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The Eagle Express

Dear Patrons

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday. The nice weather over the Holiday sure made it hard to believe we are approaching December. Looking at the forecast, we may soon be reminded what the weather is suppose to be like this time of year! School closing information is included on a separate page in this newsletter.

Updating Your Contact Information

It is often necessary for the school to make contact with parents. This might be for illness, early school closings due to weather, disciplinary issues, to schedule meetings and in some cases for emergencies. All too often, we have outdated information in our computers. It is very important that we be able to contact parents or have alternate contact numbers. Please contact the school offices if you have changed phone numbers, jobs or moved to a new address.

Calendar Change

Monday, January 4th, 2010 is now a non-student day – this is a change from our original calendar. The staff will be involved in an in-service with the staffs from Seward and Centennial.

Annual Report

The District's 2008-09 Annual Report can be found on our website in the District Office link at www.milfordpublicschools.org. This report is intended to share information on the District's financial activity, students and staff. You will see that the majority of the information is based on the 2008-09 school year. The District's budget calendar is September through August and a yearly independent audit is completed every October. So the numbers you see for 2009-10 are budgeted numbers and have not been confirmed by our certified auditors.

School Board

January 17th - 23rd is Nebraska School Board Recognition Week. Your elected members of the Milford Board of Education are Terri Buchli, Larry Lindquist, Tony Roth, Jim Stahly, Karen Stauffer and Dave Welsch. These individuals do a tremendous job for our district.

In closing, please check out the calendar of events so you can come support the students and staff as they do a great job of representing Milford Public Schools.

Kevin Wingard
Superintendent

Principally Speaking....T.J. Meyer

JOHN BAYLOR TEST REVIEW

This is the second year that our school has provided Baylor Test Review for our senior students who plan to take the ACT. John Baylor provided our students seven, ninety-minute review sessions to help our students prepare for the test. Last year our students showed an average increase of two points on their score after participating in the sessions. Some students showed an increase of four to five points. For many of our students, this resulted in a significant increase in scholarship money. I am thankful that our school board and Mr. Wingard have agreed to make this available to our students.

SEMESTER TESTS

This year we will be coordinating our semester tests at the junior and senior high school. The teachers have developed tests that will assess students on the material they feel is most important and that they expect our students to retain. Oftentimes students are allowed to forget the material once they have taken the chapter or unit test, so by giving students semester tests they will be encouraged to retain the essential material. To emphasize this, teachers have been reviewing the essential material throughout the semester.

We also feel that semester tests will be a valuable tool for teachers. By evaluating how students do, teachers will be able to see what students have learned and decide if there are areas that they may have to re-teach. As with any new initiative, I am sure that we will learn some things the first time around.

In order to accommodate semester tests, we have adjusted the end of the semester schedule. The schedule is listed on the next page. The test days will be Thursday, December 17, and Friday, December 18. You will notice that the odd periods will be held the first day and the even periods the second day. Each period will be seventy-five minutes in length with a few breaks and study time built into each day. School will be dismissed for the junior and senior high at 2:35 both days. Monday, December 21, will serve as a make-up day if we should happen to have a snow day on either one of the test days. Students absent on either day will make-up their tests on Monday, December 21, or Tuesday, December 22. Students may also arrange to take tests ahead of time if they know they will be absent on the designated test dates.

Students who have FOCUS are not required to report to class until 9:00 on Thursday, December 17. Students must be in their FOCUS classroom by 9:00. FOCUS students may come prior to 9:00 if they would like to get help from teachers. If students choose to do so, they must report to their FOCUS classroom upon arriving at school. Students who have a 3rd period class other than FOCUS must report to class by 8:15.

If you have any questions regarding semester tests, please feel free to call me at school.

SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

Several of our students participated in the Southern Nebraska Conference Sportsmanship Summit or the NSAA Sportsmanship Summit during the past few months. At the sportsmanship summits, students had the opportunity to listen to a number of speakers address positive sportsmanship. I believe our students came home with some good ideas, and they are ready to go for the winter sports season.

