

For The Parents, Staff, Students & Community Of

Millennium Middle School

2330 East SR 46, Sanford FL, 32771



FALCON FLIGHT PLAN

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome 2020! Hoping you and your families enjoyed a happy and healthy holiday season. We closed the 1st semester with many performances, athletic events and presentations from our amazingly talented students. Thank you to our students, parents, staff and the entire Millennium community for sharing your time and talent with us. We are grateful for the generous support of our PTSA and SAC who support our student initiatives including PBS and recognition programs.

The window for FSA testing opens in early April for FSA Writing. The Reading and Math FSA and EOC testing window begins May 1! Our staff and students are working extremely hard to ensure learning gains! And, our monitoring data shows Falcons are moving in a positive direction! We ask parents and guardians to assist by continually encouraging your child to give their very best effort on these exams. Getting appropriate rest and nutrition will support the opportunity for positive results. 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 during our testing. To facilitate attendance on these days, please provide coaches and sponsors with testing dates and suggest a limit to the amount of practice time and play that occurs. Late arrivals and early dismissals may result in make-up testing which will disrupt your child's regular academic schedule.

As we pass the midpoint of the school year, we begin our preparation for next year. Registration at all levels began at the end of January. Hopefully you had an opportunity to review the materials with your child to make choices that will support and

stretch their skills. Those students that achieve the higher scores will be placed in advanced level classes to provide them with the necessary challenge which prepares them for high school. Students who struggle with the FSA assessments will be provided intensive support for reading and/or math. Encourage our child to do their best!

Communication is the key to any successful organization. Progress reports will be sent home in early February. To allow us to communicate with you, please keep your Skyward information (email address, phone number, and home address) up to date. Emergencies do occur and we may need to contact you. Visit our website and social media outlets periodically. 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.

We look forward to a great 2nd semester of continuous positive data as well as delightful performances and events to showcase the talents of our awesome Falcons. We hope to see you in attendance this Spring!

Margaret M. Gunderson, Ed. D.
Principal



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ADMINISTRATION

Principal

Dr. Margaret Gunderson

Monday - Friday
8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 407-320-6550

Assistant Principals

Dan Thompson – 6th Grade
Victoria Hyatt – 7th Grade
Datasha Dukes – 8th Grade
Trina Grenon

Deans

Dr. Kejuana Carpenter
Ramsey Robinson
Daniel Rodriguez

Administration Manager

Deborah Smith



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our Mission

"Millennium Today...College Tomorrow"
.....
*Educating Every Child
Every Day
Every Class*



Title 1

Title 1 is one of the largest sources of federal aid to elementary and secondary schools. Millennium Middle School uses Title 1 to support a school-wide program. The funds are utilized to add highly qualified staff, support parental and community involvement, improve staff development, and to purchase additional instructional materials and technological needs. Our Title 1 program helps our students do better in school and feel better about themselves.

Parents can become active in your Title 1 program by doing the following:

- Learn more about Millennium, curriculum, special programs, Title 1 and your rights and responsibilities.
- Teach your child in ways that will support what the classroom teacher is doing.
- Participate and support your child academically at school and home.
- Make decisions about your child's education and academic program.
- Keep in contact with your child's teachers through telephone, email, or face-to-face conversations.

As a parent of a child in a Title 1 school, you have the right to the following:

- Be involved in the planning and implementation of the parent involvement program at Millennium.
- Ask to read the progress reports on your child and school.
- Request information about the professional qualifications of your child's teachers including the degrees and certifications held, and whether the teacher is certified in their respective area of instruction.
- Help to decide if Title 1 is meeting your child's needs and offer suggestions for improvement.
- Know if your child has been assigned or taught by a teacher that is not highly qualified for at least four consecutive weeks.
- Help develop our school plan for how parents and schools can work together.

Throughout the school year be sure to check out our Family Engagement Website (<http://www.millennium.scps.k12.fl.us/Parents/ParentsA-L/FamilyEngagement.aspx>) for important dates and documents such as the Parent Involvement Plan, the Parent-School Compact, and the School Improvement Plan.

Family Engagement Calendar

Spring Literacy Night, January 28, 5:30 p.m.
STEAM Fair, March 10, 5:30

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.

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!

