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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 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 Chicken Patty 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
Tuesday 24	**Wednesday 25**	**Thursday 26**	**Friday 27**	**Monday 30**
Cinnamon Toast Sausage Link Pizza Tossed Salad Refried Beans Fruit				Pop Tart Sausage Link Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potato Carrots Roll Fruit

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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

⭐ 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
⭐ 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

CARES Central
TEACH SKILLS, OFFER SUPPORT, WATCH THEM GROW

We will not have CARES next week on November 23 and 24th. We will resume on November 30.

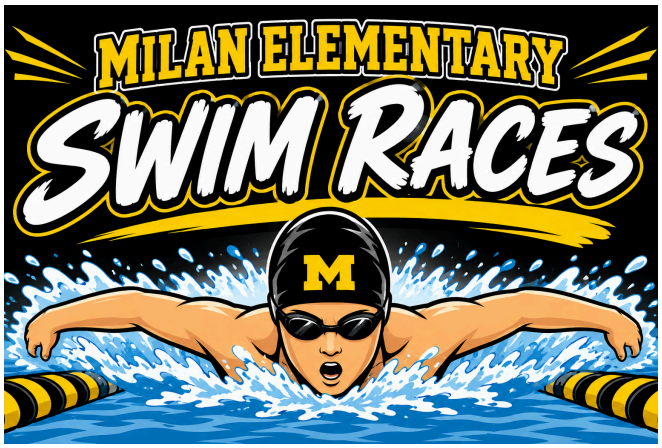
Good News Club (GNC)

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 the 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.

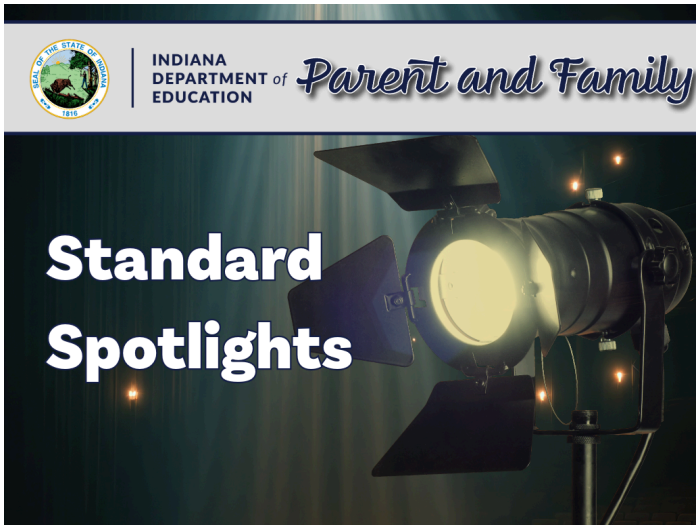
IMPORTANT CAFETERIA UPDATES

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

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If you are interested in ordering football regional champion gear, click on the link below. Orders must be placed by 3pm on Tuesday, November 17th to have them in time for Thursday/Friday.

https://milanregional26.itemorder.com/shop/home/

The Indians play at Riverton Parke on Saturday for the Semi-State Championship at 6pm. 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 be 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.

Our Lost and Found has over 90 items!!

Check out our folder to see if you have any items that belong to your child.

https://bit.ly/MESlost1126



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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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

