Welcome to the 4th edition of our school’s online newspaper. Our team is dedicated to giving you past, current, and future information about Frank Augustus Miller Middle School, in Riverside. We will also be reporting on worldly news including: sports, health, entertainment, and much more.
### Macaw Happenings
**By: Lola, Reese, Mia, Chloe***

- **January 6th** - School Resumes from Winter Break
- **January 9th** - AVID Field Trip PTSA Meeting
- **January 11th** - RUSD Middle School 7th Grade Basketball Tournament
- **January 20th** - MLK Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- **January 25th** - RUSD Middle School 8th Grade Basketball Tournament

### Worldly Happenings
**By: Jayden, Abby***

**LEAP YEAR—WHY DO WE HAVE IT?**
Leap Year—Leap year happens nearly every 4 years. We must leap because it keeps our modern-day Gregorian calendar in alignment with Earth’s revolutions around the Sun. Now all the holidays are two days behind instead of one.

**Samsung**
Samsung is holding its big annual phone event on February 11 in San Francisco. It’s expected to announce several models of the Galaxy S11, its newest flagship phone, and a new version of its foldable Galaxy Fold.

### Entertainment
**By: Emilee, Seth, Jaxsen, Shane**

#### New Movies
- **Onward**
- **Dolittle**
- **Mulan**
- **Black Window**

**Kobe Bryant**
Kobe Bryant was killed in a helicopter crash on January 26, 2020. A day that cannot be forgotten, Kobe was a legend.
Black History Month
The whole month of February. Black History Month is often embraced as a celebration of African-American pioneers, trailblazers, activists and inventors who overcame dire odds and obstacles to accomplish great feats. Sometimes their stories become chapters that are easily inserted into American history books without reminding America of its sordid past – one marked with barbaric treatment of Black people that has left an indelible stain on the fabric of the American family.

Cosmic Night
Featuring telescope viewing on the evening of Saturday, February

January 31st - AHS & KHS 9th grade registration and Middle School Honor Band Concert

February 6th - Sem 1 Awards Night

February 7th - AHS & KHS 9th Grade Registration and ASB Dance

Mamba out!

Kobe and 8 others in the helicopter, including his 13 year old daughter Gianna. It was a tough day for so many fans and family. Mamba out!

Top Gun: Maverick

Wonder Woman 1984

Fast and Furious 9

DisneyLand
Family Fun!
Great Food!
See Your Favorite Characters!!
*The NEW Rise of The Resistance ride has come out!*
Rides:
-Millennium Falcon Smugglers Run
-Splash Mountain
-Space Mountain
-Haunted Mansion
-Matterhorn Bobsleds
February 13th - PTSA Meeting

February 14th - Presidents Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL

February 17th - Presidents Day – NO SCHOOL

February 20th - 6th Grade Open House

February 26th - Adv. Band Pre-Festival Concert

1. 2020, 8pm – 10pm. The event takes place outdoors, weather permitting, and guests are advised to wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Museum galleries will be open during the event and regular admission applies.

What’s Trending
By: Bella, Thaven, Emily, Jocelyn

Air-Pods

Air-Pod Pros

Vans

-It’s a Small World After All
-Alice In Wonderland Teacups

Knott’s Berry Farm
Carnival Games!
Arcade Games!
Snoopy!!
Rides:
-Ghostrider
-Xcelerator
-Hangtime
-Timber Mountain Log Ride
-Silver Bullet
-Supreme Scream

Cattle Park
Mini Golfing!
Arcade Games!
Carnival Games!
Rides:
-Spider
-Sea Dragon
-Dragons Tower
-Fireball
-Flying Saucer
-Log Rider
-Kings Crown

New Video Games

Dragon Ball Z: Karakot
February 27th - AVID Parent Information Night

February 29th - RUSD Middle School 7th Grade Girls Soccer Tournament

Miller's Middle School Dance Team just won their competition and got a trophy.

Hydro Flask

Top 10 Songs
1. Memories by Maroon 5
2. Someone You Loved by Lewis Capaldi
3. Dance Monkey by Tones and I
4. Lose You To Love Me by Selena Gomez
5. Bad Guy by Billie Eilish
6. Panini by Lil Nas X
7. Trampoline by Shaed
8. Don't Start Now by Dua Lipa
9. Everything I Wanted by Billie Eilish
10. One Man Band by Old Dominion

Top 10 Albums
1. Rare by Selena Gomez
2. Please Excuse Me For Being Antisocial by Roddy Rich
3. Time Served by Moneybagg Yo
**Staff Interviews**
By: Ashlyn, Alina, Michaela, Sophia*

**MRS.HOLLAND**
1) Why did you become a teacher?
It is my third or fourth option but I still love and enjoy it.
   - If you weren’t a teacher what would you be?
     Work in the government,
   - What is your favorite thing about teaching?
     I love jr. high kids and their trends.
   - If you could create one school rule what would that rule be?
     I want to be able to chew gum.
   - What is your biggest pet peeve you commonly see among students?
     When students come unprepared.
   - What is your favorite movie?
     The terminator or Say anything.