When we have **PRIDE** in Millennium, it means we:

- P**repare for Today
- R**espect our School
- I**nteract Positively
- D**o our Best, and
- E**ncourage Excellence

Falcons Have PRIDE in Millennium				
Expectations	Classroom	Cafeteria	Campus Areas	Dismissal
P repared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive on time • Have necessary materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get what you need the first time • Know your lunch number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow dress code • Know your designated area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how you get home • Know your bus number
R espectful Behaviors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remain quiet while others are speaking • Follow teacher's directions • Take care of classroom materials • Use school-appropriate language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up after yourself • Remain seated and raise your hand for permission to get up • Put trash in trash can 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash cans • Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself • Stay in designated areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow dismissal directives • Walkers/bike riders exit campus immediately • Bus riders and car riders go directly to your dismissal area
I nteractions That Are Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect opinions of others • Celebrate success 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use good table manners • Say "please" and "thank you" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use school-appropriate language • Be considerate of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions with a positive attitude • Only leave with YOUR designated group
D oing Our Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set goals and strive to achieve them • Participate in classroom discussions • Ask for help when you need it • Be on task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be considerate to all students and staff • Enter promptly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make good choices • Stay on sidewalks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remain seated until your dismissal group is called
E ncouraging Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be proud of your work • Look for ways to improve • Promote PRIDE expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep area clean • Promote PRIDE expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report unkind/unsafe acts • Promote PRIDE expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report unkind/unsafe acts • Promote PRIDE expectations



SAC

Seminole County Public Schools and Millennium Middle School are committed to serving and supporting the diversity of our community. 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. If you are interested in joining SAC, please contact Dr. Thompson at daniel_thompson@scps.k12.fl.us.



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.

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

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.

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 turned in a signed note to the office upon their return to school.

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.



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.

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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 7th 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.

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 Ms. Rodriguez at 407-320-6507 to find out more about becoming a volunteer. You can register to become a Dividend at <https://dvd.scps.k12.fl.us/>. We would love to hear from you and discuss how you can share your time and talents with 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.

Lunch Account

You can manage your child's lunch account online at <http://foodservice.scps.k12.fl.us/>.



Department News

Math

In 6th grade, students are working with equations. Students are learning how to write and solve equations from real world problems. Students will then start working on writing and solving inequalities. Teachers are showing videos and using manipulatives to help students. Students are also working on previous material on Khan Academy to sharpen their skills.

Seventh grade students are working with Geometry. They are learning about scale models and drawings and how they are used in Hollywood movies. They are also learning about different angle relationships, such as which angles have the same measurement. They are using these new skills along with their knowledge of solving equations to solve problems.

In 8th grade, students are working with Geometry. Students are learning about different transformations of shapes. They are using different manipulatives to graph the transformations. They are also working on previous standards on Khan Academy to sharpen their skills.

Algebra students are working with quadratics. They are currently learning to factor and then solve quadratic equations. They are working with real world problems as well to see quadratics in the real world. They will also be working on previous standards on Khan Academy and Algebra Nation.



Language Arts & Reading

In Reading, students took their second Diagnostic right before we left for Winter Break. This diagnostic usually gives teachers and students the most accurate picture as to how they are progressing through the I-Ready coursework and materials. Teachers use this valuable information to make necessary changes and adjustments to their groupings, lessons, and what interventions might be needed so that 100% of students make Learning Gains this year. As we begin the new Semester, the Reading Department is starting out with Literature and focusing on the elements of Plot. Then, we will move into the Analyzing of Interactions in Informational Texts.

Language Arts students took their 2nd Quarter Common Nine Weeks Assessment right before Winter Break as well. This information is important for teachers and students so that we can see how students are progressing for the first half of the school year. One thing to note here is that anyone who scored 50% or higher is considered to be tracking for proficiency on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). As we turn our focus to Quarter 3, much of the activities and lessons planned will be focused on argumentative writing. This is because students will take their second Writescore Assessment on argumentative writing in the middle of February.

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 students at all grade levels and who were selected by their teachers for competition, participated in the MMS NHD Fair the second week of January for the school-level competition. If students placed at the school fair, they were 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.

