#### Principal's Message

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a wonderful start! Our enrollment is approximately 1500 students! Many of you come to our campus to support your child and our efforts - thank you! We look forward to your attendance at our Fine Arts performances, athletic events and other Family Engagement events. Putting your child's education as a priority is greatly appreciated.

The Quarter 1 report card was sent home on October 23. Celebrate your child's positive efforts and assist your child with setting academic goals and develop a plan to meet the goals. Praise and encourage your student for meeting your expectations. If you do not have SKYWARD access, you can register in the school's front office. However, students have their own access to Skyward, iReady (intensive reading and math), Kahn Academy, eCampus, and other web-based programs allowing you to review their assignments and progress. Please assist your child with being responsible for their learning—they need your support.

Safety and security are a priority for our campus. Please follow our traffic flow in the morning and after school. Because of the length of our car ramp, we can accommodate many cars allowing for quick pick up. Allow your child to stand on the car ramp until you pull around to the pick-up area. Do not park and ask your child to walk through the school parking lot or meet you across SR 46. While the shortcuts may be more convenient for you, it creates a serious safety concern for our students and other drivers.

"Follow" us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay up to date with our performances! We will continue to use School Messenger e-lert system to provide you with important information as well as our website at <a href="http://www.millennium.scps.k12.fl.us">http://www.millennium.scps.k12.fl.us</a>. Please keep your information (phone number and email addresses up to date in Skyward.) Mark your calendar - join us for one or more of our many performances!

November and December are the months that bring families and friends together. Take a moment and reflect on those things you are grateful for. Spend some quality time to refocus, reconnect and relax with those who are truly meaningful in your life. I wish everyone a happy and healthy winter break. Classes resume on January 6!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in Millennium Middle School! I look forward to seeing you on our campus throughout the year.

Maggie Gunderson, Ed. D. Principal

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## ADMINISTRATION

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** 



#### **Our Mission** "Millennium Today...College Tomorrow<sup>5</sup> Educating Every Child Every Day

Every Class

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#### Millennium Middle School





## Title 1

Title I is one of the largest sources of federal aid to elementary and secondary schools. The purpose of Title I is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

Throughout the school year be sure to check Millennium's 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.

## 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

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

Prepare for Today

Respect our School

Interact Positively

**D**o our Best, and

Encourage Excellence

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!

## Falcons Have **PRIDE** in Millennium

Expectations	Classroom	Cafeteria	Campus Areas	Dismissal
Prepared	Arrive on time     Have necessary materials	Get what you need the first time Know your lunch number	Follow dress code     Know your designated area	Know how you get home     Know your bus number
Respectful Behaviors	Remain quiet while others are speaking Follow teacher's directions Take care of classroom materials Use school-appropriate language	Clean up after yourself Remain seated and raise your hand for permission to get up Put trash in trash can	Put trash in trash cans Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself Stay in designated areas	Follow dismissal directives     Walkers/bike riders exit campus immediately     Bus riders and car riders go directly to your dismissal area
Interactions That Are Positive	Respect opinions of others     Celebrate success	Use good table manners     Say "please" and "thank you"	Use school-appropriate language     Be considerate of others	Follow directions with a positive attitude     Only leave with YOUR designated group
<b>D</b> oing Our Best	Set goals and strive to achieve them     Participate in classroom discussions     Ask for help when you need it     Be on task	Be considerate to all students and staff     Enter promptly	Make good choices     Stay on sidewalks	Remain seated until your dismissal group is called
Encouraging Excellence	Be proud of your work     Look for ways to improve     Promote PRIDE expectations	Keep area clean     Promote PRIDE expectations	Report unkind/unsafe acts     Promote PRIDE expectations	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. Millennium Middle School is currently seeking members to serve on the School Advisory Council (SAC) for the 2019-2020 school year. 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.

## 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## **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.

### 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 <a href="https://skyward.scps.k12.fl.us">https://skyward.scps.k12.fl.us</a> with Login: student ID #and Password: (birthdate) mmddyyyy.



## **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 407-320-64400 to find out more about becoming a volunteer. You can register to become a Dividend at <a href="https://dvd.scps.k12.fl.us/">https://dvd.scps.k12.fl.us/</a>. We would love to hear from you and discuss how you can share your time and talents with us!