Our students did an excellent job of supporting the fall sports teams in a positive manner. A large part of this, I believe, can be attributed to the sportsmanship committee formed a couple of years ago. The students on this committee, along with the upperclassmen, have shown great leadership in this area. Keep up the great work!!

The sportsmanship committee has begun planning for the Pink Out event that is scheduled for Friday, January 29, at the home basketball game. Community members may purchase shirts through the high school office to help raise funds for the Seward County cancer awareness program. This will be the second year the committee has sponsored this event. Last year this event was a huge success as we were able to donate nearly \$1700. I would like to thank the sponsors and students involved in FCCLA, FBLA, and the Sportsmanship Committee that worked together to make this event possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

I would encourage you to check out the school calendar included in the newsletter. There are many events that will take place during the next few months. Not only does the winter sports season begin, but there are a number of concerts and other events as well.

I wish everyone a happy holiday season and I hope you enjoy the winter break!

Day One – Thursday, December 17

JH Schedule		HS Schedule	
Time	Period	Time	Period
8:15 - 9:30	Period 3	8:15 - 9:30	Period 3
9:30 - 9:40	Break	9:30 - 9:40	Break
9:40 - 10:55	Period 1	9:40 - 10:55	Period 1
10:55 - 11:05	Break	11:00 - 12:15	Period 5
11:05 - 11:35	Study Time	12:15 - 12:45	Lunch
	5th Period Class	12:45 - 1:15	Study Time
11:35 - 12:05	Lunch		5th Period Class
12:05-1:15	Period 5	1:20-2:35	Period 7
1:20-2:35	Period 7		

Day Two – Friday, December 18

JH Schedule		HS Schedule	
Time	Period	Time	Period
8:15-9:30	Period 2	8:15-9:30	Period 2
9:30 - 9:40	Break	9:30-9:40	Break
9:40-10:55	Period 4	9:40-10:55	Period 4
10:55-11:05	Break	11:00-12:15	Period 6
11:05-11:35	Study Time	12:15-12:45	Lunch
	6th Period Class	12:45-1:15	Study Time
11:35-12:05	Lunch		6th Period Class
12:05-1:15	Period 6	1:20-2:35	Period 8
1:20-2:35	Period 8		



Milford Public Schools
2009-2010

School Closing Information

School closings, late starts, and emergency early dismissals are announced on the radio, District Web Page (www.milford-publicschools.org), district phone and television.

Television - KOLN Channel 10/11 CBS and KLKN Channel 8
Radio Stations – KFOR 1240 am, 106.3 KFRX, 96 KX, EAGLE 92.9, MY 106.3,
1480 ESPN am, KLIN 1400 am, Froggy 98.1, B107.3, WOW 105.3, and KFAB 1110 am

When schools are closed, what happens to evening activities?

When schools are closed or must dismiss students early due to weather conditions, all evening activities are canceled. This includes sporting events, Community College classes and other special events.

If schools are closed on a Friday, the Superintendent will make a decision on whether Saturday activities will be held. This decision will be announced to the public via radio and TV.

FROM MRS. PRINCIPAL:

I trust you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving, and now we have only a few weeks before our Christmas break. We are having a good year in our school, though it is going quite rapidly! Every week and every day we are learning new concepts and skills.

Dress for Safety and Warmth

Fall and winter bring drastic changes in weather conditions in Nebraska. This can present problems for children at school if they don't wear appropriate clothing. Unless the temperature, including the wind chill, is below 25-30 degrees, and/or other extreme weather conditions (snow/rain) prevent it, every attempt is made to provide fresh air and outside exercise for children during the day. With this in mind, it is important that children wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather. Appropriate clothing should include a winter coat with a zipper that works, a hat that covers the ears, and gloves or mittens for their hands. Your cooperation in providing these is appreciated. Also, just a reminder to label your children's clothes. We accumulate many lost items during the winter months. It would be much easier to return them if they are labeled with the child's first and last name.

