# **Nella Back to School!** Miller Mustangs

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### Message from the Principal



To all parents, students and the entire Miller Elementary School learning community:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer break. Welcome to the start of the 2020-2021 school year! We are pleased to welcome returning and new families this year. Our entire staff is looking forward to a productive partnership with our Miller families to ensure our Mustangs can achieve their highest potential.

Our district and school leadership teams have been working hard the last few months to plan and prepare for the start of this year.

I want to thank you for your patience and support as we get ready to launch this virtual learning experience. I know you have many questions about what the start of the school year will look like and I would like to share the following information which should help address some of those questions. Once again **WELCOME BACK**!

### Meet our new Assistant Principal

#### Ms. Nicole Rabac Greetings Miller Families!



Welcome to a new school year! I am looking forward to meeting the amazing students and families at Miller. I am also deeply honored and excited to serve as your assistant principal. In partnership with Ms. Abdulla, I am committed to

supporting the academic, social and emotional development of our students.

Welcome to our Miller Family!

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### Message from the PTA Board

This year, the PTA is focused on developing stronger ties with Miller families and identifying innovative ways to support Miller staff, students, and parents during this time of uncertainty. We're meeting this month to plan and prepare for our work this year and we are committed to more frequent communications as we move forward.

Here's some of what we are working on:

**PTA Meeting:** In September, the PTA Board will host a virtual meeting to create space for parents to ask questions and learn more about what to expect this school year

**Monthly Communications:** Starting in September, we will share monthly updates and community happenings via email and the Miller Facebook page.

Look for more details in September and please reach out if you have questions or ideas for how the PTA can best support Miller's community right now.



On Aug. 10, 2020, the Dearborn Public Schools Board of Educated voted to start school online until Oct. 1. In late September, trustees will reevaluate conditions to see if more students can return to school. The district still hopes to be able to return students to in-building learning this year. Please review the expectations below:

المتوقع من الأهل خلال بداية التعلم الافتر اضي للعام الدراسي Parent Expectations 21-20

توقعات التعلم لطلاب ديربورن خلال العام الدراسي /Student Expectations 20-21

توقعات إعادة فتح المدرسة من طاقم العمل/Staff Expectation 20-21

For additional information, please visit the district **Back to School Blog** <u>Click here to view the website</u>.



We will not be posting class lists on the school doors as we have in the past. This year, your child's teacher will be contacting each family via phone call or email to let you know of their placement and provide some important information about the first week. Teachers will contact you on Friday, August 28th.



School start and end times have been changed to accommodate remote learning.

## New elementary school time will be from **8:55am -3:50pm.** Half days will end at **12pm**

First Day: August 31, 2020 Half days: August 31, 2020 - September 3, 2020

Please check the new school calendar as there were changes made: <u>https://dearbornschools.org/services/district-calendars/</u>



#### Sample Elementary Schedule

TIME	SCHEDULE
8:55-10:25	ELA 90 minute block
10:30-11:45	Math 75 minutes
11:45-12:25	Lunch at home
12:25- 1:00	Writing / Science / SS
1:00-1:54	Specials Area (art, enrichment, music, gym, media)
1:55-3:50	Learning Labs - Students not in labs will be assigned asynchronous learning

This is a sample schedule for daily instruction. More information to come during orientations.

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Every student enrolled in Dearborn Public Schools should have a chromebook or an electronic device to use. If your child already has one, then you are all set.

If you need one for your child, please come to Miller on **Wednesday, August 26, 2020** between the following times:

- Last name begins with **A H** Last name begins with **I - P** Last name begins with **Q - Z**
- 9:00am 10:00am
- 10:00am 11:00am
- 11:00am 12:00pm

Distribution will be outdoors in the main entrance. Masks **MUST** be worn and we MUST adhere to social distancing guidelines.

#### Teachers will be scheduling a time and date for a brief in person or virtual orientation. Students will get some materials they may need for the next few weeks. Items will include:

Orientation Plan

- White board
- Markers
- Math/ELA material
- Notebook
- pens /pencils etc.

Orientations will be scheduled on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 Wednesday, September 2, 2020 Thursday, September 3, 2020

Teachers will contact parents to schedule a date and time.

# Breakfast & Lunch

Miller has been selected to be a distribution site for the start of the school year. The district will provide five days of breakfast and lunch, one day a week (**Thursday to start, 9/3/20 and then only on Fridays moving forward**). Parents will come to Miller (curbside pickup) and give us their student name(s) and we will give them their meals.

More information to come!





Please ensure you are subscribed to our school blog miller.dearbornschools.org

Please check your email/texts regularly for updates and information.

Contact the school if you have an updated email or phone number to ensure you receive messages from the school.

All Dearborn public schools will be using Schoology and Zoom for our online learning. We will be planning to hold training and informational sessions for parents in the coming weeks.



If you are new to Miller Elementary and have not registered your child(ren), please do so as soon as possible. Registrations are still happening at the Administrative Service Center or you may visit the district blog at:

https://dearbornschools.org/services/enroll/

**Kindergarten Registration** will take place at Miller on Monday, August 24th and Tuesday, August 25th between 10am - 2pm. Better Together!

We are so blessed and proud to be a part of this school and this wonderful community. We could not be more sincere when we tell you we have the most amazing students, dedicated staff and supportive parents around! This unusual year and unprecedented circumstances are not what any of us wanted or anticipated, but together we will tackle any challenges that come our way and work as a team to keep our students, staff, and families safe.

This year more than ever we are asking for your partnership as a learning community. We will support each other and continue to strengthen our partnership. There is no doubt that we are **better together**!

Your Partners in Education,

Ms. Abdulla and Ms. Rabac



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