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Principal's Corner

September 2007

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year. My name is Stacy Jones and it is an honor and a privilege to be appointed Miller's new Principal. I am excited to begin a new journey with the entire Miller community and have been touched by the warm welcome.

Just a coincidence, my first job in the school district was at Miller as a teacher assistant while I was a student at SDSU. I began my official career 28 years ago as an upper grade teacher. My career has taken me from classroom teacher to resource teacher to administrator. As a Principal, this is my fourth school and each school holds a special place in my heart. In 2003, I left my job as Principal to work at the Education Center as Executive Director of Student Services. In my division I had 9 departments including Counseling and Guidance, Nursing and Wellness, Mental Health Resource Center, Race and Human Relations and Early Childhood. It was a great learning experience but I was happy to return to Wegeforth Elementary last year as Principal. I had missed being with children, families and school staff.

Personally, I've been married to my husband Greg for 27 years. We live in Scripps Ranch and have four beautiful daughters. Brittany my oldest is starting her second year as a first grade teacher at Angier Elementary. Taryn is in Tucson at the University of Arizona. Chandler and Bailey will be in the 8th and 6th grade next year at Marshall Middle School and are busy with cheerleading and soccer.

I am eager for the upcoming school year and getting to know the children and families of Miller. I believe it is imperative to have a strong home school partnership to ensure every child's success. I want to meet each of you, so please come up and introduce yourself or stop by for a chat. I look forward to a great year and being part of your child's successful school journey.

Things to Remember

- 9/12 - Meet the Principal & Parent Center Orientation
- 9/17 - PTA General Meeting
5:30 pm
- 9/17 - Safe Moves Assemblies (Pedestrian Safety)
- 9/18 - Back to School Night
K-1 5:00-6:15 pm
- 9/19 - Safe Moves Assemblies
- 9/19 - Back to School Night
2 - 3 5:00-6:15 pm
- 9/24 - 10/18 Unwrap the Joy Fundraiser
- 9/25 - Back to School Night
4-5 5:00-6:15 pm

WHO WAS DORIS MILLER?

During the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dorie moved the injured Commanding Officer to safety, then manned one of the USS West Virginia's machine guns. Though he'd never had training on the weapon, he said the machine gun was not hard to operate. For his heroism, Dorie was awarded the Navy Cross on May 27, 1942.

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A Note from Officer Carlos

This is a reminder of the following:



- **No pick-up or drop off on campus. Staff and Handicap parking only.**
Vehicle Code 21113 (a) - No pick-up or drop off on campus FINE \$35.00
Vehicle Code 22507.8 - Disabled Parking only FINE \$440.00
- **No Parking in the red zone/curb or bus zone/curb.**
San Diego Municipal Code 86.09 - No Parking or stopping on the red curb or red zone.
FINE \$60.00
- **White zone/curb - 5 minute drop off or pick up only.**
- **Do not drop off passengers in the middle of the street.**
- **Please use the crosswalk and set an example for children.**

Vehicle code 21212 (a) - Bike Helmets REQUIRED for under 18 years old when riding skateboards, bicycles, scooters, rollerblades FINE \$118.00

San Diego Municipal Code 88.02 - **MUST** Obey/Stop for Safety Patrol. FINE: An infarction/
Moving violation that goes against your driving record.

Yearbooks

The PTA will be putting together a school wide yearbook for all the students to purchase again this year. Be on the lookout for an order form and more information.

Join the PTA! Membership is \$8.00 per person. We need YOU!

T-Shirts

Doris Miller T-shirts are on sale the 1st Friday of every month. September sales will take place at Back to School Night. The T-shirts are \$10.00 each or \$9.00 each for 2 or more. Every Friday is Spirit Day so we encourage everyone to wear their t-shirts.

A Note from the Cafeteria

This is a reminder that rates have increased for meals. The prices are as follows: \$.75 for breakfast and \$1.50 for lunch. Milk is \$.50. Please don't forget to turn in your Free/Reduced lunch forms.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed throughout the school year at PTA activities, in the classroom, at home and parent patrol. You may pick up a volunteer application in the office. Please support Miller Elementary and its students.



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Vice Principals Corner
Muriel Bartolini

Welcome to the 2007-2008 School Year!

There are many ways to be involved at Miller Elementary. One way is to become a member of The Miller Parent Patrol. As a member of the Parent Patrol you would be helping our students and families in arriving and leaving school safely each day. Thirty minutes before and after school is all it takes. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Parent Patrol, please contact Mrs. Bartolini at 496-8319.

Please take some time to visit our new Parent Center in SB13. The Parent Center is here for you. Stop by to meet the PTA and to hear about the many other ways you can be involved. Bring your little ones, they are welcome too.

Being involved in your child's education can be one of the most rewarding experiences as a parent. Miller Elementary welcomes you into this experience. Please feel free to stop by the office or call Mrs. Bartolini to find out more about becoming a Miller volunteer.

Do you have lots of gifts to wrap for the upcoming holidays?
Are you looking for some great gift ideas for any occasion?