Breakfast Program

The breakfast program is available to all children. Breakfast costs only \$1.10 and always includes juice and cereal plus another breakfast item such as scrambled eggs, toast, etc. Breakfast is served 7:50-8:10. It is important that children go directly to the lunchroom to finish eating before 8:10, so that they are not tardy for their class. No breakfast will be served when we have a late start due to the weather. Our assumption on those days is that children have had time to eat at home, and the cooks have begun preparing lunch.

Sportsmanship

We are also moving into a season of winter sports and special programs that will take place in the auditorium. At school we will be reminding children of appropriate behaviors at sporting and special events. Please help us to teach children these behaviors.

At sporting events:

1. Remember that you are there to learn about the sport and support the players.
2. Sit in the bleachers, leaving only at break times.
3. Do not act silly in order to attract attention or annoy people around you.
4. Do not run around and/or play in the halls.

At auditorium programs:

1. Be seated at all times during programs, leaving only at intermission times. Please do not allow your children to run up and down the aisles as that is a distraction to others in the auditorium.
2. Do not put your feet on the seats.
3. Do not talk or make noise during the program to distract the presenters or annoy those people around you.
4. No food or drink is allowed in the auditorium. This includes bottled beverages, snacks for little children and sippy cups. Help us keep our wonderful auditorium clean and comfortable.

It is hard for children to stay focused on learning when there are so many things to distract them during the month of December! Teachers try very hard to connect both the instruction and the holiday excitement in order to maximize learning! Please check the school calendar and any backpack letters to be informed about upcoming events. Have a very blessed time with those you care about most during this holiday time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Elem Principal Cont.

To emphasize the correlation of reading to students' learning, I close by sharing the following "math problem" with you.

Why Can't I Skip My
Twenty Minutes of Reading Tonight?
(Author unknown)

Let's figure it out--mathematically!

Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of every week;
Student B reads only 4 minutes a night...or not at all!

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night \times 5 times a week.
Student A reads 20 min. \times 5 times a week = 100 mins./week
Student B reads 4 min. \times 5 times a week = 20 minutes/week

Step 2: Multiply minutes a week \times 4 weeks each month.
Student A reads 400 minutes a month.
Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

Step 3: Multiply minutes a month \times 9 months/school year.
Student A reads 3600 min. in a school year.
Student B reads 720 min. in a school year.

Student A practices reading the equivalent of ten whole school days a year.
Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.

By the end of 6th grade if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits,
Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days.
Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.

One would expect the gap of information retained will have widened considerably and so, undoubtedly, will school performance.

Questions to ponder:

Which student would you expect to read better?

Which student would you expect to know more?

Which student would you expect to write better?

Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?

Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...in life?



Kindergarten Registration for 2010-2011

Current Nebraska Law states that a child must be 5 years of age on or before October 15th, 2010 to be eligible for kindergarten. To assist the school in planning for next year, Letters of Intent will soon be mailed to those parents who have eligible kindergarten children. The information we have comes from the District census database. If you have a child eligible but do not receive a letter during the month of January, please call the elementary office at 761-2408. This information is not a binding commitment to send your child to Milford Public Schools, but only an indication about your intent at this point in time.

Counselor Notes:

Many things have occurred in the counseling office this semester. College representative visits, PSAT administration, testing, military recruiters, a financial aid night for students and parents, and scholarship information are just a few of the activities that have kept us busy so far.

I have answered many questions from seniors lately about earning scholarships, filling out applications, improving test scores, and preparing for life outside Milford High School's walls. I encourage you as parents to be involved in what your son/daughter wants to do after graduation. If your child is considering college as an option after high school, he/she should be applying now. Many colleges have application deadlines for admissions as well as general scholarships.

For many scholarships, community service and volunteerism are major components in the selection process, along with coursework and abilities. Get involved! Most colleges and universities would like applications to be completed on-line. Get to your computer! Taking challenging courses during the senior year will assist students in improving test scores. Get ahead! Visiting campuses, asking college representatives questions, and finding potential employers are all important things to consider as the new year begins. Get organized!

