

August 13, 2019

Dear William E. Miller Elementary Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to the Bend-La Pine School District and William E. Miller Elementary School! As September approaches, we know that your child is excited, and maybe a little anxious, about attending school. In order to provide a positive first experience at Miller for both you and your child we will begin the school year with a staggered start. **You and your child will attend the first day of kindergarten on either Wednesday, September 4 or Thursday, September 5.**

On the day you choose, you and your kindergarten student will come to school by 7:55 am to be ready for an 8:00 am start time. Parents will attend a morning meeting with the teachers while students learn about how we do things at Miller and play on the playground with our kindergarten Educational Assistants. When the parent meeting has ended, parents will leave and students will stay for a full day of school, until 2:30 PM. Your child's teacher will explain pick-up procedures at the meeting. **On Friday, September 6, all kindergarten students will follow the regular school-day schedule: 8:00 am – 2:30 pm. Parents will not attend on this day.**

If it is at all possible that your child will take the bus to or from school at some point this year, please stop by the office or call us at 541-355-2500 to get a bus form. School buses will begin running their routes on the first day of school - Wednesday, September 4, but we suggest you bring your kindergartener and pick him/her up on the staggered start day you choose to attend. Bus information and schedules are available on the Bend-La Pine Schools web site at <https://www.bend.k12.or.us/district/parents/school-buses>. Bend – La Pine Schools offers a Winnie the Pooh Bus Safety Program for all new kindergarten students and their parents. These programs will be offered on August 15 and 16 at 1:00 pm and 6 pm and August 17 at 9:30 am at the new Transportation Department, 501 SE 2nd Street. Call 541-355-5702 with questions.

Classroom assignments will be posted at the front of the school on Wednesday, August 28, at 1:00 pm. You are welcome to join the annual excitement and come by to view the class lists but please note this is not a time to visit with teachers. This is their time to prepare for the beginning of a new school year. I know it is tempting, so thank you for respecting their time.

On Thursday, August 29, you can attend a New Family Welcome Event at 1:30 pm and then

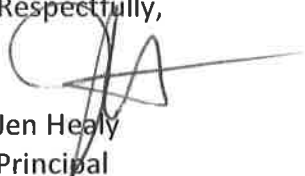
meet your child's teacher at our Meet the Teacher event from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. At that time, please bring your school supplies and sign up for either September 4th or 5th for your staggered start day with your child's teacher. Also, you may visit the office to take care of any missing/changed enrollment information that you need to update and sign up for a Parent Vue account which will allow you to pay online for school lunches and other fees that come up. Or, you can take care of these things on the first day of school.

School Supply lists can be found online at <https://www.bend.k12.or.us/miller/news-events/news/2019/06/2019-20-school-supplies>. They are listed by grade level.

If you received this letter and your child will NOT be attending Miller Elementary, please call our office at 541-355-2500. Thank you!

It will be an exciting year at Miller! We hope to see you on August 29 for our Meet the Teacher event. In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to call our office at 541-355-2500.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jen Healy', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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