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 Thaven v. and Abigail T.  

December 5th  
Vision/Hearing Screening  
Visual and auditory tests are taking place in the PE classrooms all day.

December 10  
Holiday Band Concert

December 13  
Pajama Day

December 17–19  
Finals Week  
Tuesday periods 1 and 4  
Wednesday periods 2 and 5  
Thursday periods 3 and 6

December 20–31  
No School!!

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**Worldly Happenings**  
By: Chloe, Reese, & Emma  

New Year traditions  
Smashing plates in Denmark  
people smash plates on their friends and families doorstep  
To give good luck to that person for the next 12 months.

In Brazil there is a tradition to eat lentils. Lentils represent money and bring good fortune.

In Times Square New York  
There is a count down till midnight. There is a glowing ball that is lowered down a flag pole. This is a midnight countdown till the new year.

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**Entertainment**  
By: Nicole R. Mia D., Lola D. Jayden M.

New Movies

- The Call Of The Wild is coming out February 21, 2020
- The Croods 2 will be coming out December 23, 2020. The director is Joel Crawford.
January 6th
School Resumes from Winter Break

January 9th
AVID Field Trip and PTSA Meeting

January 11th
7th grade Basketball Tournament

Minions 2 is coming out on July 3, 2020. The directors are Kyle Balda and Brad Ableson.

Mulan is coming March 27, 2020. The director is Niki Caro.

Sonic the NigNog is coming out February 20, 2020.

In Vincennes, Indiana they drop watermelons from high up.

In Scotland people go “first footing”. They aim to be the first person to step foot in their friends or family’s house after the clock struck midnight.

In Finland there’s a tradition about melting special metal and dropping it in cold water. The metal makes a shape when it cools. People often try and read.
January 20th
MLK Holiday NO School

January 25th
8th grade Basketball Tournament

January 31
Honor Band Concert

Staff Interviews
Sara, Sophia, Elijah, Carter

1. What is your name?
Mrs. Lowery
2. How long have you been a teacher at Miller?
I have been teaching here for 11 years.

In Spain eating grapes is a big New Year's Eve tradition. Supposedly they are supposed to eat one graph each time the clock strikes at midnight. This tradition brings 12 months of good luck.

In Romania there’s a tradition of dressing up as bears to chase away evil spirits. Bears are special according to old romanian stories and they are said to be able to protect and heal people.

In Japan and South Korea, they ring bells to start the new year. In Japan the bells are rung at least 100 times and said to be

Onward comes out on March 6, 2020.

Spongebob Movie: Sponge on the Run comes out May 22 2020

Scoob! His Epic Tail Begins comes out May 15 2020. The director is Tony Cervone.
3. Have you taught any other subjects?  
   Yes, AVID for four years.

4. What is the hardest part of your job?  
   When students stop caring about the quality of their work.

5. What do you love the most about this school?  
   The best thing about this school is the students.

6. What’s the best part, in your opinion, about being a teacher?  
   The relationships everyone makes.

7. Did you ever play a sport when you were younger?  
   Yes, softball, basketball, and cheer.

8. What is your biggest pet peeve that students do here?  
   The frequent absences.

9. What is one thing that you would change about this school?  
   I would allow students to chew gum at school.

10. What is one interesting fact about you?  
    I had a hot pink mohawk.

11. What is your connection with the students?  
    I care about their lives in and outside of school.

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**New Video Games**

- **AO Tennis 2** [PC, PS4, XBOX, Switch]. It will be coming out on January 9, 2020.

- **Dragon Ball Z Kakarot**

**Sports**

By: Emilee H, Ashlyn E, Isabella M, and Alina M.

**Football:**
Ravens and 49ers have the highest amount of wins of 11!!

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**More Worldly Happenings:**

- Lil Bub, a cat with a unique appearance, and became an internet sensation died at age 8.