## BETA Club

Beta Club will be holding their annual Canned Food Drive during November. All items collected will be donated to our food pantry right here at Millennium. The drive will run from November 1st to the 22nd. Please encourage your student to bring in non-perishable goods or canned foods to their first period teacher. The first period class with the most items collected will win a Donut Party!



#### Millennium Middle School

## Department News

## Language Arts & Reading

It was a busy 1st quarter for 6th grade Language Arts students. Major concepts of study covered over the past nine weeks include identifying central ideas in both fiction and nonfiction text, analyzing author's argument, and defining some of the challenges of growing up. As we enter the 2nd quarter, we are delving deeply into argumentative writing. Parents - ask your 6th grader about claims, evidence, and elaboration! These are some terms that we are working with on a daily basis, so hopefully they will impress you with their progress in literacy!

Working with a new textbook and new curriculum has proved to be an exciting new adventure in 7th grade Language Arts. Students have been diligently learning to write objective summaries and being able to identify the central idea and theme in a text. The first unit focused on students engaging in reading texts that address bullying in schools, while directing them to notice key ideas and details that contributed to the central idea of a text. Students also analyzed how elements of a story interact, and how this structure impacted the meaning of the text. In unit 2, Greek Myths, students learned to analyze and compare multiple sources centered on the same event as well as analyzing how the structure of each text contributes to the meaning of the text and aids in revealing the author's point of view. Gathering evidence for their own argumentative writing was a new skill that students are beginning to master. In the next quarter the focus will continue to reinforce the skills already learned while shifting to analyze why an author may adapt events in historical fiction and the impact of the adaption on the reader.

In 8th grade Language Arts students have been working diligently to master the computer programs that are the center for their instruction. They have become proficient in using Google Drive, Quizlet, and Outlook E-mail to help facilitate their learning. The texts for quarter 1 have been focused on coming of age issues and topics, both fictional stories and nonfiction articles. Students have worked to analyze their passages for key ideas and details, the importance of language and how particular phrases are used, as well as, learning to compare texts through themes and writing techniques. The latter part of the nine weeks has focused on breaking down argumentative writing and learning how to write strong, text-based arguments. In the second half of the semester, the focus for the units will be analyzing the Horror genre using Edgar Allan Poe and nonfiction articles that explain the neurological effects of horror. These units will help to reinforce the skills that we have been learning in the first quarter while also providing an opportunity for students to write literary critiques of their texts.

During the the week of November 4th, WriteScore was used. WriteScore is a measurement tool students used to write an essay so we can track their progress. The focus for the first essay is argumentative writing.

Literacy Night was October 29th and was a great success! Teachers and community members shared how they use reading and writing every day in their careers.

#### Science

**6th Grade Science** is studying the <u>Unit of Variation</u> which students will analyze and describe how and why organisms are classified according to shared characteristics with emphasis on the Linnaean system combined with the concept of Domains.

**7th Grade Science** is studying the <u>Unit Interaction of Spheres</u> which students will describe how global patterns such as the jet stream and ocean currents influence local weather in measurable terms such as temperature, air pressure, wind direction and speed, and humidity and precipitation.

8th Grade Science is studying the <u>Unit of Beyond Our World</u> which students will recognize that there are enormous distances between objects in space and apply their knowledge of light and space travel to understand this distance. Students will also identify and compare characteristics of the electromagnetic spectrum such as wavelength, frequency, use, and hazards and recognize its application to an understanding of planetary images and satellite photographs.

#### Science Fair

Dear Parents,

All 7th and 8th grade students are actively conducting Science Fair projects. The students have strict district guidelines to follow. Please make sure your child is on their teacher's eCampus page to ensure they are submitting the requirements on time. If you have any questions pertaining to Science Fair, please contact your child's Science teacher. This project is a major part of his/her grade.



#### Social Studies

For Social Studies this quarter in our Pre-IB courses in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade have their National History Day Project due the first week of December. Students will compete in class and each teacher will select their best projects for each category. We will have a school fair in January to select who will represent Millennium at the SCPS National History Day Fair in March.

#### 6th Grade World History

Students are learning about Ancient India, Ancient China (which includes a DBQ Project done in class about the Great Wall of China), and finally Ancient Egypt.

