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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 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Monday 28
Bagel w/ Jelly Cream Cheese Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Cucumber Slices Roll Fruit	Cinnamon Roll Sausage Link Fish Sticks Baked Beans Cole Slaw Roll Applesauce	Pancake Stick Graham Cracker Birthday Celebration Hot Dog on Bun Hashbrown Steamed Broccoli Fruit	Cereal Buttered Toast Chicken Alfredo Carrots Peas Roll Fruit	Granola Bar Yogurt Bosco Stick Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Mixed Vegetables Applesauce
Tuesday 29	**Wednesday 30**	**Thursday 1**	**Friday 2**	**Monday 12**
Warm Biscuit Sausage Patty Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potato Carrots Roll Fruit	Cereal Bar String Cheese Pizza Burger Green Beans Corn Fruit	French Toast Sticks Sausage Link Chili/Crackers Wow Butter & Celery Sticks Kidney Beans Juice	**FALL** **BREAK**	Muffin Sausage Link Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Fries Peas Fruit

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



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Important Dates

⭐ CARES Tutoring, Fall Youth Skills Boys Bball Training G3/4 3:15-5PM - Sept 22
⭐ Early Dismissal, September Birthday Celebration - Sept 23
⭐ G4 Field Trip, CARES Tutoring - Sept 24
⭐ G3/4 Girls Bball Camp 1-2pm MES gym - Sept 27
⭐ Tutoring, Fall Youth Skills Boys Bball Training G1/2 3:15-5PM - Sept 28
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⭐ Early Dismissal, G3 Field Trip, Boys Club starts - Sept 30
⭐ G1 Field Trip - Oct 1
⭐ Fall Break begins - No School - Oct 2
⭐ Tutoring - Oct 12
⭐ Tutoring - Oct 12
⭐ Early Dismissal - Oct 14
⭐ Tutoring - Oct 15
⭐ End of Q1, MMH Flu Vaccine Clinic - Oct 16
⭐ Tutoring - Oct 19
⭐ Tutoring - Oct 20
⭐ Early Dismissal - Oct 21
⭐ October Birthday Celebration, Tutoring - Oct 23
⭐ Tutoring - Oct 26
⭐ Tutoring - Oct 27
⭐ MES Picture Retake Day, Early Dismissal - Oct 28
⭐ Tutoring - Oct 29
⭐ CARES Halloween Costume Dance 12noon MES Gym - Oct 31

bloomz	We apologize for any connection issues from Bloomz. If you have Bloomz connection issues, email Travis Rohrig at travis.rohrig@milan.k12.in.us for assistance. Mr. Rohrig will work with you to get things corrected or organized for you. Several of you have done so already, and that has been super helpful!

	The deadline for parents to sign up to be volunteers or chaperones for field trips is October 1st. If you would like to volunteer or chaperone, you will need to fill out and complete our Volunteer and Chaperone Form. You can access it here.

Yearbooks are in!!!

There were several yearbooks ordered, so they will be passed out this coming week.

Also, we have a few extra yearbooks for sale. The price is $20 and they are first come, first served.

These yearbooks are quite impressive!!





FIELD TRIPS

A reminder that as field trips begin to happen and get scheduled, student behavior is a major factor in the student attending the field trip.

Students need to have positive behaviors as well as good attendance to attend their field trip.

If you have questions about them attending, please reach out to your child's teacher.

A slight change from previous years, we will be on Fall Break starting on **FRIDAY**, October 2nd thru October 9th.

We return back to school on October 12th.