**Disney +**

**The Madalorian**

**MoviS**

1. Disney +
2. The Madalorian
3. 2020
4. Hollywood’s Bleeding by Post Malone
5. KIRK by DaBaby
6. Fine Line by Harry Styles
7. JACKBOYS by JACKBOYS
8. Frozen II
9. When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? By Billie Eilish
10. So Much Fun by Young Thug

**SPORTS**
By: Carter, Andrew, Danica, Elizah

**2020**

**Air force 1**

**Basketball**
Basketball in the olympics starts on Saturday, July fifth and ends on Sunday, August ninth.

**Football**
The San Francisco 40ers made it to the 54th superbowl on February 2nd against the Kansas City Chiefs at the Miami stadium in Florida. This is the first time in 4 years the Patriots aren’t going to be in the Superbowl.

**Olympics**
The summer olympics for 2020 will be held in Tokyo, Japan. The olympics will start on July 4th though August 9th! There will be 33 different sports! The five new
What things would you change about this school?
Have more languages for electives like sign Language or French.
Where/what is your dream vacation?
I want to live a summer in Spain with my family.
What is an interesting fact about you
I'm a military rep so I have lived in 7 different states and countries and have gone to nine different schools.

Ms. Castillo
1) Why did you become a teacher?
First, I wanted to be a dental hygienist but it was taking too long so I became a teacher and chose math.

2) If you weren’t a teacher what would you be?
Dental hygienist, then FBI, then I wanted to be a Doctor.

3) What is your favorite thing about teaching?
The hours I work, vacations I have, Getting to be myself.

4) If you could create one school rule what would that rule be? Why?

Vans

ICE SKATING
You Young is the first non-Russian woman to win Youth Olympic gold in figure skating.

Apollinariia Panfilova and Dmitry Rylov won the Paris gold medal.

ICE HOCKEY
The U.S Youth Men's Olympic Hockey Team defeats Canada 2-1 and advances on to the gold-medal game.

sports are baseball or softball, skateboarding, surfing, and karate!

Tapestry

The Great Wave
Everyone needs to respect each other, teachers to students, students to teachers.

5) What is your biggest pet peeve you commonly see among students?
When students are talking when I’m talking

6) What is your favorite movie?
Mean Girls

7) Where/what is your dream vacation?
Bora Bora, with my kids

8) What is an interesting fact about you?
I have been playing piano since I was 8 years old, I love cats

9) When you wake up are you excited about work?
Yes, once I had my coffee

10) How long have you been at Miller?
11 Years, since the beginning.

11) Have you ever played a sport? If so what sport?
Yep, softball and volleyball

12) What is your connection with the students?
Humor and being funny and relaxed and being real with each other

13) What piece of advice would you give to a student?
Doesn’t matter if you get straight As the only thing that matters is you just being the best human being you can be

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**WATER SPORTS**

For swimming the different events are the freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, Individual Medley, freestyle relay, medley relay, and mixed medley relay. The fastest relay for males are 50 meters in 21 seconds. 19 year old, Michael Phelps is the fastest olympic swimmer in the butterfly stroke.

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**BASEBALL**

The baseball season has ended and spring training is coming up soon! Also, in the olympics this year, they will be featuring baseball!

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**TRACK AND FIELD**

Usain Bolt is currently the fastest olympic runner but now he is retired. When he was asked if he
Ms. Kozicki

1) Why did you become a teacher?
Because I did not like middle school so I wanted it to be better for other kids and summers off are awesome.

2) If you weren’t a teacher what would you be?
A midwife.

3) What is your favorite thing about teaching?
The kids. It's never boring.

4) If you could create one school rule what would that rule be? Why?
Treat others how you want to be treated at all times because I think sometimes people do not think about how they treat people.

5) What is your biggest pet peeve you commonly see among students?
They think everything is a joke and they believe everything they hear in youtube videos.

6) What is your favorite movie?
Inception.