In Johannesburg, South Africa people use the new year as a reason to chuck out old furniture.
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<td>No, I thought I was going to be an interior designer.</td>
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<td>13. How many years do you think students should go to college for, if you think students should go to college?</td>
<td>I think students should go to college for four years.</td>
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<td>14. What was your dream vacation?</td>
<td>I would like to go on an African safari.</td>
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<td>1. What is your name?</td>
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<td>2. How long have you been a teacher at Miller?</td>
<td>5 years</td>
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<td>3. What is the hardest part of your job?</td>
<td>Bureaucracy</td>
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<td>In college Football Ohio State with a 13-0 game streak!!</td>
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<td>- Amazon says this year’s Cyber Monday was the biggest shopping day in company history!</td>
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<td>Girls: -High Top Converse</td>
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<td>Panthers fire head coach Ron Rivera.</td>
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<td>Water Polo:</td>
<td>The King varsity water polo team won Monday’s neutral tournament game against rival school Poly.</td>
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<td>In the NBA Eastern Conference, the Milwaukee Bucks are #1 with 18 wins and 3 losses!</td>
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4. What do you love the most about this school? The culture

5. What’s the best part, in your opinion, about being a history teacher? I find the subject interesting

6. Did you ever play a sport when you were younger? Yes

7. What is your biggest pet peeve that students do here? Cell phones, earbuds, restroom visits,

8. What is one thing that you would change about this school? Tougher discipline policies

9. What is one interesting fact about you? I have traveled to over 32 different countries

10. What is your connection with the students? History relations to their lives

11. What is your dream vacation? I’ve already taken several

12. What is some advice to give to the students in life? Never quit

13. What club do you run? Outdoor club

14. How many years do you think students should go to

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**NBA WESTERN CONFERENCE**

In the NBA Western Conference, the Los Angeles Lakers are #1 with 17 wins and 3 losses!

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**Player spotlight**

**Soccer:**
Cristiano Ronaldo
Cristiano plays for the Juventus F.C.

**Hockey:**
JONATHAN QUICK #32
He plays for the LA Kings

**College Football:**
Trevor Laurence (Clemson)
Tua Tagovailoa (Alabama)
Jerry Jeudy (Alabama)
Grant Delpit (LSU)
Jake Fromm (Georgia)

**Football:**
Aaron Donald (Rams)
Drew Brees(Saints)
Khalil Mack (Bears)
Patrick Mahomes (Chiefs)
Todd Gurley (Rams)

**Baseball:**
1. What is your name?
Mrs. Saucedo

2. How long have you been a teacher at Miller?
11 years, since the very beginning

3. What is the hardest part of your job?
Remembering names, especially last names

4. What do you love the most about this school?
School culture, our students get along no matter your religion or background

5. What’s the best part, in your opinion, about being a teacher?
Connecting students with people, time period

6. Did you ever play a sport when you were younger?

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Baseball icon Babe Ruth set numerous records as a pitcher and slugging outfielder. He was among the first five players inducted into the sport's Hall of Fame.

**BasketBall:**
Kawhi Leonard(Clippers)
LeBron James(Lakers)
Giannis Antetokounmpo(Bucks)
James Harden(Rockets)
Stephen Curry(Warriors)
Anthony Davis(Lakers)
Paul George(Clippers)
Joe Embiid(Philadelphia)

**Health**
By: Seth, Jaxsen, Andrew
Good recipes to help during the holidays.

**Holiday Sheet Pan Cheesecake Bars**
https://tasty.co/recipe/holiday-sheet-pan-cheesecake-bars

**Ingredients**
for 24 servings
Yes, basketball and track

7. What is your biggest pet peeve that students do here? Glue pages of textbook together

8. What is one thing that you would change about this school? The time we start, I would like school to start at 8

9. What is one interesting fact about you? Minister of creative arts at my church

10. What is your connection with the students? I have lots of patience with the students

11. What is your dream vacation? Few different countries, take a tour, for the food and the culture, for 2 more weeks, Travel home to North Carolina and sit on my favorite peer reading my favorite book

12. What is some advice to give to the students in life? There is never a reason to be unkind, always choose kind

13. What club do you run? Silent reading/ homework

14. How many years do you think students should go to college for if you think they should? I don’t think college is for everyone, trade school, students should pursue their

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- AirPods Pro
- AirPods 2
- Champions
- Nikes

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**CRUST**

24 graham crackers, crushed, plus 3, broken into quarters, divided
12 tablespoons unsalted butter, 1 1/2 sticks, melted