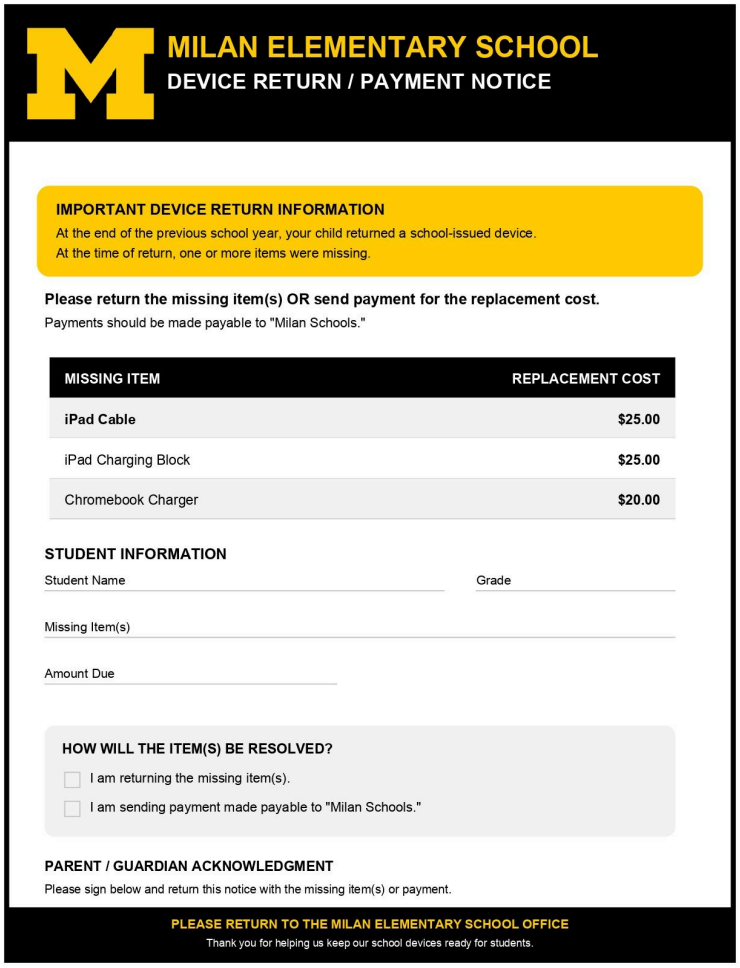


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VERY IMPORTANT CAFETERIA UPDATE

We are close to the cut off date for rollover meal assistance. Your student will lose their meal benefits if parents do not reapply soon. Please let parents know they need to reapply using the Family Portal or they can request a paper application from any of our offices.
If parents received a Direct Certification notice they do not need to apply for this school year. Parents can Ginny Shannon if they have questions or need help.





MILAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DEVICE RETURN / PAYMENT NOTICE

IMPORTANT DEVICE RETURN INFORMATION
At the end of the previous school year, your child returned a school-issued device.
At the time of return, one or more items were missing.

Please return the missing item(s) OR send payment for the replacement cost.
Payments should be made payable to "Milan Schools."

MISSING ITEM	REPLACEMENT COST
iPad Cable	**$25.00**
iPad Charging Block	**$25.00**
Chromebook Charger	**$20.00**

STUDENT INFORMATION
Student Name _____ Grade _____
Missing Item(s) _____
Amount Due _____

HOW WILL THE ITEM(S) BE RESOLVED?
☐ I am returning the missing item(s).
☐ I am sending payment made payable to "Milan Schools."

PARENT / GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Please sign below and return this notice with the missing item(s) or payment.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE MILAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE
Thank you for helping us keep our school devices ready for students.

Device Return Information

At the end of the school year several students had missing items from their device collection.

If your child has a missing item, they will be bringing home a paper that looks like the image to the left.

If you have questions, please contact the MES office.

Milan Community Schools will be partnering with Margaret Mary Health for a Flu Vaccine Clinic. The clinic will be offered during the school day for all students and staff on **October 16, 2026.**

If you would like your student to receive the flu shot, please fill out the attached form and return to your child's school by **October 1, 2026**.

If you have any questions or need a copy of this form sent home with your student please contact one of our school nurses.

Liana Sohmer - MIS/MMS/MHS - 812-654-1616 ext 228 or email liana.sohmer@milan.k12.in.us