7) Where/what is your dream vacation?
Fiji.

8) What is an interesting fact about you?
My house is from 1926.
9) How long have you been at Miller?
5 years.
10) Have you ever played a sport?
If so What sport?
Rollerblading.
11) What is your connection with the students?
I like to ask what's going on. Like learning about the trends. Or teasing kids.

12) What piece of advice would you give to a student?
Work hard. There is no substitute for working hard.

**Student Interviews**
*By: Angie, Joseph, Hayley, Hari*

1. What is your name?
Kalos G.

2. What grade are you in?
7th

3. What do you want to be when you grow up?
I want to be a basketball player.

4. What do you love most about this school?
My friends are here and the people are nice.

5. What do you wish you could change about this school?
I wish lunch time was longer.

6. What is your biggest pet peeve that the students do here?

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**Dr. Martens**

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**LuluLemon**

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**LED Lights**

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**“Trippy” Pictures**

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~Tessa the Domestic Diva~
Website: tessdomesticdiva.com
Tessa the Domestic Diva has allergy-friendly and dairy free recipes. Check it out!

~Oh The Things We’ll Make!~
Website: thethingswellmake.com
This blog’s latest post is a Smooth and Creamy Panna Cotta, Chocolate Covered Strawberry Hearts, and Valentine’s Day Salad!

~Veggies Don’t Bite~
Website: veggie dontbite.com
Veggies Don’t Bite is a plant based food blog. They have yummy recipes like Healthy Vegan Peach Cobbler, Vegan Vegetable Lasagna and even Vegan Almond Banana Milk!

~Wife of a Grocer~
Website: wifeofagrocer.com
Wife of a Grocer has a Vegan Apple Cinnamon Muffin recipe and also has fun and healthy Jelly Snacks for kids!

~Golubka Kitchen~
Website: golubkakitchen.com
Golubka Kitchen is a vegetarian based food blog. They guarantee that their recipes are always vegetarian.

~Country Living~
Website: countryliving.com
Country Living is a blog that includes food and drink recipes and many more.

**Top Food Bloggers for Moms:**
~The Fresh 20~
Website: thefresh20.com
My biggest pet peeve is when students leave trash on the tables.

7. Why did you want to join the basketball team?
I love playing basketball and my friends were on the team.

8. What’s your favorite part about being on the team?
I can have experience playing with great players and being coached by a great coach.

9. Do you have a best friend on the team?
Damar M.

10. How long have you been playing basketball?
4 Years.

11. What’s your favorite basketball team?
The Los Angeles Lakers

1. What is your name?
Jadon S.

2. What grade are you in?
7th

3. What do you want to be when you grow up?
I want to be an engineer.

The Fresh 20 was created for busy families. This blog shows lots about simple and healthy meals!

~Recipe Tin Eats~
Website: recipetineats.com
Recipe Tin Eats gives (as they say) fast, creative, clever, and fresh meals!

~Foodie With Family~
Website: foodiewithfamily.com
Foodie With Family has tons of different types of recipes. They go from appetizers and snacks to soups and stews to desserts!

~Real Food By Dad~
Website: realfoodbydad.com
Real Food By Dad shares easy to make foods, snacks, desserts and more!

Valentine Desserts
(Most of these recipes are on the Butter With a Side of Bread website! >>>
Butter With a Side of Bread

Flourless Chocolate Cake (for two):
4. What do you love most about this school?
   It is like one big family.

5. What do you wish you could change about this school?
   I would like shorter lunches.

6. What is your biggest pet peeve that the students do here?
   When students interrupt classes.

7. Why did you want to join the basketball team?
   To practice basketball more.

8. What’s your favorite part about being on the team?
   Learning more about Basketball.

9. Do you have a best friend on the team?
   Amiri A.

10. How long have you been playing basketball?
    I have been playing for 6 years.

11. What’s your favorite basketball team?
    The Golden State Warriors.

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Quotes, Puzzles, and Comics
By: Layla, Emma

Quotes

We are most alive when we are in love
   - John Updike

There are only two times that I want to be with you now and forever
   - LifeHocks

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The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart.
   Helen Keller

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Ingredients:
- ½ cup semisweet chocolate morsels
- 6 tbsp butter
- 3 large eggs, separated
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup sugar
- ⅛ tsp salt
- ⅓ cup hot fudge topping