For parents of juniors, it's never too early to start considering what your child wants to do with his/her life. Don't wait until the senior year to take the ACT or other tests that might determine scholarships. Become a volunteer. Make extra-curricular activities a part of the school day. Take challenging courses. Consider advanced courses through SCC.

For underclassmen, the best advice I can give is to get involved in Milford High School and in Milford, take challenging courses, work hard, and start thinking ahead. Graduation isn't that far away!

I encourage all parents and students to access my manila web page. It is a work in progress that lists scholarship information, financial aid websites, college searches, career resources, etc. I update scholarships weekly. This is a quick way for you to keep current on what scholarships have crossed my desk. I have had problems recently with uploading scholarships to my manila webpage. The "Scholarships II" tab has current scholarships, but your senior should look on the office window for an updated scholarships listing. Folks at the ESU are looking into my page problems. Hopefully it will be fixed soon! Access this webpage at this address: <http://manila.esu6.org/kfields/>

Upcoming important dates:

December 31 - Get your PIN!

EducationQuest Foundation encourages seniors and senior parents to have acquired personal identification numbers for filling out FAFSA paperwork by this date. Both students and parents should have separate PINs. Having the PIN before scheduling an appointment with EducationQuest for assistance in filling out the FAFSA is important. You can apply for your PIN at this website: www.pin.ed.gov.

Financial Aid Form Due

Senior parents and students -- Don't delay in filling out your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Forms may be filed after January 1, 2009. Many colleges and universities prefer having application results before February 1 so financial aid can be figured for your son/daughter. You may apply free at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you want free assistance in filling out your FAFSA, contact Education Quest at 800-303-3745 or 402-475-5222 to schedule an appointment.

In-Service Days or No School Days - College Visits

Whenever there is a teacher in-service day or there is a no school day marked on the calendar, that would be a great time to make a college visit! Try to visit on days when college is in session so you can meet students and professors. Christmas Break will not be the ideal time to do this because college students and professors are on break, too.

Any time - Selective Service Registration

All males must register within six months after 18th birthday. Males will be denied federal aid for college if they fail to register. Register at www.sss.gov.

SNC Sportsmanship Mission Statement

The Southern Nebraska Conference recognizes the importance of sportsmanship at all activities. Sportsmanship is modeling honor and respect through positive leadership by all participants and spectators.

Expectations

Sportsmanship is:

1. Playing by the Rules
2. Winning and Losing with Class
3. Respecting all Participants
4. Cheering Positively at all Times



High Ability Learner Nominations

Each year the Milford Public Schools uses a combination of standardized and non-standardized measures to identify High Ability Learners within the district. The identification process consists of a review of norm-referenced tests; teacher, parent, and student referrals; and district benchmark assessments.

High Ability Learners are those students who demonstrate high performance capabilities in intellectual, creative, artistic, or academic fields. In order to develop fully these capabilities, differentiated instruction beyond that normally provided may be offered. This differentiated instruction is designed to occur within and during the regular classroom instruction.

If you would like to nominate your child (Grades 3-12) and have them considered for the program, you may obtain a parent nomination form from the district office. Completed forms should be returned to the Curriculum Director at the district office. New nominations will be considered by the High Ability Learner committee during their next regular meeting. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mark Olson at the district office (402.761.3321) or molson@esu6.org.

PowerSchool Statistics

PowerSchool is a great resource for both parents and students in terms of monitoring student progress on a regular basis. The following data is for the time span of 8/19/09-11/25/09.

Total logins by parents: 2200

Total logins by students: 22

Number of students whose records were accessed: 230/754

Avg. number of student logins per day: 0

Avg. number of parent logins per day: 22

Number of parents signed up to receive progress reports via email: 57

If you don't have a username and password for powerschool, call Julie @ the elementary office 761-2408 or Kim @ the high school office 761-2525

Milford Fine Arts Booster Club



The Milford Fine Arts Boosters kicked off the school year with a hot dog, nachos, and soda booth for Milford Fun Days. All proceeds went towards the Chicago Band/Vocal trip in 2011. Thank you to all parents, students, and patrons who supported the food booth.