Helen Hixson - MES - 812-654-2922 ext 290 or email helen.hixson@milan.k12.in.us

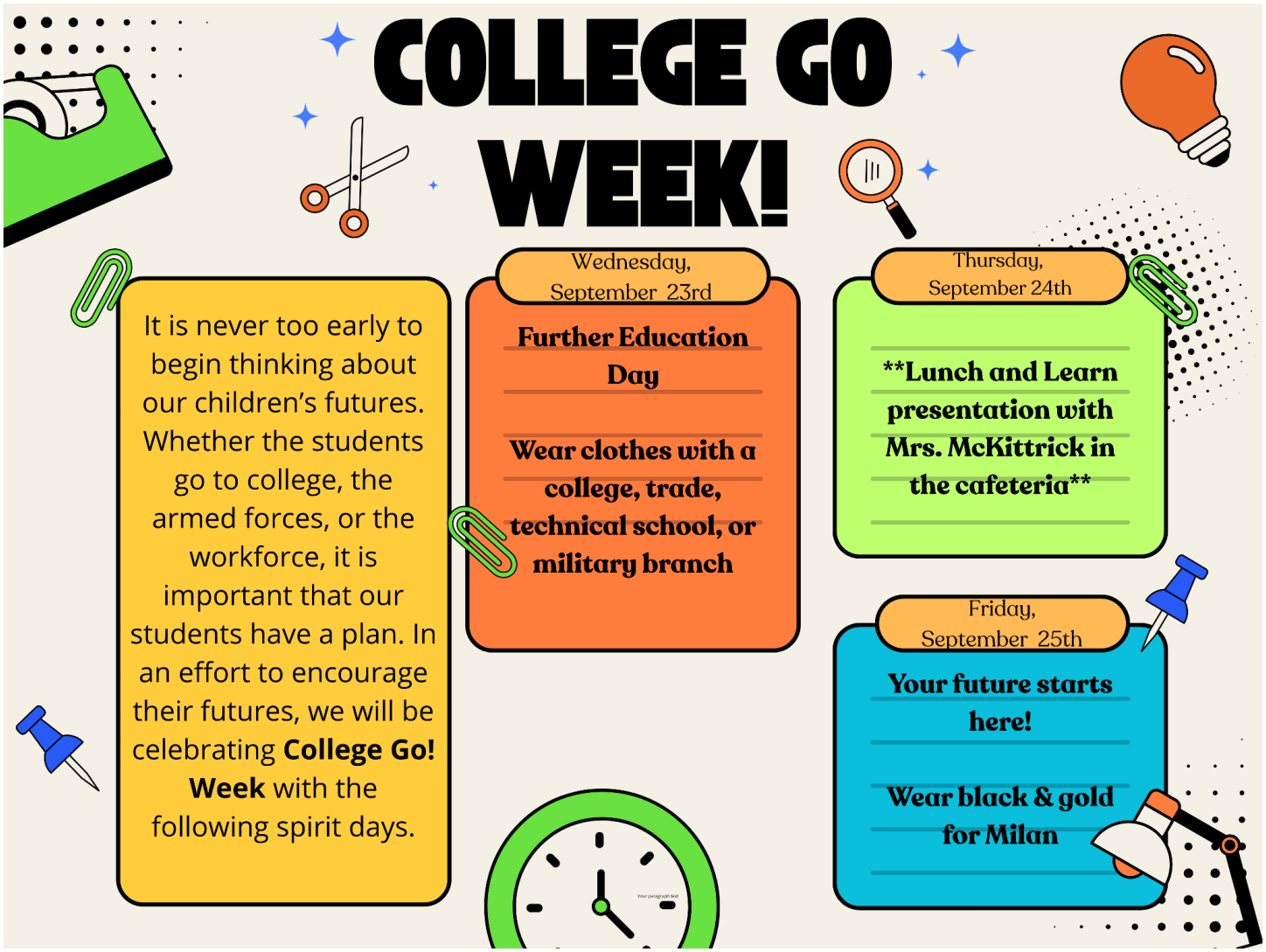
Attachments:

- Flu Consent

SEE THE IMPORTANT DATES!!!



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PTO NEWS


CLEAN CLOTHES HAPPY FAMILIES!
SOAPY JOE'S
PLATINUM LAUNDRY DETERGENT
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!
MILAN ELEMENTARY PTO
FUNDRAISER
Stock up. Save. Support!
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
THROUGH
OCTOBER 1, 2026
Help support Milan Elementary PTO by purchasing high-quality Soapy Joe's products!
GREAT PRODUCTS
GREAT PRICES
SUPPORTS OUR STUDENTS
MAKES A DIFFERENCE
Thank you for supporting
MILAN ELEMENTARY PTO!

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Mrs. McKittrick Support Station

Elementary Homework Tips

Homework should not be a battle. Here are some steps you can take to encourage your elementary-age child to take responsibility for his own homework assignments.

Remove distractions - Do homework in a quiet place that does not have distractions. Turn off the TV; don't expect your child to do homework in a room where siblings are playing.

Establish a routine - Set a specific "homework time" such as right after supper. Require that homework be complete before your child can watch TV, use the phone, etc. Keep needed supplies (crayons, ruler, dictionary, etc.) in a designated area.

Prioritize - Encourage your child to work first on those assignments that are due tomorrow. Then tackle the tasks that are due later. Help your child plan his studying so that projects are not left until the last minute. Our assignment book can be a big help with this.

Check understanding - Be sure your child understands new assignments before he or she starts working on them. This one can save lots of late-evening tears!

