Welcome 2019! Hoping you and your families enjoyed a happy and healthy new year. We closed the semester with many performances and presentations from our amazingly talented students. Thank you to all of our students, parents, staff and the entire Millennium community for sharing your time and talent with us. Most definitely, we are grateful for the generous support of our PTSA and SAC who support our several student recognition programs.

We settled into our beautiful new campus. Students and staff did an outstanding job learning new procedures along the way. While the buildings are new, our educational focus remains as a Fine Arts and Communications Magnet offering a Pre-IB curriculum. Our goal is to engage all of our students in a purposeful and rigorous education. Follow Millennium Middle School on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with the progress!

Florida Department of Education pushed back the window for FSA testing. FSA Writing begins April 1. The Reading and Math FSA testing window begins May 1! Our staff is working extremely hard to ensure learning gains for all! We ask parents and guardians to assist by continually encouraging your child to give their very best effort on these exams. Further, please try to avoid scheduling appointments and trips on FSA testing days. We know that many outside leagues and organizations continue their busy schedules through this time. To facilitate attendance for these exams, please provide coaches and sponsors with testing dates and suggest a limit to the amount of practice and play that occurs during this time. Late arrivals and early dismissals may result in make-up testing which will disrupt your child’s daily school schedule.

As we pass the midpoint of the school year, we begin our preparation for next year. Registration at all levels took place in January. Hopefully you had an opportunity to review these materials with your child to make choices that will support and stretch their skills. Students who demonstrate proficiency with the FSA assessments should strongly consider taking advanced level classes to provide them with the necessary challenge which prepares them for high school. Those...
Principal’s Message

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students that achieve the higher scores will be placed in advanced level classes. For those students who struggle with the assessments will be provided with intensive support for reading and/or math.

Communication is the key to any successful organization. Progress reports will be sent home around February 10. In accordance with this, we suggest you ensure your Skyward information (email address, phone number and home address) is always up to date and that you periodically visit our website. Emergencies do occur and we may need to contact you. Also, check with a neighbor or friend to make sure they are receiving this newsletter and emails from the school. If not, ask them to review their information in Skyward.

In closing, we would like to recognize Ms. Shields, Millennium Middle School Teacher of the Year and Mr. Elizabeth Roy, Non-Instructional Employee of the Year. Both staff members are a true reflection of the entire staff’s dedication and commitment to our students.

Margaret M. Gunderson, Ed. D.

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Corner

Millennium Middle School is a Positive Behavior Support (PBS) school. Our focus with this program is to create an inclusive and welcoming school environment where all students can learn. PBS teaches school-wide expectations using a positive approach. At Millennium, we teach students to have PRIDE in Millennium and students are encouraged to show their PRIDE every day.

By teaching and re-teaching these expectations, our faculty and staff are focusing on helping each student become part of our Millennium community. Students meeting these expectations in the classrooms and around campus can be rewarded with Falcon Bucks. These are given out by faculty and staff on campus to students who we “catch” exhibiting PRIDE in Millennium. The Falcon Bucks can be traded in as part of our token economy for small rewards or saved up to try for something even better! We want to reward our Falcons who are showing their PRIDE in Millennium EVERY DAY! When you come to Millennium for schedule pickup, make sure you get your Falcon Bucks reward sheet for this year – it’ll get you started earning Falcon Bucks and let you know what some of the upcoming rewards will look like this year.

Congratulations to the 184 students that were recognized at the 4.0 Breakfast on November 16th! Also, Kudos to the 1,229 students that received no referrals during the 2nd Quarter. Go FALCONS!!!

Take a look at the expectations we have for our students and encourage them to continue doing an excellent job showing their PRIDE in Millennium!

- Prepare for Today
- Respect our School
- Interact Positively
- Do our Best, and
- Encourage Excellence

When we have PRIDE in Millennium, it means we:

- Prepare for Today
- Respect our School
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Title 1
Our goal is to provide information about multiple opportunities for families to engage in their student’s education. Millennium has scheduled several events throughout the school year for parents and students to participate in. If you have any questions about these events please feel free to contact Ms. Smith at deborah_smith@scps.k12.fl.us. Please visit the Family Engagement section of our school website for additional information about Title I (http://www.millennium.scps.k12.fl.us/Parents/Parents-A-L/Family-Engagement).