At the August 31 meeting officers were elected for the upcoming school year. Kimberly Rempel is serving as president, Lori Johnson as vice president, and Deb Stahly as secretary/treasurer.

Band and choir members have been selling Pizza Kitchen discount cards for \$10. These cards offer discounts for food purchases every time you eat at Pizza Kitchen. If you haven't bought a card yet, it is not too late! Ask a band or choir member or call the school and a card will be delivered to you. We'd like to thank Pizza Kitchen owner, Roger Wittrock, for supporting the fine arts with his generosity each year. The cost of the cards is pure profit for the band and choir members to help defray the cost of the Chicago trip. Cookie dough sales will begin in January.

Mr. Sean Nutzman has had a busy November with the One Act play, "Booby Trap" by Ed Monk. Performances were held in Milford on November 7. Conferences soon followed at Fillmore Central on November 16. At the time of publishing results were not available. We wish them luck at district competition in Seward on December 4. Concert choir showed their patriotism with their performance at the Veteran's Day Assembly on November 11. The entertaining musical Disney's Aladdin was performed by the junior high vocal students on November 13 and 14.

Instrumental music is off and running again this year. Mr. Phil Goddard has 104 students in the High School band and 85 in the Junior High band. The H.S. Marching Band placed 5th in their division in both the Applejack Festival in Nebraska City and the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island. The High School Band will turn their attention to Pep Band and their Winter Concert on December 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. The Junior High Band provided entertainment for a very windy and cold homecoming game and is now focused on getting ready for their winter concert. It will be held December 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. At the elementary school, Mr. Goddard started 48 fifth graders in September and they joined 49 sixth grade Band students for a concert on November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

The Fine Arts Boosters provided all incoming freshmen with a Band t-shirt again this year and we see more and more students sporting them in and out of school events. This fall the Boosters also provided every high school and junior high Band student with a special luggage tag for their instrument cases. With the growing Band it really helps to have every case labeled!

Mrs. Audrey Mathiesen is currently organizing and coaching her 32 speech students (4 seniors, 6 juniors, 5 sophomores, and 17 freshmen) for the upcoming speech season. The team will be having three OID's and duets this year due to the NSAA rule change that now allows each team to take two OID's and two duets to conference and districts. The OID and duet auditions were held, teams have been cast and rehearsals have begun. The speech season will actually begin this year on Saturday, December 19, when they participate in the UNL tournament. The speech schedule is as follows. (It is not correct on the school calendar or the purple activity calendar.)

Jan. 16, 2010 Sat.	Raymond Central High School
Jan. 23, 2010 Sat.	Concordia University
Jan. 30, 2010 Sat.	TBA or work day
Feb. 6, 2010 Sat.	Crete High School
Feb. 13, 2010 Sat.	North Star High School
Feb. 20, 2010 Sat.	Milford High School
Feb. 24, 2010 Wed.	Conference @ David City High School
Feb. 27, 2010 Sat.	Districts @ Norris High School
Mar. 18, 2010 Thurs.	State @ UNK, Kearney



Please plan to attend our next meeting on January 18 at 7:00 pm in the high school music room. We will be discussing our spring events and making plans for concessions for the Milford Speech Invite, and Junior High Music Contest. These events are worthy of your help. We will also be discussing our support for the musical and COPA. Come share your ideas. The students involved in the fine arts appreciate your support.