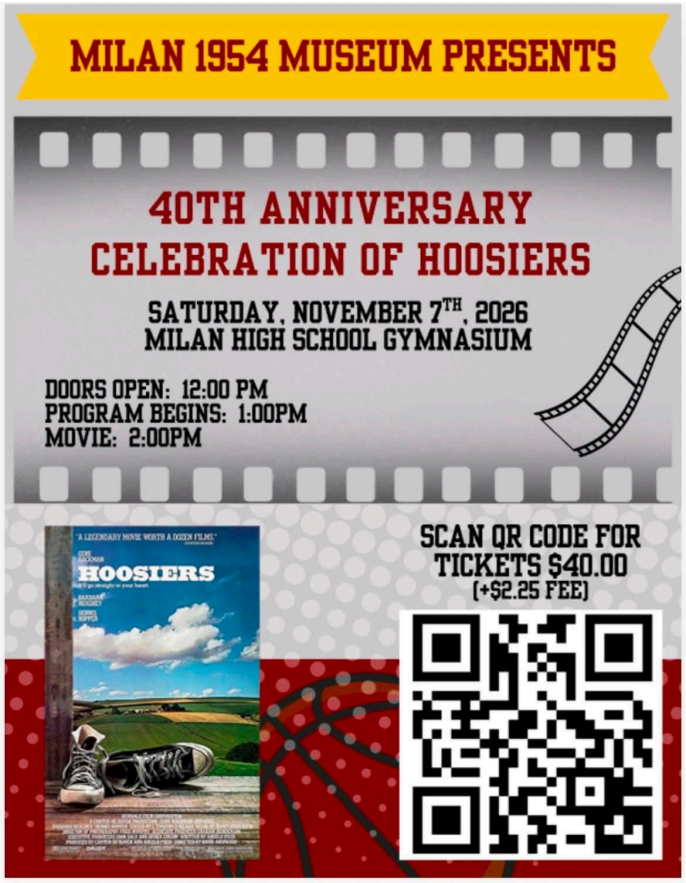
Guide, but don't correct - If your child needs help, offer ideas that can help him/her sort out the problem, but don't give him/her the answers.

Get organized for tomorrow - Remind your child to pack the backpack before going to bed. Even the best homework effort does not do much good if it's left on the kitchen table!

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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.



You can also purchase tickets at this LINK.

2026
VERSAILLES PUMPKIN SHOW
EST. 1899

PRE-SALE WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE NOW!

SKIP THE LINES AND SAVE TIME BY PURCHASING YOUR RIDE WRISTBANDS ONLINE!

ONLINE PRE-SALE

$20 PER WRISTBAND

Available

SEPTEMBER 1
THROUGH
MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 22

ALL WRISTBANDS INCLUDE THE ACTIVATION FEES.

How It Works

After purchasing online, simply bring your QR Code to the redemption kiosk during ride hours to exchange it for that evening's wristband.

QR CODE REDEMPTION HOURS

WEDNESDAY:	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
THURSDAY:	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM*
FRIDAY:	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**Buddy Night excluded.*

ON-SITE WRISTBAND PRICES

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

$27
PER WRISTBAND

THURSDAY
★ *Buddy Night* ★

2 FOR $32
ON-SITE PURCHASE ONLY

Buddy Night wristbands are not available through the online pre-sale.

SATURDAY
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

$22
PER WRISTBAND

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

$27
PER WRISTBAND

RIDE MORE. WAIT LESS. BUY EARLY!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND WATCH FOR THE ONLINE PURCHASE LINK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1!

2026 Versailles PUMPKIN SHOW

Public Library Upcoming Events



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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!

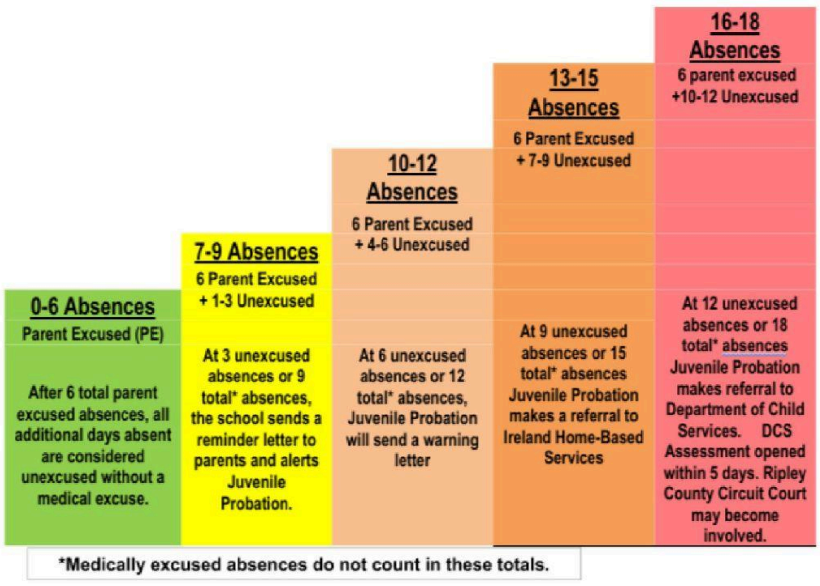
ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT MES!!!

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