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 2019 District 2 Jr. Thespian Competition. They received two Best in Show/Critic's Choice awards in Duet Acting and Ensemble Acting categories as well as 13 Superior and 14 Excellent ratings. Also, congratulations to Mr. Ernst, Mr. Moore, Mr. Ricketts and all the students who participated in the 2020 All-State Mixed Chorus, Honors Orchestra, and Honors Band this year.

Here are some events to mark on your calendars:

- **Theatre 3 Show** - "What Happened After Once Upon a Time"
January 31 @ 7:00 pm & February 1 @ 2:00
- **Orchestra Pre-MPA Concert** - February 18 @ 7:00 pm
- **Band Solo and Ensemble** - February 21 & 22
- **Musical Theatre Performance** - "Mary Poppins Jr."
March 4, 5, 6, 7 @ 7:00 pm
- **Dance IV Auditions** - March 31, April 1 and April 2.

More information and the application packet will be on Millennium's website in early February

Art

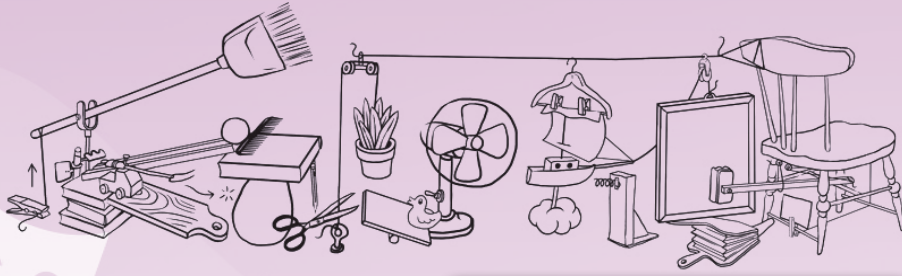
The Visual Arts Department is excited to greet our budding artists for the 2019-20 school year. Parents, each of our visual arts teacher will provide you with a supply list of materials your child will need at Schedule Pickup. Should you want a list before then, please email the Visual Arts Department Chair, Mrs. French at Melissa_French@scps.k12.fl.us.



Department News

Science

ECO-Warriors Recycling Club



Parents, does your student have:

1. Good communication skills?
2. Creative?
3. Computer skills?

Is your student:

1. Passionate about the environment?
2. A great researcher?
3. Interested in contributing to the environment by recycling?



Millennium is looking for a crew of students to help us promote and learn about recycling! We are eager to start the recycling part of our club, but we need student power! The recycling crew will meet on Thursday mornings from 8:20-9:20 (contact me if needed to come a little earlier). Applications are being accepted!



Starts every THURSDAY, AS soon as we get a crew of 16 students.

Contact: dormz@myscps.us

Location: Mrs. Dorr's Classroom 4-226

Club Hours and Days: Every **Thursday** from 8:20 a.m.-9:20 a.m.

Recycling Crew: Will collect all recyclables and promote awareness.

Guidance

- Guidance is gearing up for the 2020-2021 school year! Yes, we said 2020-2021! Your students will begin to receive their registrations forms at the end of January through the beginning of February. Please review your student's selections and help them choose electives. All forms will be returned to guidance and students will meet with a counselor to answer any questions. We are determined to finish out this year strong and excited for another great year here at Millennium!
- Parents of 8th graders, the 8th grade dance is right around the corner. The guidance department can help with attire and has a selection of gently used formal gowns, dress pants and dress shirts. Please reach out to the guidance department to get started.

Millennium Middle School has three counselors to meet our students' needs. Counselors are assigned by grade level:

Grade	Counselor	Office
6th Grade	Betsy Miller (betsy_miller@scps.k12.fl.us)	04-313
7th Grade	Kaitlind Montes (monteskr@scps.k12.fl.us)	04-212
8th Grade	Brett Marshall (brett_marshall@scps.k12.fl.us)	04-016

Physical Education

Physical Education

PE uniforms will be available for purchase during the student's physical education classes all semester. Parents can purchase uniforms online at myschoolbucks.com or send cash in with their child to purchase during class. 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 only after they bring a lock to class. We do not allow key locks to be used.

After School Sports

The after school sports program will offer a different sport each quarter of the school year:

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.

Important Message

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please Read!