SPEECH



The 2009-2010 speech team has begun its preparation for the upcoming season. The team will kick off its season by attending the University of Nebraska Speech Tournament on Saturday, December 19, in Lincoln. This year there has been a huge change in NSAA rules that allows each team to enter two duet-acting teams and two oral interpretations of drama teams at districts. As in the past two entries of all other events will also be allowed at districts. Since SNC follows the district rules, two of every event will be allowed in conference as well. Those students who auditioned and qualified for the duet and drama teams are: returning state finalists, Jacob Weber and Justin Larsen; freshmen Sean Stahly and Brook Rakow; and freshman, Aaron Steckly and senior, Larisa Roth. Drama team members are: team X-mas - Amy Jeppesen, Andi Kontor, Aaron Steckly, Britton Troyer, and Megan Leininger; team Snow - Caitlynn Christensen, Alex Ficke, Jessy Eggerling, Sam Rogge, and Sean Stahly; and team H-man - Sam Olson, Trey Frey, Racquel Luethke, Bryanna Arena, and Jill Olson. Many of the duet and drama team members will also be doing other individual events. Other team members who will fill up the events of informative, persuasive, extemporaneous, entertainment, serious prose, humorous prose, and poetry this year include: Aaron Hostetler, Lacey Lubken, Semjid Bayanmunkh, Elise Remple, Zac Compton, Sarah Hostetler, Morgan McNally, Jayden Roth, Sharon Skutchan, Bryli Troyer, and Mekenna Wingard. Helping coach the team again this year will be Wesleyan student, Christopher Sander.



Upcoming Music Programs

All programs held in the high school auditorium unless otherwise noted

- Kindergarten-1st Grade - Monday December 14 - 7:00 p.m.
- High School Winter Concert - Thursday December 17 - 7:30 p.m.
- 5th thru 12th Grade Band Concert - **North High School Gym** - February 11 - 7:30 p.m.
- 2nd-3rd Grade - Tuesday February 16 - 7:00 p.m.
- 6th Grade with Eagle Singers - Thursday April 1 - 7:00 p.m.



NOTE:

Any high school graduate (**from 2005-2001**) that was also in special education and would like a copy of their SPED file, please contact the high school office 761-2525 with your name and address to have the file sent to you, or stop by the school after 3:30 pm and pick it up. Special Education files (from 2005-2001) not picked up by the end of this school year will be destroyed.

Milford Post Prom April 24, 2010

Junior and Senior Parents are needed to serve on Post Prom committees such as decorating, fundraising, food, entertainment, or pictures. If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact: Becky Kalkwarf 826-2921.

An organizational meeting will be held **Monday, January 18, 2010 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria**. Your help would be greatly appreciated to ensure the success of Post Prom 2010.

NHS INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The Milford National Honor Society held the annual installation banquet on Tuesday, November 10th. There were over 100 people in attendance to see the twenty-five new members installed into the organization. These members have excelled in the areas of Academics, Character, Leadership, and have been very involved in school activities. This year new members are:

<p><u>SENIORS</u> Jon Davenport</p> <p><u>JUNIORS</u> Boone Anderson Karissa Bernasek Aaron Hostetler Jordan Kohtz</p>	<p><u>JUNIORS</u> Lacey Lubken Sally McCall Bailey Roth Emily Schaben Alexa Stauffer Daneila Troyer John Wehrs</p>	<p><u>SOPHMORES</u> Dakotah Buchli Ken Burkhardt Jr. Cayle Burroughs Ryan Carsten Caitlynn Christensen Coleman Dahle Alexandria Ficke</p>	<p><u>SOPHMORES</u> Paxton Folkerts Andrea Kontor Elise Rempel Cody Schneider Dylan Tegtmeier Hunter Wergin</p>
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Other Members:

<p><u>SENIORS</u> Michala Kalkwarf Samuel Rogge Larisa Roth Caleb Stahly Peter Stahly</p>	<p><u>JUNIORS</u> Austin Heckman Amy Jeppesen Taylor Klein Justin Larsen Taylor Moore Braxtyn Plessel</p>	<p><u>JUNIORS</u> Whitney Redler Kiley Stutzman Brady Tolle Jacob Weber Devin Wortman</p>
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The induction ceremony was conducted by this years officers who are:

President -- Michala Kalkwarf

Vice President -- Sam Rogge

Secretary/Treasurer -- Peter Stahly

Congratulations to everyone for their hard work for making it into this very prestigious organization!

