

BULLDOG BLAST

Week of August 24th 2026

Milton-Union Vision & Mission

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

Vision:
Everyone thriving on a personal journey to success

Welcome from Principal Lane

Hello Bulldog comMUnity! Welcome to the first **Bulldog Blast of the 2026–2027 school year!**

I want to take a moment to thank you for your support and enthusiasm as we kick off a new school year. We cannot wait to see our students and staff back on campus! The entire Milton-Union Elementary staff is excited to continue growing and strengthening our relationships with our comMUnity!

Please be patient during the first few days of school as we navigate our arrival and dismissal procedures. Wait times will improve each day as everyone becomes familiar with the process.

For dismissal, please remember to display your student's name on your dashboard, ideally taped in place so it can be easily read from a distance. Please remain in your vehicle and continue to pull forward as directed. Our staff will assist students with loading and unloading. These procedures are in place to help ensure the safety of all our students.

A few other important reminders: Our school day begins at **8:00 a.m.** and ends at **3:00 p.m.** If you have a transportation change, please call the Elementary Office **before 2:00 p.m.** so we have time to notify your child and their teacher.

If your student will be absent, please notify the office by calling our **Attendance Hotline at (937) 884-7933**.

Elementary Office hours are **7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve your family and for trusting us with the education and care of your child. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year!

Mark C. Lane

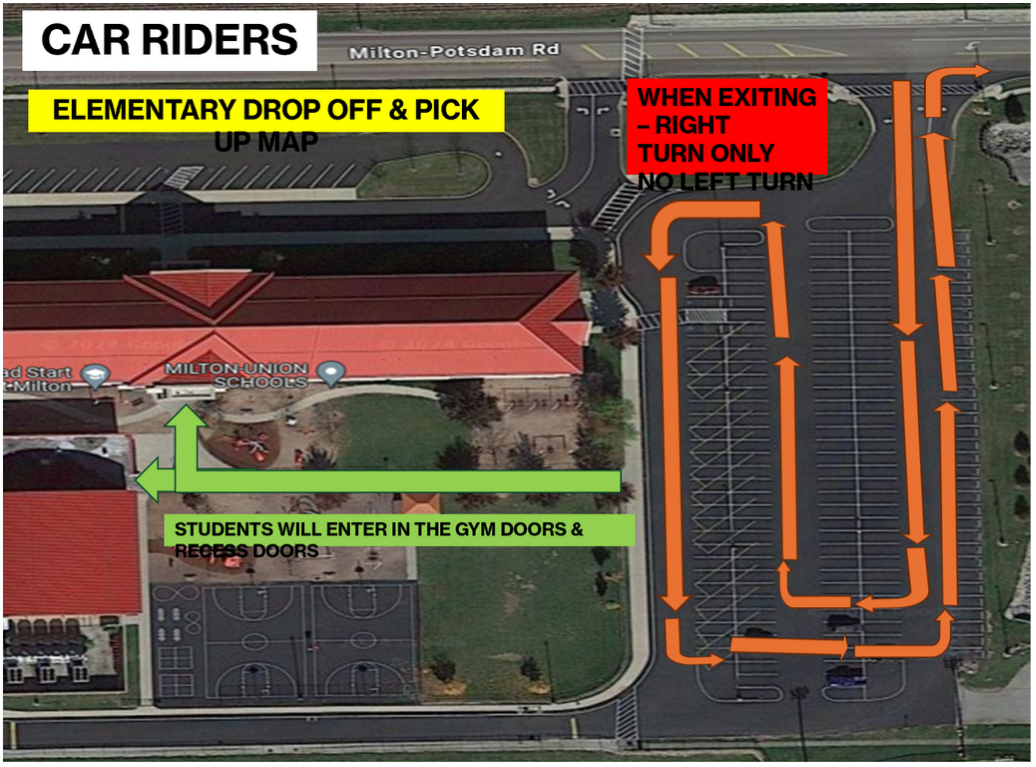
Important Upcoming Dates

OPEN HOUSE- August 24th 5-7 pm
First day of School-August 26th
FALL NIFTY FIFTY STARTS- September 1st
Labor Day September 7th - No School
Illusion Maker Assembly September 10th
Dental Clinic September 9th-18th
Lifewise Starts September 15th
Fall Picture Day September 17th
Homecoming Pep Assembly Sept. 25th