SCPS Title 1
February Title I News:
Title I invites you to our February Parent Workshop: Parents as Volunteers! Join us to learn about all of the exciting ways you can partner with your child’s school and Seminole County Public Schools as a volunteer! Community Involvement will present an overview on how to register as a volunteer and volunteer program opportunities including Health Hands, RAP, Super Scientist and Mentoring.

Visit our website at www.scpstitle1family.com and click on the Parent Resource Center link to RSVP. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided while we learn!

Thursday, February 21st
5:30-6:30 PM
Parent Resource Center
1101 South Bay Avenue, Sanford
(Inside the Early Learning Center)

February Parent Workshop:
Parents as Volunteers

Join us to learn about all of the exciting ways you can partner with your child’s school and our district as a volunteer! Light snacks and refreshments will be provided while we learn!

BETA Club
Our Beta Club will be having our annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser during the month of February. All funds collected will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The mission of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. The fourth period with the most funds raised will receive a Pasta Party Lunch from Olive Garden. More information will be sent home with all students February 1st.

SAC
Millennium Middle School is in need of members to serve on our School Advisory Council (SAC) for the 2018-2019 school year. Through SAC, parents and community members are invited to partner with us to ensure that each student, regardless of background, is challenged to their fullest potential and is provided a caring environment.

SAC will meet on the second Monday of each month beginning at 4:30pm. If you are interested in being a part of our School Advisory Council, please contact Dr. Thompson at daniel_thompson@scps.k12.fl.us.
High School Parent Information Sessions
- **Seminole High School** - Tues., January 29th at 6:00 PM - Main Campus - KWC Auditorium
- **Lake Howell High School** - Tues., Jan. 22nd – 5:30 PM - Advanced Placement Info. Meeting
- **Lake Mary High School** - Tuesday, February 12th at 6:00 PM
- **Lyman High School** - Thursday, January 31st at 5:30 PM
- **Hagerty High School** - Thursday, January 31st at 6:00 PM
- **Lake Brantley High School** - Thursday, February 7th at 6:00 PM
- **Winter Springs High School** - Tuesday, February 5th @ 6:30 PM
- **Oviedo High School** - Thursday, January 31st @ 6:00 PM

All Pro Dads
Check out our chapter of All Pro Dads at https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/10903.

Yearbook
Remember the first year of our brand new campus!
Reminder to pre-order yearbooks!
The price is $40 **cash only**. Do not miss a chance to get a yearbook.
You may also order online! If you want to order your yearbook today, you can at yearbookforever.com
Any questions, please email Amanda Wayne at amanda_wayne@scps.k12.fl.us

Parent Conferences
Conferences are held on Mondays and Fridays from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. Please call 407-320-6558 to schedule a parent teacher conference.

Student Check out Policy
Photo ID must be presented every time a student is checked out from school. Students can only be checked out by a parent or emergency contact. We do not accept phone calls in advance and will not call students out of class until the parent has arrived.
When parents come sign out their student(s) before the end of the school day they need to go to the front office. The front office will then call the students out of class and they will come and meet parents in the front office. Parents are not allowed to go get students from their classrooms or from lunch.
Students can be signed out up to 30 minutes before the start of dismissal.
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday – until 3:27 p.m.
- Wednesday – until 2:27 p.m.

Bike Riders
Students who ride a bike to school should wear a helmet and lock up their bike in the designated spots on campus.

I Missed my Bus
Parents, please make sure to have an emergency plan for when your child misses their bus home in the afternoon. Students who miss their bus must be picked up promptly.

Rainy Day Plan
Please discuss an inclement weather plan with your student. It will eliminate confusion at dismissal.

Lunch Account
You can manage your child’s lunch account online at http://foodservice.scps.k12.fl.us/.

Skyward Family Access
This online program allows you to view your student’s grades, attendance, and contact teachers. Come to the school and present photo ID to create an account. If you need to reset your password, use the link on the login screen to enter your email. All students can view their grades online at https://skyward.scps.k12.fl.us with Login: student ID # and Password: (birthdate) mmddyyyy.

School Attendance Policy
A student enrolled in Seminole County Public Schools who is under the age of 16 is required to attend school regularly during the entire school year. It is the legal responsibility of the parent to ensure middle school student attendance. For more information, please see the Seminole County Public Schools Middle School Attendance Policy located on our school website. Any student who is absent must turn in a signed note to the office upon their return to school.