Tim Fichtner
NHS Sponsor

Poinsettia's for Sale

The Milford Biology classes are again selling poinsettias for the holiday season. The Biology classes have been watering and fertilizing these plants since early September. To get some of these beautiful poinsettias you can call the school office at 761-2525 or come up to the school office and we can get you one of these outstanding plants the Biology students have worked so hard to grow. The cost is \$10 for a 6" potted plant and \$15 for an 8" potted plant. The 8" potted plants come in red, burgundy, and white and they are big and beautiful! The colors to choose from in the 6" potted plants are: Freedom Red, Cortez Burgundy, and Monet Twilight (pink). Make sure to get yours ordered or come up to the school to pick yours out. They make great gifts or look great in your home! Have a Great Holiday Season!

The Biology Class



ART CLUB members are nearly finished with newly painted mural ceiling tiles to be installed in the elementary hallways. And keep on the lookout for holiday window paintings at downtown businesses. Thanks to all businesses who join in the fun allowing students to decorate for the holidays.





CONGRATULATIONS! Eagle Etiquette Winners

August - Following Directions: Mrs. Jennings Kindergarten class

September - Appropriately Walking in the Halls: Mrs. Davenport's 6th grade class

October -Lunchroom Behavior: Mrs. Jakub's 5th grade class

November - Library Behavior: Mrs. Kremer's 5th grade class

The rewards they receive are: an eagle etiquette banner hung in their cubby, and an extra recess.

The skills for December and January are Keeping our School Clean, and Appropriate Restroom Behavior. Keep up the good work!



Lunch Prices

Adults	\$2.90
7-12 Students	\$2.25
Supersize	\$1.50
K-6 Students.....	\$1.90
Extra Milk	\$.30



Milford/Pleasant Dale Elementary December Lunch Menu

7	8	9	10	11
Cooks Choice	Cooks Choice	Mini Corn Dogs	French Toast Sticks	Pepperoni Pizza
14	15	16	17	18
Cooks Choice	Beefy Nachos	Grilled Cheese Sandwich	BBQ Chicken Wings	Teriyaki Blasters
21				
Hot Dogs				

Milford Jr/Sr High School December Lunch Menu

7	8	9	10	11
Corn Dog Side: Biscuits & Gravy	Salisbury Steak Side: Hot Dogs	Hot Ham & Cheese Side: Tuna & Noodle	Pasta Side: Chicken Nuggets	Rib Patty Side: Taquito
14	15	16	17	18
Ravioli Side: Chicken Teriyaki Bites	Chicken Strips Side: Soup	Christmas Dinner	Hot Dogs	Pizza
21				
Biscuits & Gravy Side: Mand. Chicken				

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

Jr. High Student Council and Jr. High Builder's Club members would like to send out care packages to those former students from Milford who are serving actively in the military or who will be on active duty in February/March and beyond. Please e-mail Mrs. Kim Tarr at ktarr@esu6.org with names and addresses of these men and women. If you would like to donate items to place in the care packages such as current magazines (Popular Mechanics, Outdoor/Hunting, Sports, etc.) Puzzle books such as crossword puzzles, word jumbles, word searches, cryptograms, sudoku, etc, playing cards, cribbage boards, dice, checkers and checker boards, small handheld (travel size) games, chap stick, sunscreen (has to be flip top lid, no pump dispensers), lotion (same rule as for sun screen), baby wipes, band aids, neosporin, trial size toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioners, bar soap, snack items such as nuts, beef jerkey, Pop Tarts, Pringles, granola bars, Funyuns, cheese and cracker packets, candies such as Skittles, Starbursts, Tootsie Roll Pops, Jolly Ranchers, lemon drops and other hard candies which will not melt easily, flavor packets for water, etc. Please drop these items by Mrs. Tarr's classroom or Mr. Carritt's classroom at Milford Jr./Sr. High School. We would like to send packages in February/March as many groups send packages at holiday times. You can also donate money to help with paying for postage and buying of needed items when we are filling the packages. Thanks in advance for your support. Mrs. Kim Tarr and Jr. High Student Council members. Mr. Steve Carritt and Jr. High Builder's Club members.



