



# MUSTANG NEWS



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## Upcoming Events....

- Apr 1-3 – State Mandated Testing (grades 2 -8)
- Apr 8 – Elementary Field Day
- Apr 9-13 – *No School, Spring Break*
- Apr 14 – Elementary Regional Track Meet
- Apr 15 – Kindergarten Round-UP
- Apr 20-May 8 – DIBELS Testing
- Apr 23 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation 6:00 PM
- Apr 24 – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- Apr 29 – May 1 – Middle School Camping Trip
- May 4 - 15 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Benchmarks



It's that time again to order scrip. This is the **last** order for the school year so make it work for Miles!!

This round we are concentrating on **gas and groceries!!** The average family spends \$100-\$300 in groceries and \$40.00-100.00 in gas each month depending on your needs, the cost of gas and how many cars your family drives. Simply filter the money through Scrip without any added expense from you and Miles E.L.C. and your child's education will benefit!

**ORDER FORMS ARE ATTACHED!**

All orders are due **Wednesday, April 22nd (Earth Day!)**. You can save paper and order directly through the website [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) by filling in an easy form and using our enrollment code

**E37BA72819561**. The site is Miles E.L.C. (be sure to write a check or money order made out to Miles E.L.C. that matches the amount you ordered and turn it in to the office by Feb 11th\*\*).

If you turn it in to your child's teacher, call the office at the end of the day to make sure it was turned in!! We are not formally collecting these within the classroom.

You can also go online at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) to look at the complete list, jot down those merchants you already shop with and add it to the attached form.

Thanks to the families and staff who participated in the last round!!

\*\*We will call or email when the cards come in to be picked up in the office.

Because these cards work like cash, we **WILL NOT** send cards home with your children.



**PE News**  
By Don Guerra

Here comes spring, which means here comes the sun. Overexposure to the sun can cause serious health problems such as skin cancer, cataracts, and suppression of the immune system, it is estimated that 50 - 80% of total lifetime sun exposure occurs before the age of 18. The time children spend outside the classroom, including recess, lunch, physical education classes, field trips and after-school activities, can result in a significant amount of sun exposure. I will be implementing *SunWise*, a sun safety curriculum that provides students with information and support they need to be sun safe. At Miles, we recognize that the cumulative effect of everyday sun exposure matters!

Please help us reinforce the SunWise messages that the children will be learning in PE/Health class and encourage them to:

- Limit time in midday sun
- Seek shade
- **Always use sunscreen**
- **Wear a hat**
- Cover up
- **Wear sunglasses**
- Watch for the UV index

I am starting a raffle jar for students who exhibit SunWise behavior. Those who wear hats, sunscreen, or sunglasses will be given coupons for a daily drawing until the end of the year. Please encourage your child to participate!

We are committed to making our school sun safe by providing this instruction. The addition of a second shaded ramada on our playground also gives students another safe place to play during breaks.

Field Day is fast approaching and I will be looking for volunteers to help facilitate at the different stations. Please consider joining the fun! Elementary Field Day will be Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-10:45 A.M. You can contact me at [don.guerra@tusd1.org](mailto:don.guerra@tusd1.org) Thanks for your support!



**A Word from the Health Office**  
By Cheryl Land & Pat Ward

Many parents have received immunization referrals for their child. If you have received one, please get an appointment as soon as possible to get your child's immunizations up to date. Once they have received the shots, bring the record to the health office and we will make copies and input the information into the computer. Students will not be able to register/get their schedule for high school until their shots are up to date. We have had many phone calls from parents saying their child IS up to date, but we were never given the updated information. Usually the only record we have is from when your child started Kindergarten and many have gone to the doctor since then. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the health office @ 225-2217. Thanks!



**ENRICHMENT**

Do you have a special talent? Then Miles after-school enrichment program wants you! We are currently looking for instructors for the fall 2009 semester. The classes are one hour a week right after school. You can choose the subject and the day of the week. The pay is not too bad either.