No Outside Food Delivery to Students

&

No Food Can Be Left for Students at the Front Desk



*A Special Thanks
to Our Business
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Take Stock in Children Scholarship Information

Take Stock in Children is a scholarship program of The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools. Students in the eighth grade identified with a financial need and strong desire to succeed are eligible to apply for the program. Students selected for the program will sign a contract pledging to maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA, obtain a C or better in every class, have good attendance, and exhibit positive behavior both in and out of school. Students are matched with a mentor who will provide support with weekly meetings during all 4 years of high school. Students who successfully complete the program are awarded a **2-year college tuition scholarship upon high school graduation.**

The open application period is January 6th through February 14th 2020. Applications can be requested from Betsy Miller or Brett Marshall who are School Counselors at Millennium MS or at the following link:

<http://foundationscps.org/take-stock-in-children-seminole/become-a-class-of-2024-scholar/>

PTSA

Over the past five years, the PTSA board at Millennium Middle School has been a small but mighty force. It's not uncommon for PTA boards at elementary schools to be made up of 10 or more parents and caregivers. Some years here at MMS, we're a skeleton crew of 3. Who can join the PTSA board? Who is welcome? If you fit any of the following categories, we could really use your help in PTSA: parents, grandparents, guardians of kids who are: artists, able bodied, musicians, differently abled, dancers, neuroatypical, actors, neurotypical, dreamers, early risers, star gazers, late sleepers, sometimes crabby, frequently cheerful, brothers, sisters, only children, tall, short, average height... Come as you are, all are welcome here. It is our goal to speak for ALL of the children at our school. The "T" and the "S" in PTSA stand for Teacher and Students.

All staff members and students are also welcome to attend our PTSA meetings and weigh in on what we get involved in. The time commitment is flexible; you can attend our monthly meetings to stay informed and help us make our plan for the school year (about an hour each month), you can volunteer for one of our events during the year (about two-three hours a few times a year), or you can take a position on the board (about 2-3 hours each month). We're stronger together, and we'd love to have you join us. Todos son bienvenidos aquí. For more information, please find us on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/millenniummiddleschoolptsa>.

Millennium is on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/MillenniumMiddleSchool





Emergency Response Guide

what you hear & what you do



A **Code Yellow (Shelter in Place)** is used when an incident is occurring outside or near the school that requires police, medical, or fire response.

ACTIVATION METHOD: Intercom announcement

WHAT YOU WILL HEAR:

SECURITY ALERT: "Faculty, Staff, and Students this is a Code Yellow, (slight pause) Code Yellow. Faculty, Staff, and Students this is a Code Yellow, (slight pause) Code Yellow. Initiate lockdown procedures."

- 1. If students are outside the school, they are brought indoors.
- 2. Exterior doors and windows are closed and locked.
- 3. Regular school activities continue as scheduled.
- 4. Students and staff remain inside until the "All Clear" announcement is given.

A **Code Red** is used when there is an unauthorized intruder or potential threat to campus safety.

ACTIVATION METHOD: Intercom announcement

WHAT YOU WILL HEAR:

SECURITY ALERT: "Faculty, Staff, and Students this is a Code Red, (slight pause) Code Red. Faculty, Staff, and Students this is a Code Red, (slight pause) Code Red. Initiate lockdown procedures."



- 1. If students are outside the school, they are brought to a safe location.
- 2. Exterior doors and windows are closed and locked.
- 3. Normal school activities are stopped.
- 4. Students and staff remain inside until the "All Clear" announcement is given.



A **Severe Weather** alert is used when students and staff need to take cover due to severe weather such as a Tornado Warning or Heavy Thunderstorm with strong winds, rain, and lightning.

ACTIVATION METHOD: Intercom announcement

WHAT YOU WILL HEAR:

SEVERE WEATHER ALERT: "PLEASE TAKE COVER"

- 1. Proceed immediately to designated severe weather shelter locations.
- 2. Do not allow anyone to stop for personal items, restroom use, etc.
- 3. The last person out of the room must close the door.
- 4. Once in the shelter location, teachers take attendance and report any missing.
- 5. Unless otherwise directed, instruct students to "duck and Cover" under desks or facing a wall.
- 6. Remain in the shelter location until the "All Clear" announcement.



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