5TH GRADE ART PROJECT

The fifth graders at Milford Elementary are still collecting Christmas cards for an art activity. Please bring your cards to the Milford Elementary Office or contact Janelle Kremer, Kari Jakub, or Marta Klug at the school to make other arrangements.

Free Vision Assessment for 3 year olds

One in five children entering Kindergarten has an undetected vision problem. Good vision is critical to learning--more than 80 percent of learning is done visually. Yet, young children often don't realize they cannot see.

To catch vision disorders before the first year of school, Nebraska's participating SEE TO LEARN optometrists provide FREE vision assessments for any 3 year old, regardless of economic status.

The Nebraska Foundation for Children's vision encourages you to find out more about SEE TO LEARN. Visit www.seetolearn.com or www.nechildrensvision.org. If you have a 3 year old, call 1-800-960-EYES to find a participating SEE TO LEARN optometrist in your area, and schedule a free assessment today.



Elementary Eagle-Mart

As a fundraiser and service to the students, the Milford Elementary Student Council will be making school supplies available to students for purchase. Students may purchase items from the store on Wednesdays from 3:00-3:30 in the elementary library. Students may begin purchasing items on Wednesday, November 4th.

Below is a list of items that will be sold along with the price. Students should try to have the exact change when making purchases.

Dry erase marker: \$0.75 Large Eraser: \$0.10
Pencil: \$0.15 Pencil Top Eraser: \$0.05
Red Checking Pen: \$0.20



LATIN AMERICAN FAIR



Free & Reduced Lunch

If you are feeling the effects of the economy or your job status changes, you can reapply or fill out a lunch application at any time during the year. Free/reduced lunch forms are available at any one of the school offices.

The sixth grade students have been working hard researching countries from Central and South America. They have to write a report on the information they have found and complete a project displaying their information. On Thursday, December 17 from 12:30-2:00 students will present their information to the public, parents, and the rest of the school. Come join the festivities and learn about our neighbors to the south.



<http://www.teammates.org>

Holiday Greetings to you! The *Milford TeamMates Mentoring Program* has undergone some personnel changes this past fall. Melissa Luebbe has resigned as TeamMates coordinator. Judy Davenport, 6th grade teacher, has taken responsibilities for coordinator.

Milford’s first board meeting was held on October 21, 2009 and the following community members are currently serving on the board:

Greg Dunlap	Nora Ficke	David Geary
Penny Jans	Dan Kral	Melissa Luebbe
Kevin Wingard	Judy Davenport	

The TeamMates mentoring program was founded by Tom and Nancy Osborne in 1991. The commitment is one hour per week (in school) of your time and the benefits that are derived are amazing! Mentoring is a wonderful way to share your skills, ideas, time, and build relationships with the youth of today.

We would ask that you strongly consider making this commitment. If you are interested, we ask that you respond by December 15 to Jackie Roth in the Milford Public Schools District Office, 761-3321.

If you are interested in your child being part of the teammates program, contact the district office.

Thank you for your interest in this program and please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions.

Judy Davenport, In-School Coordinator
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*Yearbooks are on sale between now and semester.
The cost is \$38 before December 21, 2009 and
\$48 after January 5, 2010.
Books can be purchased in the high school office.*

REMINDER FROM THE NURSE

Medication must be kept in the nurse’s office or school office. It should NOT be kept by the student or in his/her locker or backpack. School personnel can administer medication to a student only with a signed permit from the student’s parent/guardian. Medication must be brought to school in the original prescription container with a label stating the student’s name, physician’s name, and directions for administering the medication. Over-the-counter medications must also be in the original container. A medical release must be signed before any medication will be administered to a student. Please contact the nurse on any health related issues or questions.

Please do not send your child to school if they have a fever or have vomited the evening before or the morning of a school day. Students who become ill while at school will be sent home when:

- they have a temperature of 100 degrees or above.
- they vomit

Children should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
Students with contagious diseases may be excluded from school:
(for example: Flu, Chicken pox, Pink eye, Scabies/head lice)



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