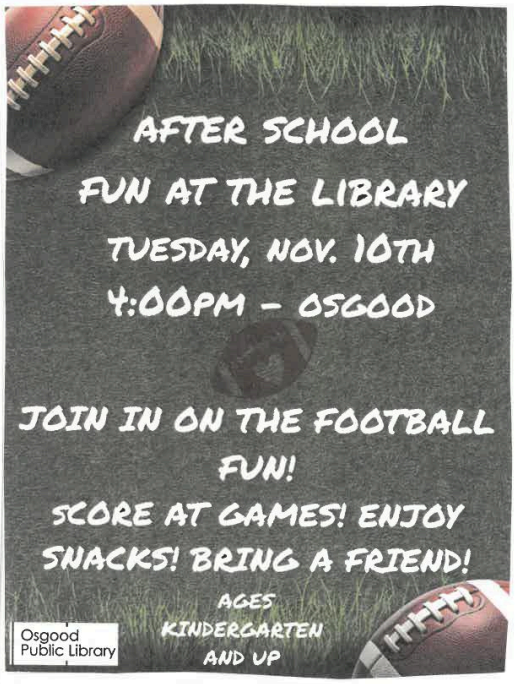
Milan Library

Good grief don't miss the stories, craft, and a Snoopy feast!!!

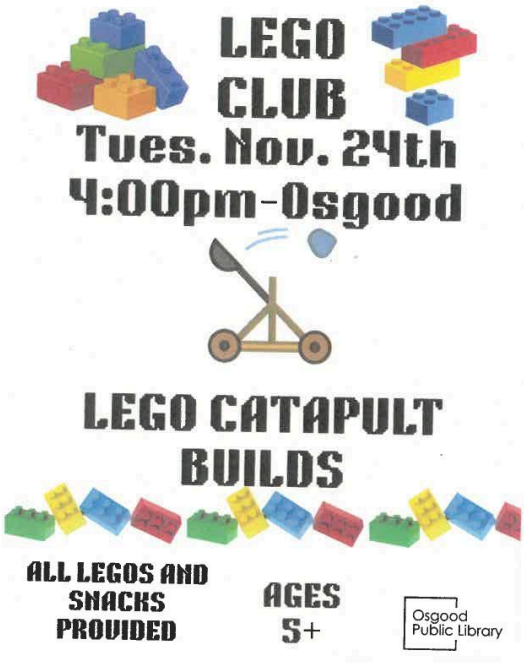
Registration is required CALL 812-689-4011

Osgood Public Library


DINO-VEMBER
STORY TIME
Osgood Library:
Mon. Nov. 2nd
Mon. Nov. 9th
Mon. Nov. 16th
Mon. Nov. 23rd
Mon. Nov. 30th
10:30am
Milan Library:
Tues. Nov. 3rd
Tues. Nov. 10th
Tues. Nov. 17th
Tues. Nov. 24th
10:30am
Join Miss Linda for stories, craft and a roaring good time
No registration required
Osgood Public Library


AFTER SCHOOL
FUN AT THE LIBRARY
TUESDAY, NOV. 10TH
4:00PM - OSGOOD
JOIN IN ON THE FOOTBALL FUN!
SCORE AT GAMES! ENJOY SNACKS! BRING A FRIEND!
AGES KINDERGARTEN AND UP
Osgood Public Library


A CHARLIE BROWN THANKSGIVING
Saturday, Nov. 21st
11:00am
Milan Library
Good grief don't miss the stories, craft, and a Snoopy feast!!!
Registration is required CALL 812-689-4077
Osgood Public Library


LEGO CLUB
Tues. Nov. 24th
4:00pm-Osgood
LEGO CATAPULT BUILDS
ALL LEGOS AND SNACKS PROVIDED
AGES 5+
Osgood Public Library

girl scouts of central indiana

Join Girl Scouts and make memories that last!

Find your troop and start your Girl Scout adventure today! New troops are forming across the community, and girls are joining every day.