26-27 Milton-Union Pick Up/Drop Off Maps

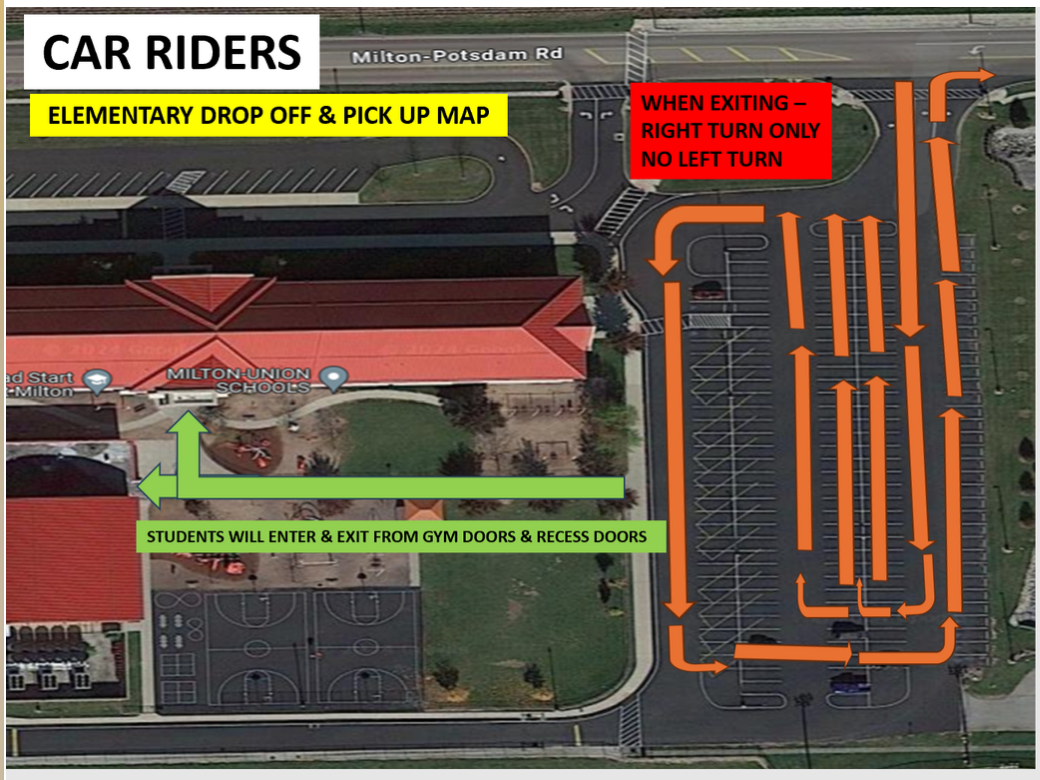
Our process for Arrival and Dismissal will stay the same as last school year. Please see the maps and explanations below for MUES Arrival and Dismissal procedures.



MUES Student Drop-off Map- 7:30-7:59
Do not drop off before 7:30 am

- Please follow the directions of the staff members on duty and **pull forward to the furthest open drop off space.**
- **Do not cut the line.**
- For safety, children must exit the car on the curbside (passenger) of the car next to the sidewalk.
- There is no parking or stopping in the drop off zone. Parents/ Guardians do not exit your car.
- Late Bell rings at 8:00 am, at this time they must go to the front office doors.

It is important to make anyone transporting your child aware of these procedures.



MUES Student Pick Up Map

Begins at 3:00 pm Parking lot does not open until 2:30 pm

- Follow the pick-up pattern outlined on the map (orange arrows)
- Pick up spots are marked by yellow cones.
- Place your pickup tag(s) on the right side of your dashboard.
- Students will be called out to your car from the playground or gym (weather dependent)
- Please follow the directions of the staff members on duty and **pull forward leaving no gaps in the line**
- **Please do not cut the line.**
- Children must enter the car on the curbside (passenger) of the car.
- Once your child is in your car you must pull out.

It is important to make anyone transporting your child aware of these procedures.

HEAD START SIBLING MEET UP AT DISMISSAL

Students who are meeting up with siblings in the head start program will meet up with those students at the athletic entrance doors.

WALKER AND BUS RIDER INFORMATION

WALKERS

Students who eat breakfast enter through the main entrance at 7:30 am.
Remaining students will enter at 7:40 am. through the main entrance and report to the Elementary Gym
Students remain in the Gym until 7:50 am.
School starts at 8:00 am.
It is highly recommended that students who do not eat breakfast do not arrive before 7:50 am.
Students who are dismissing thru Lowry will exit thru the playgournd.
Students who are dismissing to Milton-Potsdam Rd will exit out the Kindergarten doors. Kindergarten students must have a parent meet them before they are released from our staff member on duty.

BUS RIDERS

Buses arrive at 7:30 am.
Students who eat breakfast enter through the main entrance at 7:30 am.
Remaining students will enter at 7:40 am. through the main entrance and report to the Elementary Gym
Students remain in the Gym until 7:50 am.
School starts at 8:00 am.