Optional Garnishes:
- whipped cream
- chocolate curls
- fresh strawberries

Directions:
- Preheat oven to 325°. Fill an 8x8-inch pan with 1 inch hot water, and place in oven. Spray a 6-inch round cake pan with baking spray, and line bottom with parchment paper; set aside.
- In a small microwave-safe bowl, melt chocolate butter on High for 30-second intervals, stirring after each, until melted and smooth (about 1 1/2 minutes). Let chocolate mixture cool slightly.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together egg yolks and vanilla extract until well combined.
- Whisk in chocolate mixture until smooth.
- In a separate bowl, combine sugar, cocoa, and salt. Stir sugar mixture into chocolate mixture until well combined.
7th

3. What do you want to be when you grow up?
   I don't know.

4. What do you love most about this school?
   I like the different P.E. activities.

5. What do you wish you could change about this school?
   I would like to lessen the amount of projects.

6. What is your biggest pet peeve that the students do here?
   The amount of projects given.

7. Why did you want to join the basketball team?
   I wanted to join because I like playing basketball.

8. What's your favorite part about being on the team?
   I like playing basketball.

9. Do you have a best friend on the team?
   No comment.

10. How long have you been playing basketball?
    I have been playing for 7 years.

11. What's your favorite basketball team?
    The Los Angeles Lakers.

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**Homemade Chocolate Bark**

**Ingredients**
- Chocolate (milk or semi-sweet)
- Classic Toppings: Dried fruits such as apricots, raisins, candied orange peel, cranberries, and cherries.
- Toasted nuts including hazelnuts, pecans, almonds, and pistachios.

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**Puzzles**

**Valentine's Day Word Search**

**Valentines Crossword**

- In separate bowl, beat egg whites with mixer at medium speed until soft peaks form. Fold egg whites into the chocolate mixture in thirds. Spoon batter into prepared pan. Place in oven in center of pan. Bake for 50-55 minutes, or until a fork is inserted in center and comes out clean.
- Remove cake from water bath; let cool in pan on wire rack for 10 min. Remove from pan and let it cool completely.
- Spoon hot fudge over cake. Garnish with whipped cream, chocolate curls, or strawberries.
1. What is your name?
Keshaun W.

2. What grade are you in?
7th

3. What do you want to be when you grow up?
I want to be a professional athlete.

4. What do you love most about this school?
I like learning with my friends.

5. What do you wish you could change about this school?
I would make P. E. so that you could choose what sports you want to learn.

6. What is your biggest pet peeve that the students do here?
Students don’t clean up their messes at lunch.

7. Why did you want to join the basketball team?
I wanted to represent F.A.M.M.S. as a scholar athlete.

8. What’s your favorite part about being on the team?
My favorite part about being on the basketball team was having fun with my coaches and

Contemporary Toppings:
Caramelized cocoa nibs (see recipe), cereal, candied ginger, and dried fruits such as pineapple, blueberries, and strawberries.
Toasted pumpkin seeds and pine nuts.

Directions-
-Line a chilled baking sheet with parchment paper. Pour warm (not hot), melted chocolate into prepared pan.
-Spread the chocolate evenly to about 1/8 inch thick using a small offset spatula. Sprinkle toppings on the chocolate and place in the freezer to set, approximately 20 minutes.
-For even-sized pieces, cut up bark before it sets completely. If you like a more rustic look, allow the bark to harden completely before breaking it up into pieces. Store in a cool, dry place.

Strawberry Valentine’s Chex Mix
9. Do you have a best friend on the team?
Yes, my best friends were Damar, Kalos, and Noah.

10. How long have you been playing basketball?
I have never played basketball before, however I have a hoop at home and I always practiced.

11. What’s your favorite basketball team?
My favorite basketball team is the Golden State Warriors.

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Prep (and Total) Time: 10 min

Ingredients:
-4-6 cups Rice Chex Cereal
-1 bag Strawberry Candy Melts OR
1 bag of white chocolate baking chips and 1 box of Strawberry Creme Jello Pudding
-Valentines M&M’s and/or Sprinkles

Directions:
-Measure out Chex cereal into large bowl. Note: if you’re using the Strawberry Candy Melts, you’ll use 4 cups of cereal. If you’re using the white chocolate chips + pudding mix, you’ll use 6 cups of cereal.
-Pour chocolate into a small glass dish. Add 1/2 tsp shortening, if desired, to help the chocolate coat the cereal easier. Microwave for 1 min 20 sec. Let sit in the microwave for 3 min. Remove and gently stir. If chocolate loves its shape and looks smooth, it’s done. If not, return to microwave in 15 sec increments letting it sit for 2-3 min each time, until melted and smooth.
-If you used White Chocolate Chips + Pudding Mix: Add 4 TSBP of the
strawberry creme pudding into the white chocolate and stir gently until smooth. Add 2 drops of red food coloring, if wanted.