#### 7th Grade Civics

Students are learning about our Path to Democracy, the Declaration of Independence (which includes a DBQ on the Declaration of Independence), the Articles of Confederation, and creating the U.S. Constitution.

#### 8th Grade U.S. History

Students are learning about the Declaration of Independence, the American Revolution (which includes a DBQ Project- done in class) and forming our new government.

### 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

## Department News



## Performing Arts

Our Fall Performance Season is revving up! Don't miss these spectacular shows and concerts!

- Theatre 4 Presents "THE STRUGGLES" November 15 at 7:00 p.m. and November 16 at 2:00 p.m.
- Fall Dance Show November 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- Piano Recitals December 2 and 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- Band Concert December 6 at 7:00 p.m.
- Orchestra Concert December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
- Advanced Chorus Concert December 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- Guitar Ensemble Concert December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Visual Arts

The entire Visual Arts Department is hard at work preparing for our upcoming exhibition: F.A.L.con.

This year our event will be held on Wednesday November 29th at 6 p.m. Please come join us for a night of food inspired art from all art classes and fashion design. More information will be sent out via our social media sites and invitations will be given to all visual arts students. Hope to see you there!

Millennium Visual Arts took over the lobby of the Educational Support Center on October 30th for one week! Hope you were able to stop by and see some of the amazing things that were on display!

#### Math

In 6th grade, students are working with ratios and proportions. Students are learning how ratios are related to unit rates with a variety of activities. Students will have a skill check at the end of the week on ratios and proportions.

In 7th grade, students are extending their knowledge or ratios to constant of proportionality and percentages. They are applying percentages in real world

context with tax, tips and simple interest. They will be testing this knowledge next week.



In 8th grade, students are also using rates to extend their knowledge. They are making connections with slope and constant of proportionality. They are also learning how slopes and unit rates are related. Students will be taking a skill check on Wednesday/Thursday.

In Algebra, students are learning about functions. They are building functions based on context. Students are working in Algebra Nation and Khan Academy to work

on the standards they did not do well on the last 9 weeks.

Math Club is having their first competition in November. They have been meeting on Mondays after school in the Media Center. We work through competition problems and talk about the different ways to solve the same problem! We still have room for more members. Please see Mrs. Loudon or your math teacher if you would like to join!

### Guidance

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 are still available for purchase during the student's physical education classes. 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:

- 2nd Quarter Cross Country
- 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.

## Sports Program

**Cross Country Schedule** 

November 6th @ Greenwood Lakes, 4:30 p.m.

November 13th @ Millennium, 4:30 p.m.

November 20th @ Sanford Middle School, 4:30 p.m.

December 4th @ Millennium, 4:30 p.m.

December 7th - County Meet Lake Mary High School @ 8:00 a.m.

Practices are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at the gym.

#### Falcon Hoops - Open Gym Dates & Time

Wednesday, October 30th @ 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6th @  $3:30\ p.m.$  -  $5:00\ p.m.$ 

Wednesday, November 13th @ 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 20th** @ 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4th @ 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11th - To Be Determined

Please Note: In order to participate in Open Gym, student must have completed and returned the SCPS Release and Consent form prior to participation. The Open Gym will be supervised by Coach Marshall and/or Coach Hilaire. The SCPS/MMS Athletics Expectations/ sportsmanship shall be exhibited by all students during Open Gym. Any student not exhibiting the above expectations during Open Gym as determined by Coach Marshall and/or Coach Hilaire will not be able to participate in Open Gym.

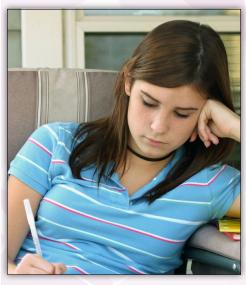


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#### Millennium Middle School

#### Second Semester

January marks the beginning of our second semester. Each year, during the second semester all schools experience an increase in absences and late arrivals, and a gradual decline in academic performance. So prevalent is this trend, it has been referred to as the "Second Semester Slide". We are determined to improve this trend and you the parents can play a major role. Absences and tardiness are two of the reasons that grades decline. Please be vigilant in making sure your student attends school every day and arrives on time. Your attention to this issue will have a positive effect on your student, reinforcing the importance you place on attendance.