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**Guidance**

**Student Absences**

If students are absent they need to turn in a note from a doctor or a Student Absence Notification Form (located on our school website) to the front office for the absences to be excused. The note needs to be turned in to the front office the next day back after a student has missed school with proper documentation attached. Excuses for absences will not be taken over the phone or by email because of the need for written documentation for the absence. We can only accept 10 parent excuse notes a year before we need medical documentation about absences.

**Cell Phones and Electronics**

All cell phones and electronics should be turned off and put away in student’s backpack or pocket during the school day. However, students are allowed to play games or read books on their electronics during lunch. Photographs and video are not allowed.

**Medication Policy**

Please contact our Clinic at 407-320-6503 if you have questions regarding the proper procedures and documentation for students who will need to take medication during the school day. **Students may not carry medication unless a form is on file with the clinic.**

**Parent Involvement Volunteer Program Opportunities**

If you would like to become more involved in Millennium Middle School and the development of our students and our programs, please contact Elizabeth Roy at 407-320-6551 to find out more about becoming a volunteer. We would love to hear from you and discuss how you can share your time and talents with us!

**Transportation**

With the start of the new school year approaching many students who attend Millennium will ride a bus. Millennium has a large percentage of students who are assigned to a bus in order to get to school. Students who ride a bus will be assigned a bus by the transportation department and will not be available in early August. During Schedule Pickup on August 8th transportation information will be available for students and parents. Bus routes will be posted in the cafeteria. Also, representative from the Transportation Department will be present to assist with changes to your transportation needs.

If you have moved over the summer, it is important for you inform **both the school and the Transportation Department** of your move. You will need to turn in a Transportation Request Form with your new address. You must give the Transportation Department 7-10 business days to process this request. You can visit the school website to get a copy of these forms under the Parents - Parents M-Z – Transportation Information – Transportation Request Form.

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**Department News**

**Language Arts and Reading**

Language Arts is starting out the 2nd semester strong with an emphasis on informational texts. In 6th grade, students are debating whether animals can think and feel based on their readings from multiple articles and infographics. Seventh grade students are learning about consumerism and how sometimes, less is more. In 8th grade the play “Twelve Angry Men” served as a way to delineate an argument, while being in the literary genre. iReady students showed great growth on their diagnostic and moved up levels - keep up the hard work! Over the next quarter, all students will be working on their writing skills as we draw closer to the FSA Writes. Students who score a 7 out of 10 on writing are almost guaranteed to pass the FSA – meaning it’s incredibly important we get those writing scores up!

Literacy week was a huge success- thank you to everyone who participated and supported our students during it. We had two authors, Dr. Primrose Cameron and Ms. Anne-Marie Cornwall-Garden, come to school on January 24th and share their books, how they became authors, and the importance of reading and writing in school. Students enjoyed themed dress-up days to promote “Unmasking the Reader in You.” Each day, there was a super-hero based activity that empowered students to become better readers and writers.

Language Arts and Reading would also like to invite those students with a Level 2 or 3 on FSA to **Soar to Success** after school on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 4:15-5:45. If you are interested please contact your students’ ELA teacher, Intensive Reading teacher, or Miss Curran, instructional coach, at Carissa_Curran@scps.k12.fl.us.
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Department News

Science
Welcome Back and Happy New Year!
Millennium had our school-wide Science Fair on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Thank you to all our 8th grade students who participated. The winners will be going to the SCPS Regional Science Fair at the Seminole Town Center on February 2nd. Below are some pictures from our event.

Our 2nd Annual Steam Fair is coming up. Please save the date: March 12th. There will be many Science booths to explore, including Robotics, hands-on labs, carnival games and food. It will be an evening of fun for the whole family.

Our students are continuing to work through our Comprehensive Science curriculum. Students are learning about Earth, Life, and Physical Science throughout the year. During the third quarter each grade will focus on the following:

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Our 8th graders will spend time reviewing and preparing for the Statewide Science Assessment (SSA) which they will be taking in the beginning of May. We will have Science Boost Camp in April. More information will be coming home with your students.

Please remember that there are a few easy ways to monitor your child’s progress and help them be successful in school this year: 1) Communicate frequently with your child’s teachers if you have any concerns, and 2) Be sure to set up your online accounts so you can monitor grades on Skyward and join your child’s classes on eCampus to view work and assignments. If you have any questions, please feel to email the Department Chair, Mrs. Jaimee Borrero at Jaimee_Borrero@scps.k12.fl.us.