- Pour chocolate mixture over the Chex cereal and stir gently to coat.
- Transfer cereal mixture to a large piece of wax paper. Sprinkle with M&M’s and Valentines sprinkles, if desired. Let cool to set. Break into pieces and store in an airtight container to save. Candy can be made up to 3-4 days ahead, if wanted.

Pink Peppermint Patties

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Prep and Total Time: 15 min

Ingredients:
- ¼ cup softened butter
- ¼ cup honey or agave
- 1-2 tsp peppermint extract
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 3-4 drops pink food coloring
- 2 cups dark dipping chocolate (like fondue chocolate)
- pink & white melting chocolate & Valentines sprinkles

Directions:
- Combine butter, honey/agave, extract and powdered sugar in a mixing bowl. Mix with an electric mixer for about 3 minutes, until ingredients are well combined and are holding together. Add pink coloring and mix again. If mixture appears too dry, add a little water. If it’s too sticky, add more powdered sugar 2-3 TBSP at a time.
- Remove dough from bowl and break off about 2 tsp-sized sections. Roll into a ball and gently flatten with your hands. Put patties down on a pan lined with wax or parchment paper. Once all patties are made, place pan in the freezer for 30 min.
- Melt chocolate in microwave for 1 min 20 sec. Let sit for a min in the microwave. Remove and gently stir. Remove peppermint patties from freezer.
- Use a fork to dip each patty in the chocolate, flip to coat the other side, then tap to remove any excess.
before adding more time in the microwave. Once it’s nearly melted, let it sit on the counter for another min or so and the heat from the bowl melts it the rest of the way.
-Melt the semi sweet chocolate in the same manner, beginning with 45 sec
-Line a small pan with with parchment paper
- Pour the white chocolate and tilt the pan/ tap it gently on the counter until the chocolate has nearly covered the pan
-Spoon out 4 lines with the semi sweet chocolate, running across the white chocolate
-Use a knife to cut through the lines, curving around at the ends of the sheet to make a swirling patter
-Place candied on the chocolate to your liking. After you’ve placed the candies on the chocolate, shake some sprinkles on top
-Let cool until firm. Cut into small pieces and enjoy!

Red Velvet Oreo Balls
Total Time: 50 Minutes
Calories: 141 kcal

Ingredients
- 1 package Red Velvet OREO Cookies (finely crushed)
- 8 oz. brick cream cheese (softened)
- 2 ½ cups melting chocolate

For the Drizzle:
- 10 red melting chocolate wafers & 5 semi sweet chocolate chips

Instructions:
- Crush the OREO cookies or use a food processor (a blender can work as well). Use a fork to stir the mixture up between blends to get the finest consistency.
- Mix the crumbs with the cream cheese until well blended.
- Use a cookie scoop to measure out about 1.5 TBSP of the cookie mixture and roll each scoop into a ball. Place Oreo balls on parchment or wax paper lined cookie sheet.
- Freeze balls for about 20-30 min before dipping.
- Melt the candy coating or baking chocolate in the microwave for 1 min and 20 sec. Stir gently until smooth, returning to the microwave in 15 sec increments, if needed
- Dip each ball in the chocolate and place back on lined

Valentines Marshmallow Bark

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Total Time: 10 Minutes
Calories: 147kcal
Ingredients:
- 12 oz bag white chocolate chips
- 3 cups mini marshmallows
- 1/2 TBSP shortening (optional)
- Valentine’s sprinkles & candies
Instructions:
- Measure out 3 cups of marshmallows. Line a glass dish or
a half-sized cookie sheet with parchment paper.

- Pour chocolate chips into a glass or ceramic bowl and microwave for 1 min 30 sec. Let it sit 2 min. Gently stir and add another 15-20 sec if chocolate isn’t fully melted.

- Add marshmallows and stir to coat

- Transfer chocolatey marshmallows to your pan. Using a rubber scraper, make sure marshmallows extend to the edge of the pan. Press down slightly to make it all somewhat even. Shake on any sprinkles you’d like to decorate. Press candy into top of bark.

- Put in fridge for about 20 min, until chocolate is set.

- Remove from freezer and let sit on the counter to return to room temp.

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**Kids Baking Shows:**

- Kids Baking Championship
- Master Chef Junior
- Top Chef Junior
- Kids BBQ Championship
- Food Network Star Kids