Public Library Upcoming Events

A CHARLIE BROWN THANKSGIVING

Saturday, Nov. 21st

11:00am

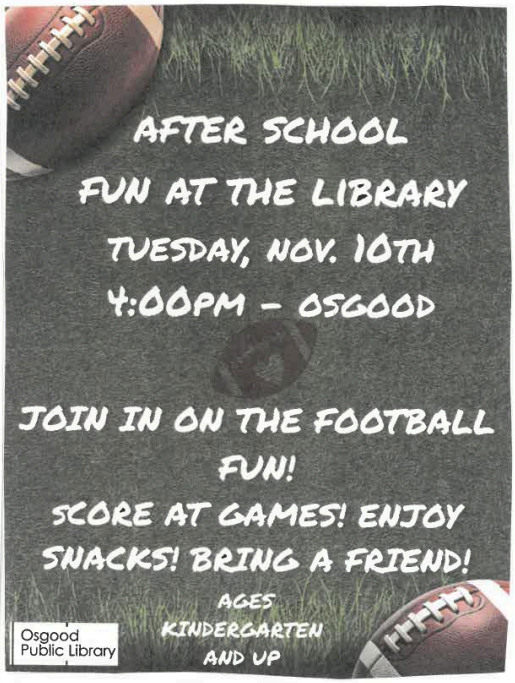
Milan Library

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

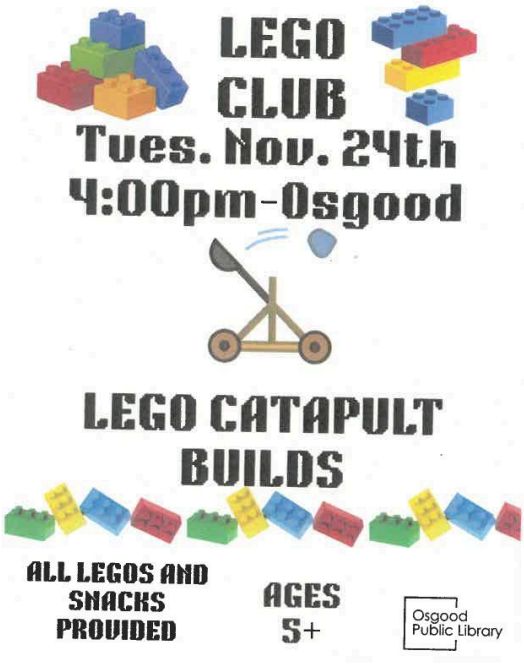
Registration is required CALL 812-689-4011

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
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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


girl scouts
Dream. Explore. Grow.
MOVIE TIME!
Join us for a
Girl Scout Sponsored
Movie Event!
The GRINCH Movie
Sunday,
November 22nd
4:00 PM
Gibson Theater
Cost: FREE!
and open to the public!
If a girl signs up for Girl Scouts, she'll receive a coupon for a FREE Snack Box!



MILAN CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

HANDMADE DECOR & GIFTS

Saturday, November 21st

10am-3pm

Milan High School
609 N Warpath Drive
Free admission!

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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!

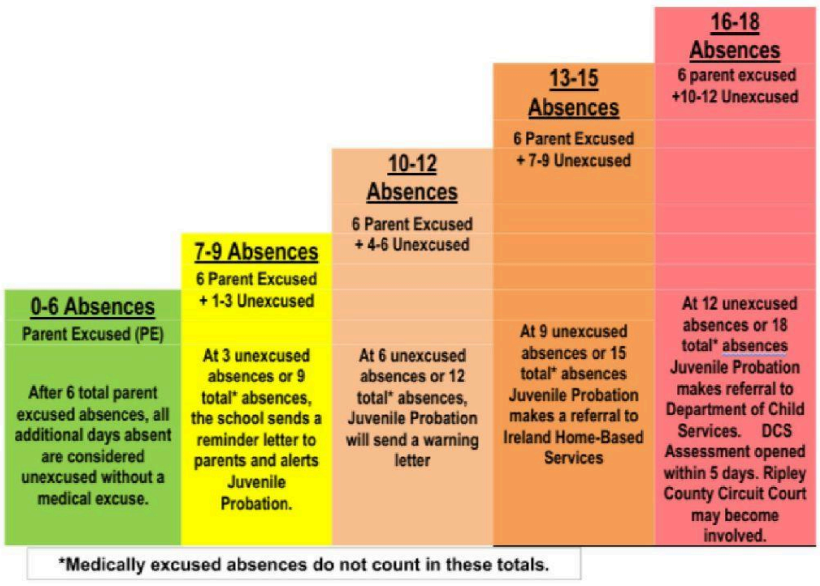
ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT MES!!!

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