Bulldog Blast

Weekly Newsletter

Let's Go Bulldogs!



Mission:
We inspire students to love learning and empower them to become valuable community members.

Vision:
Everyone thriving on a personal journey to success

Upcoming Events

No School - February 16th

No School - March 19th-20th

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Week of February 9th

Hello Bulldog Families! Thanks for another great week of learning and fun at MUES. I'm happy to share that I have returned from maternity leave! I'm grateful for your continued support and look forward to finishing the year strong with our amazing Bulldogs.

Thank you to the families that attended our conferences these past two weeks. Your support and partnership is greatly appreciated. Below you will find literacy resources to support your student.

Both 3rd grade and 5th grade had special visits from the Miami County Park District! 3rd graders explored owls and 5th graders explored FBI - fungi, bacteria and invertebrates. Be sure to ask your student what they learned!

MUHS is sponsoring the Father Daughter Dance. Please see flyer on the next page to purchase tickets.

OFFICE REMINDER: To help us maintain a safe and efficient school environment, we would like to remind families of a few important procedures:

- A valid driver's license (or government-issued photo ID) is required anytime you enter the building or sign your child out of school.
- Your registration PIN number is required to make any transportation changes.

These procedures are in place to protect all students and ensure accurate dismissal information. We are unable to call students from class or make transportation changes without the required identification or PIN.

CAR RIDERS: Remember to display your student name plate in your dashboard. Name plates on display will allow the process to run quick and efficient! Please also remember to pull all the way forward to allow as many cars to load and unload as possible.

RECESS REMINDER: Children are sent out every day unless the weather is extremely cold (20° F - taking the wind chill factor into account) or it is raining. Therefore, see that your child is dressed for the weather (slacks, boots, gloves, etc.)

LOST & FOUND: Come check the lost and found or send your student to locate lost items. It is overflowing!

MILTON-UNION ELEMENTARY

STATE TESTING

SAVE THE DATES!

- Language Arts (3rd–5th) – April 14th & 16th
- Science (5th) – April 21st & 23rd
- Math (3rd–5th) – April 28th & 30th

LET'S ROCK THE TESTS!



Join us for a magical evening at our annual Father-Daughter Dance!
This special event is designed for Milton-Union Elementary girls (K-5) to enjoy a memorable night with an important male figure in their lives. Each ticket is per family and covers one adult male (such as a father, grandfather, uncle, older brother, or any other significant male role model) plus all elementary-aged girls attending with him.
Enjoy music, dancing, photo opportunities, fun activities, and sweet moments that will last a lifetime!
Tickets:
$20 per family when purchased online/in advance: Father Daughter Dance
$25 per family at the door (cash only)





2026 LEGO Contest & Brickmaster Showcase

Join us in the new WACO Education Center – Robinson Wing!

Saturday, February 28 ✈ 10 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, March 1 ✈ 11 AM – 4 PM

Theme: *Aviation Adventures – Where Imagination Takes Flight*

Celebrate Dayton, the Birthplace of Aviation, by bringing ***Aviation Adventures*** to life with LEGO bricks. Whether you're inspired by the Wright Brother's first flyer, a World War II aircraft, supersonic jets or high-tech airplanes, this challenge is all about creativity and pushing your imagination to new heights! You can create something that really existed, design something that *might* exist one day or invent something entirely your own!

Here are a few ideas to help you get started:

Historic Flyers: Build the Wright Flyer, a barnstorming biplane, Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Electra or any aircraft that shaped aviation history.
Airports Through the Ages: Create an early grass runway, a busy modern airport or a futuristic floating air terminal in the clouds.
Mission Scenes: Show a rescue helicopter on a mission, an airshow performance, an airmail plane landing or a spacecraft preparing for launch.
Future Flight: Dream big- flying cars, solar-powered airplanes, drone taxis or anything the future might hold!
Aviation Innovations: Build engines, hangars, air-traffic control towers or your own invention!

Entry Categories: ✈ Ages 5-8 ✈ Ages 9-12 ✈ Ages 13-16 ✈ Ages 17-99 ✈ Group Builds

Contest Info Packet: Download & print details at **www.wacoairmuseum.org**

Build big, dream bold and let your *Aviation Adventures* take off!





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LITERACY RESOURCES for Families

Skill	Definition & Explanation	Activities	Links to More Family Resources
Explicit instruction in **Fluency**	An important reading skill for children is to read like they speak in everyday conversations.	Things to try at home: Ask your child to read something out loud to you Read books more than once together Ask your child to read something at the same time as you (choral reading)	5 Fluency- building Activities for families from Reading Rockets for all ages
Explicit instruction in **Vocabulary**	Part of learning to read is knowing all the words to say what you want to say.	Things to try at home: "Kids need to hear new words many times to learn them well. We work on learning new words in school, and at home you help with this skill by having conversations with your child every day. Kids learn more words from conversations at mealtimes than they do from reading with you! For example, you can ask your child about what they enjoyed most about their school day, and what they enjoyed least. You can tell them about when you were in school, or talk about your favorite place to visit. We can't wait to learn more about your family and the conversations you're having as the school year goes on."	9 tips for families to build vocabulary from Iowa Reading Research Center, All ages Supporting Young English Learners at Home - 9 family activities from Institute of Educational Sciences Book Flix: Online Books to Develop Vocabulary Skills

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Explicit instruction in **Phonological Awareness**	Part of learning to read involves knowing the names of letters and the sounds they make. For example, "This is the letter A. It makes lots of different sounds, like ay and ah."	Things to try at home: • Make letter shapes in ketchup and talk about the different sounds they make. "We work on this skill at school. You can help your child with letter names and sounds every day as well! **Add pictures of letters around the house** (on the refrigerator, in their room, on a placemat at the kitchen table) and talk about the letters and sounds they make. Tell them they are doing a great job when they say the correct letter and sound. If you have questions about what to try at home, let us know."	Help families have fun learning letters 1st Grade Family Guide for Phonological and Phonemic Awareness from Reading Rockets Books such as Doodling Dragons
Explicit instruction in **Comprehension**	It's really important, when kids are learning to read, for them to understand how words work together to tell a story or explain something.	Things to try at home: Gently correct your child if they read a word incorrectly in a way that changes the meaning of a sentence. Encourage them to slow down and sound out the word. When you misread a word, show your child how you go back and read it again so that the sentence makes sense. Everyone makes mistakes!	Video with Older Brother Helping with Kindergarten Reading Comprehension Video of Mother Encouraging Kindergarten Child's Comprehension 3rd grade: Character Consideration Activity video (and accompanying worksheet: Comprehension Worksheets for families)

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Explicit Instruction in **Phonemic Awareness**	Young children don't hear the sounds within words. They hear "dog" but not "duh"-"aw"-"guh". To become readers, they have to learn to hear these sounds.	Things to try at home: Practice the sounds in the alphabet. Use a mirror to look and talk about the way your mouth, tongue, and face look when you make certain sounds.	YouTube Video with Fun Family Games to Learn Sounds 1st Grade Reading Rockets Family Guide

Activities and Videos Supporting All Areas of Early Literacy	• PreK-1st, Daily Literacy Calendar of Ideas for Families • Dolly Parton Imagination Library: Free Books Delivered Home, PK-5 yrs • Florida Center of Reading Research Family Videos (Brown Bag Phonics, Rime House/PA, Front or Back/Phonics, and Contraction BingoVocabulary) • Family Mealtime Conversation Starters • Audiobooks to Enjoy as a Family from Noodle • Worksheets and other activities, K-1st grade