NIFTY FIFTY ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Come to school for **50** days straight and earn a Popcorn party. Students will have their pick from **50 t**oppings to add to their popcorn! Fall Nifty Fifty will be **September 1st- November 13th.**

26-27 Milton-Union District Calendar



Milton-Union Schools — 2026-27 District Calendar

August 2026

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June 2027

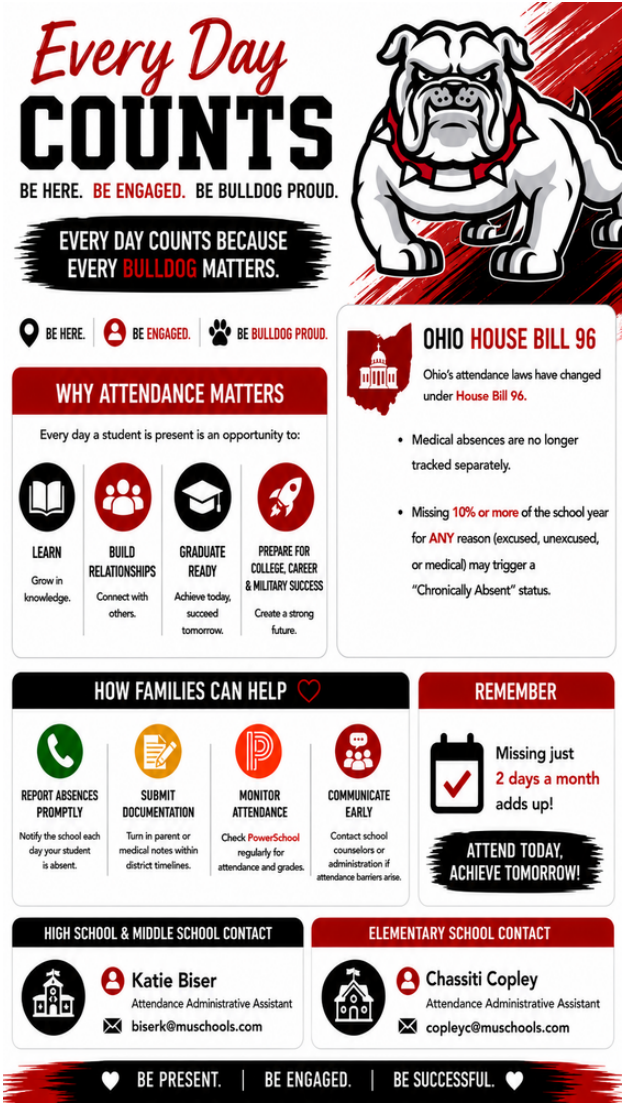
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	Miami County Fair		Quarter Three (Jan. 25 – March 24)
	Teacher Workday (No School)		Quarter Four (March 30 – May 27)
	Quarter One (Aug. 26 – Oct. 29)		Holidays & Breaks
	Quarter Two (Nov. 4 – Jan. 21)		

The School breakfast and lunch menus are accessible at muschools.com


Every Day
COUNTS
BE HERE. BE ENGAGED. BE BULLDOG PROUD.
EVERY DAY COUNTS BECAUSE EVERY BULLDOG MATTERS.
BE HERE. | BE ENGAGED. | BE BULLDOG PROUD.
WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS
Every day a student is present is an opportunity to:
LEARN
Grow in knowledge.
BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
Connect with others.
GRADUATE READY
Achieve today, succeed tomorrow.
PREPARE FOR COLLEGE, CAREER & MILITARY SUCCESS
Create a strong future.
OHIO HOUSE BILL 96
Ohio's attendance laws have changed under House Bill 96.
Medical absences are no longer tracked separately.
Missing 10% or more of the school year for ANY reason (excused, unexcused, or medical) may trigger a "Chronically Absent" status.
HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP
REPORT ABSENCES PROMPTLY
Notify the school each day your student is absent.
SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION
Turn in parent or medical notes within district timelines.
MONITOR ATTENDANCE
Check PowerSchool regularly for attendance and grades.
COMMUNICATE EARLY
Contact school counselors or administration if attendance barriers arise.
REMEMBER
Missing just 2 days a month adds up!
ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!
HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTACT
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Chassiti Copley
Attendance Administrative Assistant
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BE PRESENT. | BE ENGAGED. | BE SUCCESSFUL.



Illusion Maker Assembly September 10th



The Illusion Maker's POP QUIZ!



Delivering meaningful environmental learning through excitement, interaction, and unforgettable game-show energy students will remember long after the final question.

Cub Scouts Pack 285

Scouting America



CUB SCOUTS

Help your child build strength & character through Cub Scout adventures.

We are welcoming new scouts, boys and girls grades K-5th. Serving youth from Troy, Tipp City, West Milton, Bethal & Other Miami County School Districts

Sunday 8/30
1:30-3:30pm
WACO Field in Troy

Come launch model rockets!
Learn about Cub Scouts and how to join.

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Evanwjackson@gmail.com

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