**FILLING BASE**

- 32 oz cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

**FILLING MIX-INS**

**SWEET POTATO PECAN CHEESECAKE**

- 3/4 cup sweet potato puree
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg
- 1 cup chopped pecans

**CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE**

- 1/8 cup chocolate hazelnut spread
- 1/4 cup semi sweet chocolate, melted

**APPLE PIE CHEESECAKE**

- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3/4 cup apple pie filling

**PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE**

- 3/4 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
passion, but I think 3 years is long enough

15. Was being a History teacher always your dream job?
Yes, always wanted to be a teacher, history has always been my passion.

1) What is your name?
Mr. Aguirre

2) How long have you been teaching at Miller?
11 years.

3) Did you do any sports when you were younger?
Yes, I did taekwondo, basketball, football, tennis, and baseball.

4) What advice would you give to students?
To be present in what you do.

5) What club do you run?
Christian club.

6) Have you taught any other subjects?
I’ve taught world history, AVID, math intervention, health and wellness, and PE.

7) What is an interesting fact about you?
I’ve been to 15 countries.

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One-Pot Lemon Garlic Shrimp Pasta
https://tasty.co/recipe/one-pot-lemon-garlic-shrimp-pasta

Ingredients for 4 servings
- 8 oz linguine
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, 1 stick
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon of red pepper flakes
- 1 ¼ lb large shrimp
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 4 cups baby spinach
- ¼ cup parmesan cheese, grated
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Instructions
1. In a large pot, boil water and add pasta. Cook (stirring frequently) until al dente.
2. Drain and set pasta aside.
8) How long should students go to college?
   It depends on the student.

9) What is your biggest pet peeve that students do here?
   The attachment to their phone.

10) What is your dream vacation?
    Maldives.

11) What is your favorite thing to do here?
    Working with the students.

12) What is the hardest part of your job?
    To create interesting material to learn.

13) What is your favorite part about the school?
    The community.

Quotes, Puzzles, and Comics
By: Juliet T. and Paulene M.

Exercise
To get your self back in shape after the holidays you should get some exercise by going outside and running around or going for a walk. Just make sure you go outside from 20 to 30 minutes a day and you should be fine. Stay in shape.

Happy New Years
Word Scramble

Unscramble the words below:

ckcol ______
isone mreka ______
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ihatnmdg ______
aytp ______
ioylahd ______
herces ______
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Word Bank:
-Times Square
-Holiday
-Party Hat
-Cheers
-Clock
-Noise Maker
-Midnight
-Party
-Celebrate

Mazes

- GameStop

Search

Word Bank:
Baby
Ball
Balloons
Calendar
Celebration
Clock
Confetti
Countdown
Dancing
Eve
FireCracker
Games
Gown
Happy
Hat
Hourglass
January

- Target

- Starbucks

- Holiday Shopping Packages
Kiss
Midnight
Music
Noisemaker
Party
Sparkler
Times Square
Toast
Vow
Year

- Fandango

Top New Year’s Resolutions!
- Eat Healthier / Exercise
- Learn a New Hobby
- Study Harder

Kenken Puzzles
Spend more social time

Quotes

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.”

EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE

“Cheers to another new year and another chance to get it right.” - Oprah Winfrey

“Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one” - Brad Paisley

You are capable of amazing things

Sudoku

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“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.”
- Winston Churchill

“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”
- Arthur Ashe

“Growth is painful. Change is painful. But nothing is as painful as staying stuck somewhere you don’t belong.”
- N.R. Narayana Murphy
“EMBRACE UNCERTAINTY. SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CHAPTERS IN OUR LIVES WON’T HAVE TITLES UNTIL MUCH LATER”

“Never a failure, always a lesson”

“Don’t let the concept of change scare you as much as the prospect of unhappiness.”

“Let your smile change the world. Don’t let the world change your smile.”

“Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don’t resist them – that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like.”

Lao Tsu
"You never know how strong you are until being strong is your only choice."

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." - Dolly Parton

"Happiness often sneaks through a door you didn’t know you left open." - John Barrymore

Share your smile with the world. It's a symbol of friendship and peace.

Christie Brinkley