Thinking about starting a Girl Scout troop? There's never been a better time! Start a new troop by Jan. 31 and we'll help you get started with these all-new benefits. Your benefits include:

- **Free volunteer membership** ($30 value)
- **Your girl's membership covered** ($65 value)
- **Monthly experience boxes with supplies and materials for your troop meetings** ($500 value)
- **Connections to local girls, troops and volunteers** who can help you along the way
- **More time and experiences with your girl.** Priceless!

Troop Leader Needed!

We have girls who are ready and excited to start their Girl Scout journey—they're just waiting for someone to step up and lead the way!

Troop Leader membership is waived!
Could that leader be **YOU?**

Reach out to Katelynn to learn more:
kkohlmeier@girlscoutsindiana.org
317-924-6890



IF WE DO NOT GET A SCOUT LEADER, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE A SCOUT TROOP!!

PLEASE REVIEW THE BENEFITS OF BEING A LEADER.


Stars, Stripes & Christmas lights
Milan Christmas Walk
Nov. 28th 5pm-8pm | Milan Community Park

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We have an attendance contest going on and the 4th grade is in the lead!!



Here are some best practices and reminders for attendance.

- If you have attendance questions, call our Attendance Secretary, Mrs. Jodie Hooker.
- If your child is not going to be at school, **CALL IN TO MRS. HOOKER**. If you only send a message to your teacher, it will not count as a parent call in absence.
- You get six parent call-ins a year. Even if your child is not going to be there and you have used all of your parent call-ins, still call in to let us know that your child will not be there.
- Tardies add up! Three tardies count as an absence!
- If you live outside the district, attendance could be a reason for having a transfer revoked.
- Attendance is a factor for attending field trips!

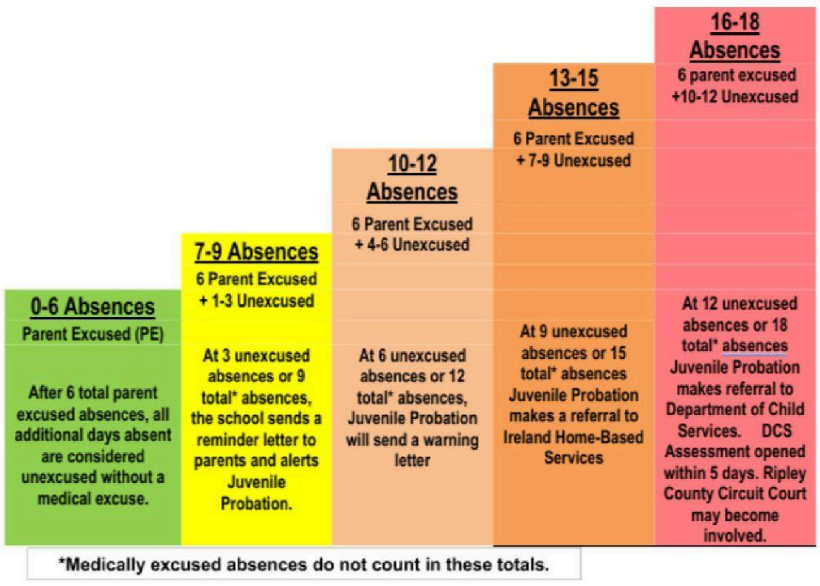
ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT MES!!!

Every MES student is able to have six parent call-in (PCI) days for unexcused absences this school year. In order to use a PCI day, the parent must call in to the office. After these six days have been used, parents will be notified on their 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th unexcused absences. It is a best practice to still call in to the office when your child is going to be absent.

Note:
STUDENTS WHO ARE OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS ARE AT RISK OF HAVING THEIR TRANSFER REVOKED DUE TO POOR ATTENDANCE.
STUDENTS WHO HAVE 12 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES MAY LOSE ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND FIELD TRIPS. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S DISCRETION.

Best Practices for Attendance:

- ★ If your child is not going to be at school, call the office and let them know. If you do not call the office, it will not be considered a PCI.
- ★ If your child is at an appointment, make sure you bring in an excuse slip.
- ★ Know the attendance policy. You can read the student handbook on the school website.
- ★ Try not to be late to school, as three tardies count as one unexcused absence.



Attendance Reminder:

The graph to the left shows the method that is used for unexcused absences for students.

Please note that students who have previously reached the 100% threshold in previous school years will be subject to a lower threshold of unexcused absences