

From the principal ...

Millennium is a busy place in the month of December! During the month several charitable events are happening. Your children have the opportunity to donate food, hats and gloves to Tinley Park Food Pantry through the student council. Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest will have a donation box in the foyer to collect new toys. Traditionally, Millennium families have been very generous.

Please attend Santa's Shop on Saturday, December 3rd. See the PTO newsletter and teacher newsletters for details.

The second quarter of school is in full swing. While classes will enjoy some seasonal activities, academic pursuits continue. At home, please remember to provide your child a quiet time and space for homework and daily reading. Also, send your children with hats and mittens for outdoor play at recess.

In December students and staff will enjoy a visit from the District 140 Middle School Choir, which will present The Snowman. We will also have our own sing-a-long on December 23rd and Holiday Parties on December 22nd.

Room 3-2 is the winner of the walking stick for the month of November. Room 3-3 came in second place. Congratulations!

Student Council News

THANK YOU to everyone that participated in the Pennies for Patients fundraiser! We raised over \$2700.00!! Way to go Millennium.

Student Council members decorated a tree on November 29th at Brookfield Zoo. Come see the fantastic job they did! The tree is located on the West Mall, between Tropic World and the Pachyderm House.

Illinois law prohibits the use of cell phones while driving in school zones and construction zones. Any person under the age of 19, holding an instruction permit or a graduated Driver's License, is prohibited from driving a vehicle on a roadway while using a wireless phone. Any person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a School Speed Zone, or on a highway in a Construction Zone or Maintenance Speed Zone, and may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send or read an electronic message or "text" message.

Effective January 2, 2012, in Illinois all drivers and passengers must be belted in all seating positions; no matter where you sit! Everyone who is over 8 years of age weighs more than 80 lbs. and is taller than 4 ft 9 in. must wear a safety belt when in a car, truck or van. Children under the age of 8 must be sitting in a child safety seat or booster seat. People who do not wear their safety belts are 4 times more likely to be thrown out of a vehicle in a crash. All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.

Be A Buckle Buddy is a public education program aimed at keeping kids safe in cars. Anyone in Illinois can call 1-888-800-2642 or log onto www.bucklebuddy.org to anonymously report unbuckled kids by giving the license plate number, vehicle description, date, city and county. Owners of reported vehicles get a packet of information about car seat safety and Illinois law.

PTO NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to Alvin Makkattu and Zoe Swick! Alvin and Zoe won bike helmets from Performance Bike Shop during the Hike It, Bike It and Cike It family walk.

Thanks for everyone who shopped at Charming Charlie during our kickback night. Our profit was \$120.

Family Movie Night was a success! We hope everyone who attended enjoyed the movie, Cars 2. It was a great way to spend a Friday night!

There was a mistake on the Hot Lunch forms for January. The order form shows lunch on January 12, however the correct date is **January 13**. We apologize for the error.

Campbell's Soup Labels and Boxtops

There are a lot of families sending in their labels and boxtops - THANK YOU! The school really benefits from sending them in for redemption, so keep up the great work! Please remember to put your child's name and room number on the front of the baggie, as well as the number of items included. If possible, please send them in multiples of 10 and keep the boxtops and labels in separate bags. The more you send in, the better your chances are for winning one of our quarterly raffle prizes. Our first prizes will be awarded soon, so send in those labels and box tops!

Market Day

Thanks to all of the generous families who supported our first Pie Drive! The local food pantries are very grateful for your donations, and you made quite a few families a little happier this holiday season. In addition, the school benefitted from the extra income this month, so thank you all again! Remember to place your Market Day order for Christmas by Friday, December 2nd for our pickup on Tuesday, December 6th. That sale flyer came home the week of November 1st. If you order online, be sure to look in the clearance section for some nice deals.

If you have any questions about either the Soup Labels/Boxtops program or Market Day, please contact Cynn Abramic at (708) 614-1808. Thank you!

Dates to Remember:

December 3 - Santa's Workshop - 10am-2pm

December 6 - Market Day

December 22 - Holiday Party - 1-2pm

December 23 - Half Day of School

December 23 - January 6 - Winter Break

January 9 - School Resumes

December 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19 - Hot Lunch



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Thank you to everyone who purchased Market Day during September and October. PTO profited \$286.04 in September and \$229.52 in October.

Target Rebate for Millennium School over the last 12 months was \$1,379.52 - Take Charge of Education®

Help us help your favorite school. Choose your kids' elementary school, the neighborhood middle school or any other eligible K-12 school. We'll donate 1% of your REDcard purchases at Target and [Target.com](https://www.target.com). It's that simple. Please continue to shop at Target and proceeds will benefit the Millennium School students! Thank You!!

Save the Date Reminder:

Millennium Elementary School's 1st Annual **Santa's Workshop** will be held **Saturday, December 3rd** from **10:00am to 2:00pm**. For more details be on the lookout for the Santa's Workshop Letter to come in the backpacks by Nov. 18th!

We are still in need of volunteers.....

We think Daddy's would make great Secret Shopper Helpers and Mommy's who love to bake or want to work a station at the event would be a big help! There is something for everyone!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please email Lisa Alexander at beaulisa@gmail.com if you are able to lend a hand the day of Santa's Workshop.

BAKING COMMITTEE NEEDED: Please email Anne Vanderberg at mssaigon98@yahoo.com if you would like to be part of the baking committee for Santa's Workshop.

Help us bring the magic to this holiday season! With your assistance we can make this event a huge success! Any help would be greatly appreciated.