Be on the lookout for our fundraiser featuring the highest quality products and gift wrap.

The Unwrap the Joy brochure is coming home on

September 24

You may also shop online a www.shoppingforyourschool.com.

Our school earns 50% profit on every purchase!

Any questions, please contact Miller PTA at (858) 496-8319.

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Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education is a fundraiser that has the potential of great earnings. Please take a moment to read the attached list of participating products.

Here's how it works:

1. Purchase a participating product from the list provided.
2. Cut out the box top\$ for education symbol .
3. Turn in the symbols collected to the box in the office or to your child's teacher. Please make sure your child's teacher is on the bag you turn in. This allows the class to get credit for the recycling. The class who recycles the most will win a party.

Another way that you can support our school is through Box Tops Marketplace. At Box Tops marketplace you will find numerous stores that will give a % of your purchase from online shopping back to the school. . The only requirement after you register for the school to receive the money is you must go through Box Tops Marketplace to get to the stores website. Here is how you can register.

1. Go to www.boxtops4education.com and click on the find out how much your school had earned link.
2. Click on the search by zip code and enter 92124.
3. The school is listed as Miller Elementary School, San Diego
4. Choose our school and you will be taken to a page that shows you how much we have earned.
5. Click on the sign up to support this school.
6. Fill out the required information.
7. You are now ready to shop through the Box Tops Marketplace.

eScrip

eScrip is another simple fundraiser that has great earning potential. The school earns money from the use of registered Vons cards, debit cards and credit cards that have chosen to support our school. Here is how you can register:

1. Go to <http://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>
2. Choose to search by the group ID. Our ID is 6664053
3. Click on the Doris Miller PTA link
4. Either click next or you may choose another group
5. Fill out all the mandatory information
6. Put in your Vons Card number
7. Register any other credit or debit cards that you use

Thank you for support using eScrip!



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Campbell's Labels

Clipping Campbell's labels is another great way to support our school. Please note that they are not accepting the front panel product labels anymore. They are looking for the UPC Codes. These may be turned into the box in the office or to your child's teacher. Please make sure your child's teacher is on the bag you turn in. This allows the class to get credit towards being the class that recycles the most and receives a party.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

We are collecting ink cartridges to be recycled. These may be turned into the box in the office or to your child's teacher. Please make sure your child's teacher is on the bag you turn in. This allows the class to get credit towards being the class that recycles the most and receives a party.

Target

Registering your Target Visa or Target Card is another great way to support the school. Here is how you can register:

8. Go to www.target.com
9. At the bottom of the page under Company Info click on the community link
10. Click on the take Charge of Education link under Education
11. Enroll your Target Visa or Target Card at the enroll now section
12. Our school can be found under Miller Elementary School. The ID# is 35178

Albertson's

You can also register your Albertson's card. To register you card follow these steps:

1. Go to www.albertsons.com/psc/?cp=true
2. Enter your Albertson's card number and phone number and hit enter
3. Click on my account
4. Click on add partner or update partners
5. Enter in the 11 digit # 49000125999 then hit add a partner
6. You may now designate how much to give to the school 0-100%

If you have problems linking your card, forgot your card number, can't remember what phone number you used or you need a new card, contact Albertson's customer service at 1-877-932-7948 (they are very helpful).

Washington Mutual

If you have a Washington Mutual account you can request that 5 cents from your purchases go to our school. Please contact your bank to get this set up.

Thank you for supporting our school through these programs!



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Carl A. Cohn
Superintendent of Schools

September 2007

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2007-08 school year. To our new and returning families, thank you for the privilege of serving your children.

The start of a new school year is the ideal time to recommit ourselves to our mission to:

- Accelerate gains in student performance
- Provide safe, orderly and well-maintained schools
- Strengthen parent, community, business and higher education support
- Boost employee morale and
- Secure adequate funding for our schools.

I am pleased to report that we are making progress in achieving these goals. San Diego students continue to do better than in most large urban districts in California. We're headed in the right direction but must work hard to accelerate these gains and narrow the achievement gap. To help with this, a new curriculum and instruction plan is being implemented this fall. The plan focuses on high expectations for all, challenging standards-based instruction, strategies for helping *every* student succeed, effective use of data, and ongoing professional learning for our teachers and principals.

We continue to listen to what parents want and need. A parent satisfaction survey was distributed in June to a random sampling of district families. Thanks to those of you who took the time to complete and return the survey. We are still studying the results, but are happy to see that more than 90% of parents describe their schools as safe or very safe, and tell us they feel welcome and respected at school.

Five new state-of-the art schools opened their doors for the first time to students on September 4. We have a balanced budget and remain fiscally solvent, despite a major economic miscalculation by the state and declining enrollment. In a recent employee satisfaction survey, a majority of employees reported their morale is good or excellent.

While these achievements are encouraging, our work is not done. With your continued support and involvement, we will build on our successes as we work towards becoming America's best large urban school district.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you. Best wishes for a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Carl A. Cohn
Superintendent of Schools

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