To assure continued academic success and not fall victim to "Second Semester Slide", re-establish your student's homework and study routine. Help him/her to reclaim the space and time meant for this important purpose. Determine if any supplies or devices are needed. They make great holiday gifts. Also, monitor your student's grades, attendance, and classwork by accessing Parent Portal. Learn what tutoring and support opportunities are available here at school to improve results. Again, your attention to your student's school work will have a tremendous positive effect. When students are prepared for class each day, they will attend each day, arrive on time, and perform with confidence.

These efforts; staying informed about your student's progress, re-establishing a solid home-study routine, and making certain that your student attends every day and arrives on time will have an enormous positive result and help us all overcome "Second Semester Slide".



## Family Engagement Calendar

**November 7th** - Coffee with the Counselors, 9:45 a.m., Auditorium (8th Grade Parents)

**January 9th** - Coffee with the Counselors, 9:45 a.m., Auditorium, (6th & 7th Grade Parents)

January 28th - Spring Literacy Night, 5:30 p.m

March 10th - STEAM Fair, 5:30 p.m.

#### Clinic

A Letter to the Parents of 6th Graders - RE: 6th Grade Health Screenings - November 5, 2019



Seminole County Public Schools

WALT GRIFFIN Ed.D.

Superintendent

Date: July 3, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On November 5, 2019, Seminole County Public School's Health Services in collaboration with the Seminole County Health Department will be conducting health screenings for all sixth graders at Millennium Middle School. Students will be screened for scoliosis (curvature of the spine), height, weight, BMI (body mass index), dental, vision and hearing.

Scoliosis screening will be conducted by Registered Nurses and will be done in a private room. The students will be separated by gender so the nurse can view each student's back for any curvature of the spine. Girls are asked to wear sports bras or the top of a two-piece bathing suit under their clothing. Boys are asked to wear t-shirts only. Children that wear glasses or contact lens must wear them for the screenings.

A student will be exempt from any of the screening services if his/her parent/guardian requests an exemption in writing to the principal at the latest 5 days before the screening date.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Carpenter at 407-320-6579.

Thank you,

Dr. Maggie Gunderson Principal



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## Teacher of the Year

#### Congratulations Mrs. Hikida! Millennium's Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Hikida (Voke) is a Seminole County native. She is a proud alumni of Seminole High and UCF. Mrs. Hikida has been a member of the Falcon Family for the past five years. During her time here at Millennium, she has taught 7th grade Civics and 8th grade U.S. History. She is a sponsor for the Beta Club and she spearheads PBIS. Mrs. Hikida attends as many sporting events and curriculum events as possible for our school and District. In her spare time, she loves to read, hike with her dog, go camping, and listen to podcasts on history, technology, and education.







## Employee of the Year

#### Congratulations Mrs. Banuelos! Millennium's Employee of the Year

This will be Mrs. Banuelos' 4th year at Millennium Middle School as the Computer Technician. She has been employed in the educational system for 23 years. She is involved in the Seminole Junior Anglers High School Fishing Team. She spends her time off with her family, enjoys fishing, and loves the beach.

## Positive Benefits of Parent Involvement

It's not just the students who benefit, either; parents, teachers, and schools come out ahead.

Children with parents who are involved in their education are more likely to:

- Earn better grades.
- Score higher on tests.
- Attend school regularly.
- Have better social skills.
- Show improved behavior.
- Be more positive in their attitude toward school.
- Complete homework assignments.
- Graduate and continue their education.

## Parents who are involved in their children's education are more likely to:

- Be more confident at school.
- Be more confident in themselves as parents and in their abilities to help their children learn.
- Be held in higher esteem by teachers.
- Continue their own education.

## Schools with highly involved parents are more likely to have:

- Better morale among teachers.
- Higher ratings of teachers by parents.
- More support from families.
- A better reputation in the community.

## Why Is Parent Involvement Such A Big Deal?

Two major studies by Anne Henderson in the 1990s and 2000s showed that parent involvement has a hugely positive effect on student achievement and other indicators of success. These studies were so influential that researchers today are still referencing them. More recently, a study published in 2012 by researchers at North Carolina State University, Brigham Young University, and the University of California, Irvine, reinforced Henderson's earlier findings—and also found that family involvement has an even bigger effect on positive academic performance than the quality of the school building.



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