

E.H. Miller School Newsletter



A Note From Our Principal

Greetings to All,

Recently, the staff of E.H. Miller voted and selected Mrs. Elizabeth “Lisa” Corey as E.H. Miller’s Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Corey has worked as an occupational therapist in the Putnam County School District for 16 years. She teaches students, that are eligible for her services, how to do basic tasks that most of us take for granted such as how to button or zip a shirt, put on their shoes or use a spoon. Ms. Corey also makes herself available as a translator for our Spanish speaking parents. We are fortunate to have her as a part of our school. The staff also selected Mrs. Susan Emmons as E.H. Miller’s School Related Employee of the Year. Mrs. Emmons has been an instructional assistant for 8 years. She is currently doing a wonderful job as our school’s librarian, she coordinates our March of Dimes efforts, works on the Prom Committee, Fall Festival, works on the Christmas Program and started a Drama club of EBD students. We wish her the best as she studies to become a teacher.

Carole Marvonek, a 30+ year veteran educator and a long time member of the E.H. Miller family has retired. We will truly miss her.

On a sad note, our E.H. Miller family has lost two students since the start of this school year. Charles Young and Alshaun Hill. Both these young people left their marks on our hearts.

Teachers and students alike are gearing up for our annual testing, the Alternate Assessment and the FCAT. Congratulations to the following students who showed growth on their recent Scholastic Reading Inventory: Thomas Edwards, Malik King, Lance Trent, Patrice Edwards, Joanna Jackson, Timothy Bahr, Ashleigh Doeing, Robert McGollie, and Charlie Gillion. Also, congratulations to their reading teachers Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs., Godfrey, Mrs. Marshall, and Mrs. King.



School Advisory Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share your ideas and concerns.

Take care until next time,
Faye Davis

A Visit From Ronald

E.H. Miller School had a visit this month from a dear friend, Ronald McDonald. Ronald's visits are always so much fun and the students look forward to seeing him every year. This year Ronald presented a lesson about reading. He showed them how to read with feelings and expression by reading a story about a storm and letting the students make sound effects for the rain, thunder, and lightning. He also talked about the library and how you can find all kinds of book there. The students really enjoyed the magic and the music and the way Ronald always interacts with them. Sometimes Ronald will bring friends with him to help teach the lesson. Afterwards, the "best part" Ronald stays for pictures. The only thing that would make it better would be cheeseburgers and French fries. Thanks Ronald for being our friend.



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Look for us on the web at ehmiller.putnamschools.org. Our web site is full of information to help you keep up with dates and activities that are happening here at the school.

Mrs. Becker/Mrs. Futch

Greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year! We've made some great resolutions and goals for the new year!

First our class would definitely like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Davis and PCSD maintenance department for the renovations to our classroom. It looks wonderful and we are enjoying having everything so neat and organized with our new cabinets. Also, adding the small kitchen area for our pod has been great! We have already been able to benefit from it as we do one of our favorite class activities. **COOKING and EATING!** The students truly do learn a lot as they are highly motivated when they use their senses to see, touch and taste ingredients; while learning skills of kitchen hygiene, sequencing, new vocabulary words, the concept of measurement and many other functional academic skills. Our favorite cooking activity is baking a birthday cake to celebrate our individual birthdays!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BODIE AND LANDON this month!



**Our favorite
Class activities
are
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Last nine wks. We kicked off our Community Based Instruction with a trip to the "Pumpkin Patch" at Trinity United Methodist Church. The children listened to Farmer Bob as he read stories about FALL. They also had fun discovering the many sizes and shapes of pumpkins as well as how they feel on the inside and out. We then chose a small pumpkin for each child to take home with him or her.

Winter will be our main focus throughout January. Our goal will be to learn how to dress and play in a safe and healthy way in this colder, wetter season. Health and proper hygiene will be emphasized as we learn about the people who help us to be healthy; doctors, nurses, dentists. We will also continue to learn about other helpers in our community as we go on some more C.B.I. trips to visit the places and people who work in our community.

These are just some of the fun things we do as a group. We also spend time daily working on our individual IEP goals. We are looking forward to a great year of learning many new things and having fun at the same time.

I also want to take this time to **THANK** all of my parents for your support. It is helpful to me as well as your child having parents who care and are involved in their child's education. Thanks for all you do!

Mrs. Johns' and Mrs. Key's Room

We have been very busy these last couple of weeks. Coming off Christmas break and getting everyone (including the adults) back on a schedule has been a job. Everyone has done very good coming in and following our usual schedule. It seems we have fallen right back into place.

We are working very hard on our ABC's, numbers, and colors. Each child is doing a wonderful job. Da'mya can just about say the whole alphabet with very little help. Ta'von's writing skills are moving right along. Felix, Mary, and Olivia are doing great learning how to sit through the whole circle time session. Juan is doing a fabulous job learning how to use his cane. Chloe is adjusted very well, and she can go just about the whole day with no tears. Donald is becoming one of our best students; he is attentive and is taking everything in. And of course our Zulie is as busy as a bee. We are so proud of all our kids they are doing so good and just moving right along.



Ms. Henderson, Ms. Christy, and Ms. Marvella



We
communicate
in
a
different
way!

- Ms. Henderson's students have demonstrated that communication can be expressed in different ways. Among the modes used are the following:
- Touch talkers
- Sign language
- Gestures

Through training at recent workshops and the support of Mr. Alex, the Speech Therapist, and his assistant Mrs. Dottie, students are showing progress in their communication skills.

Mrs. Moore and Ms. Pam's Room

Our Class has been VERY busy. Tae, Aaron, and Nathan have been learning new math concepts. Jade and Sean have been learning their colors and J.T. is counting everything.

Ramona, a former student, has returned and we are happy to have her back. Karl our artistic student, has moved away and we will miss him a lot.

Our class has a hero. Johnnie's attentiveness and concern for an injured classmate were a big help in calming the situation. The class awarded Johnnie with our Hero Award. We applaud you, Johnnie.



**Look
At
Our
Hero!**

The Prom Committee

The Prom Committee would like to thank everyone for their support in our recent Fundraiser. It was a great success and we had lots of fun.



Way To Go !

Special Olympics News

Coach Little would like to give a “**Shout-out**” to her basketball stars. Kenny Hill, Justin Swisher, and Nick Edwards are part of her traveling team and are currently 5 and 1. Our next game is an exhibition game at St. Johns River Community College and from there we’ll be on to state competitions in Daytona Beach!

We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Campbell’s and Mrs. Carey’s classes (and C.J. Kemp) for all their hard work at Interlachen High School’s individual and team skills practices and events. Erica Smith and Chris Bass both walked away with ribbons from their last competition at Flagler-Palm Coast High School. Great job and keep up the good work!



Help With Vision Screening

Communities In Schools

Communities In Schools provides free vision exams and glasses to children who qualify through its Sight for Students program. Annually, children throughout Putnam County receive services through the program. These are children who might otherwise not be able to receive the eye care and eyewear they need to do their best work in school and perform their best at play.

For more information on how to qualify, please call the Communities In Schools’ office at 386-328-8875.

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