World Languages
Millennium Middle School’s World Language Program teaches tangible language skills through task-based activities and interactive exercises. The courses feature content and authentic materials that teach culture in addition to language skills. Each of our courses:

- Are grounded in the development and integration of the four key language and literacy skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing
- Introduce students to vocabulary themes, grammar concepts, sentence structure and culture through explicit instruction, guided learning and adaptive pacing
- Reinforce real-world communication skills, allowing students to apply language in common situations
- Feature highly interactive activities that reinforce skills in differing contexts and foundational language knowledge
- Utilize authentic materials, which build student confidence and comfort in the target language
Social Studies

For Social Studies this quarter our Pre-IB, and all grade level students who were selected by their teachers for competition, are participating in the MMS NHD Fair the second week of January for the school level competition. If students place at the school fair they will be asked to move on to the SCPS History Fair which is being held Saturday March 2nd at Jackson Heights Middle School.

In the classrooms this quarter 6th grade World History students are working on The Israelites, Ancient Greece, and the Roman Republic. This culminates in a DBQ Project comparing the citizenship in each civilization. Our 7th grade Civics students are learning about The Three Branches of our government, The Bill of Rights and other important voting amendments, as well as ten Landmark Supreme Court cases. Our 8th grade U.S. History students are learning The New Nation, Westward Expansion (including a DBQ-in class project), The North and The South, and Reform Movements.

Math

In 6th grade, students are learning to solve one-step equations. Students are practicing their skills with a scavenger hunt and partner work. In 7th grade, students are working with angles and triangles. Students are exploring if possible side lengths make a triangle with manipulatives. In 8th grade, students are continuing their learning of solving equations with solving a system of equations. They are continuing to use Khan Academy and station rotation. In Algebra, students are using Khan Academy and Algebra Nation to enhance their learning of exponential functions.

Performing Arts

Performing Arts teachers and students are excited for this upcoming spring performance season. It is a busy time as we prepare for events such as Solo and Ensemble MPA, State Jr. Thespian Competition, Music Performance Assessments and the many performances hosted by MMS. Congratulations to Ms. Bland, Mr. Cortelli and all the theatre students who participated in the 2018 District 2 Jr. Thespian Competition! They received six Best in Show/ Critic’s Choice awards in Monologue, Scene Design, Improvisation, Pantomime and Duet Acting categories. They also received five Honorable Mentions (2nd place to best in show). Also, congratulations to Mr. Ernst, Mr. Moore and all the students who participated in All-State Honor Chorus and Orchestra this year.

Here are some events to mark on your calendars:

- **Theatre 3 Show** – “Understanding your Pet with Dr. Marla Brett”
  January 25 @ 7:00 PM & January 26 @ 2:00 PM
- **Orchestra Pre-MPA Concert** – February 14 @ 7:00 PM
- **Band Solo and Ensemble** – February 22nd and 23rd
- **Musical Theatre Performance** – “Beauty and the Beast”
  February 28 @ 7:00 PM
  March 1 @ 7:00 PM
  March 2 @ 2:00 PM

Physical Education

Happy New Year and Welcome to Physical Education! We are looking forward to another terrific semester in the physical education department.

We will continue to sell PE uniforms and they will be available for purchase during the student’s physical education classes starting January 7, 2019. CASH only will be accepted. The cost is $15.00 for the set, $10.00 for a pair of shorts and $8.00 for a t-shirt if purchased separately. Please encourage your son/daughter to write their name on their uniform. It is very helpful for getting lost uniforms back to the owner!!

We also recommend that students bring a Master brand combination lock to secure their valuables during class time. A locker will be assigned to them for the semester when they bring a lock to class. We do not allow key locks to be used.

HOOPS FOR HEART

All physical education students will have an opportunity to participate in the American Heart Association “American Heart Challenge” event. The event will be held during their class the week of February 12th. Look for information to be coming home at the end of January.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

The after school sports that will be offered the second semester include:
- 3rd quarter- Track and Field
- 4th quarter- Basketball

Announcements will be made before each sport begins to notify the students of tryouts or informational meeting times.
PTSA Membership

The MMS PTSA is still actively seeking volunteers who would like to serve on our PTSA board. Please contact us through our Facebook page for more information or if you have any questions! We are also still able to accept new members at any point throughout the school year. Membership is only $5. Please consider joining the PTSA and supporting our students and staff!

Millennium is on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/MillenniumMiddleSchool