If you are interested, please contact Cheryl ASAP @ 225-2217. Thanks



**24-Hour Attendance Line**  
**225-2202**

**Please call when your child will be absent from or late to school. You can also email at [sheila.greene@tusd1.org](mailto:sheila.greene@tusd1.org) Thank you.**

Amazing to feel the emergence of spring and watch the calendar zoom towards the end of yet another school year! The following is an overview of art projects-in-progress with students in a variety of classes during 4th quarter:

**Preschool:**

In January, students began by making their very own paper mache and Model Magic tiles snake in order to learn about mosaics. Next, students created a large, paper mache lizard together complete with Model Magic mosaic pieces to get ready for their outdoor lizard project. We are currently making the last batch of ceramic tiles to include in our overall mosaic work which will completely cover the cement lizard which lives in the preschool playground. (This lizard was made last year with Mike's help as is a bench of sorts!). Middle school students from the afternoon garden classes are on board to help preschoolers install the remaining tiles once these are fired and ready to adhere. Our lizard will look like it slithered over from Barcelona straight out of a Gaudi park to join us at Miles! For the remaining weeks left of 4th quarter, preschoolers will be making additions to the painted wall mural in the preschool area.

**ROOM #1**

A display of the fabulous hand-made cactus garden is located in the library windows for all to enjoy! In addition, Room #1 students created lively cactus-haired puppets which will be coming to the display area soon. This quarter, Room #1 is learning about balance. For our first art exploration, students created a delicately balanced assemblage sculpture using a sand-filled small bottle and a variety of toys. We all had equal amounts of fun and frustration as students grappled with the laws of equilibrium. (Yes, sometimes, the sculptures crashed a time or two before the students 'got it' just right!!!) Students will continue to explore the rhyme and reason of balance through a series of projects including wind chimes.

**ROOM #3**

Students have been learning all about the elements of drawing faces for the past several weeks. Their whimsical paper-people-puppets are currently displayed in their classroom along with a story each student wrote about their special puppet person. Currently, the group is working on a multi-layered background for their final portrait project for the year. As in the past, Miss Sonia will put up a display of student's amazing mixed-media, framed portraits in the library later in the quarter.

**"A" Team**

Students in both "A" classes are collaborating to create batik-like fabric banners for display in the Miles cafeteria. Michelle's students are making the background cloths while the older group of students from Miss Allison's class is creating the drawings for a series of fabric squares which will be adhered and sewn onto the backing cloth. We have begun this project by working on paper versions of the final project so that all participants understand how our fabric creations will unfold.

**Middle School**

Participants in both Rebecca and Rose's Garden Classes have been hard at work creating ceramic tile for a water-related mosaic mural which will be installed very soon on the walls of the 'secret garden'. The imagery is primarily ocean-esque replete with fish, seaweed, jelly fish and an octopus or two. The idea was to create an environment for contemplation related to water in the desert. This mural will be Phase I of a longer process, of course. The secret garden has a lot of wall space so we are all planning on the unfolding of a Phase 2 by other Miles students next year.



## **Volunteers**

**Volunteers needed for the Fall Catalogue fundraiser.** We need a few parents who are interested in being the organizers of the fall fundraiser. This fundraiser raises money for the special projects of the school..... like the garden, playground equipment and mini-grants to the teachers. Please stop by and talk to Sheila at the front office. We need your help. Thanks in advance for volunteering.



We are having a serious problem in our bus bay area (East side of school) during afternoon pickup time. Cars are parking in the bus bay area preventing the buses from pulling up to pickup children. Be aware that if you are parking in a bus designated area, you can be towed or ticketed.

Thanks to the following parents, students, faculty, and community members who volunteered over 459.6 hours in March.

Rolando Rivera, Sergio Castro, Rosanna Lievanos, Carrie Gilbraith, Cyndi LaFrese, Becky Witte, Brandan Moriddin, Rachel Eng, Anna Woods, BettyLou Gelt, Maria Garcia, Kira Renden, Marissa Pazos, Katie Cox, Brittany Kosur, Brooke Willock, Meghan Doyle, Roslyn Miller, Lucette Barber, Valerie Phillips, Heather Volpe, Pam Kern, Pat James, Barbara Roth, Anita Natividad, Kate Hiller, Carrie Cloud-Pace, Mary Wilson, Nicole Nyetrae, Lauren Longford, Susan Baxter, Amy Zenizo, Alex Fenske, Bridget Barber, Jessica Josephberg, Danielle Fradette, Libby Coon, Holl-Lee Huffman, Torry, Katrina Miller, Kim Elliott, Monica Brinkerhoff, Kerstin Meyers, Rebecca Schaefer, Laurie Mulcahy, Haley O’Sullivan, Linsay LaPresto, Barbara Hamdan, Alison Frye, Teresa Driver, Kayte Murtagh, Breanna Lance.

If you volunteered and your name is not mentioned above, please be sure to sign in on the pink volunteer sheet in the office. Thanks again!

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## **Miles’ Volunteers**