



HARMONY 4K-3

FAMILY CONNECTION

October Events

October 14- Picture Retake Day

October 20-Team Harmony meeting at 6:00 pm in LMC

October 22- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm

October 23- No School for 4K; Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm

October 22-23 Scholastic Book Fair in gym (during conferences)

October 24- NO SCHOOL



Principals' Message

Hello 4K-3 Families! As we enter October, we'd like to take a moment to thank our families and staff for a good start to this school year. Each of our schools have special ways to celebrate the start of the year and special weeks like Homecoming Week, and it's great to see students enjoying those moments. We are also seeing students settle into their learning routines in classrooms.

The first few weeks of the school year is focused on establishing routines, teaching expectations, and building classroom and school community. We are proud of the efforts of our staff and students and know that time was well spent as it lays the groundwork for optimal learning environments. Now as we enter October, we shift into more of our academic lessons while continuing to support social and emotional growth for our students.

As you may know, students take assessments at the beginning of the year. Families have heard how students did on some literacy screeners. The iReady screener in math provides information about student's skills in math, and teachers use that as an initial look at areas students need to work on to meet grade level standards. You will notice family letters regarding math being sent home periodically so you the parents and guardians know what your children are learning about and how you can support that learning at home.

Fall parent/teacher conferences will offer families more information specific to your child's progress. We look forward to seeing families in our schools at the upcoming fall conferences and other school events.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schieve, Milton East; Marcia Schwengels, Milton West; Sarah Stuckey, Harmony & Consolidated

Attendance Reminders

Each of our schools have the expectations regarding school attendance procedures. Please make sure that if your child is absent, that you are calling the school attendance line to report his/her absence or reporting it in Skyward Family Access. Punctuality is very important, and we encourage all families to get their children to school by the start time each day. Our teachers go over daily schedules, important announcements, and often have activities to start the day that are not easily replicated for students who arrive late. Thanks for helping ensure your child is on time.

If there is a change in plans for how your student goes home in a given day, please communicate that in a note to the teacher, or a phone call to the office prior to 2:30pm. It is difficult to get all of the last minute notices to teachers on a daily basis when we receive communications right at the end of the day. Schedule and transportation changes can be unnerving to young children, so please make every effort to communicate plans before school with your child. Thanks for your help with this!

When a specific district determined threshold has been met for unexcused absences, excused absences and tardies, a letter is generated by Skyward and uploaded into Family Access for that student. Families will get an email that a letter has been generated and that they need to log into family access, under the Portfolio tab, to read it. If you receive a letter and have questions, please reach out to your child's principal.

Support for Families is Available...

Fall/Winter Resources

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| <p>Keep Our Redhawks Warm</p>  <p>Families needing winter coats, snow pants, hats, gloves or boots, please register using the QR code below and plan to attend the distribution on Oct 29th or November 1st at the Milton Public Library. More information on distribution will follow</p>  <p>Interested in donating children's winter gear? Please find the bins located at Milton Public Library, Ace Hardware and Piggy Wiggly.</p> | <p>Do your kids need a Halloween Costume?</p> <p>Gently used costumes available now until Oct 11th or supplies last at the Milton Library. Stop by to see what is available. While you are there, check out all of the other amazing opportunities the library provides!</p>  | <p>Other Assistance</p> <p>Home Energy Plus Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Assistance Weatherization Benefits Low Income Water Assistance Program |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Milton Food Pantry</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thanksgiving & Christmas Food/Assistance</p> <p>Please pre-register with the Milton Food Pantry to receive Thanksgiving or Christmas Food/Gift Assistance. Deadline for both sign ups will be 10/29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Milton Food Pantry-36 Hilltop Drive Call (608) 868-1166 with any questions.</p> <p>Regular Hours: 1st & 3rd Mondays of every month 6-7:30pm Every Wednesday 9-11am & 2-4 pm (except holidays)</p> | | <p style="text-align: center;"> SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE</p> <p>Are your kids in need of a bed? Apply for a Free Bed Here</p>  |

If you have other needs, please [click here](#). A district social worker may be able to assist!

October is Bullying Awareness Month

As we enter bullying awareness month, it is a good time to share quick resource with families related to helping children talk through conflicts to determine if behavior is bullying. It is helpful to listen to a child's report and then talk through it with them to determine if it is a peer conflict or bullying as well as when a child should tell an adult.

School staff is here to help. If you believe bullying has occurred, please contact your school's principal. Principals investigate bullying reports and intervene to support positive change in behavior and support for

| IS it Typical Peer Conflict? | IS it Bullying? |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| An accident | On purpose |
| Happens occasionally | Happens often |
| Felt sorry for what happened | Did not feel sorry for what happened |
| An attempt to solve the problem | No attempt to solve the problem |
| Equal power | Unequal power |

| Should you tell an adult? | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Reporting | Tattling |
| Getting someone out of trouble | Getting someone in trouble |
| Important | Unimportant |
| Harmful or dangerous | Harmless |
| Being mean on purpose | Accident |



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK
OCTOBER 20-24, 2025

Join us in promoting safety for our children as they travel to and from school on buses!

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| Stay seated at all times | Wait for the bus to stop before moving | Cross the street safely |
| Keep aisles clear of backpacks | Use handrails when boarding | Be respectful to the driver |

Attention 3rd Grade Writers...

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, a group of educators, sponsors a writing contest each year for students in Wisconsin in grades 3-12. If your child loves writing, please see the information linked below. If your child writes a book, please submit it to your school's principal by January 9, so that the school can send it in prior to the January 30 deadline. All contest information and the official entry form are linked here. [Delta Kappa Gamma Contest Information](#)

Health and Wellness Information

October 2025



BACKPACK NEWS

Tips for Parents

Balance the sweet treats with smart snacks and active play.

Family walks, leaf pile jumps, or biking together can make fall a season of both fun and healthy habits.

School Nurse Expertise

From Melissa Forrett, School Nurse at the Milton School District:

"As the seasons change, so do our health needs. Fall is a wonderful time to refresh healthy routines—getting good rest, washing hands often, and keeping up with vaccinations can help keep your family well. Let's work together to keep our school community healthy and thriving this season."

Healthy Halloween

Halloween is all about costumes, spooky fun, and of course the treats! But too much sugar can lead to energy crashes and upset bellies.

A healthy Halloween doesn't mean no candy, it means being mindful. Try eating a balanced dinner before trick-or-treating, so you're less likely to snack the whole way. Then, sort your candy and keep a few favorites, saving the rest to enjoy in moderation.

Want brain-boosting snacks for parties or after-school snacks? Try spooky fruit skewers (grapes = monster eyeballs!), popcorn with pumpkin seeds, or yogurt cups with Halloween sprinkles. Dark chocolate, nuts, and even apples with nut butter make great swaps that still feel like treats!

And remember—movement matters! Walk while you trick-or-treat, play flashlight tag, or dance in your costume. It's all part of the fun.

Remember, Halloween can be both healthy and awesome!

Healthy Movement in Cool Weather

Fall is the perfect time to get moving in Wisconsin! Cooler air, colorful leaves, and shorter days make it extra important to spend time outside.

Walking, biking, raking leaves, and playing games like tag or hide-and-seek keep your body active and your brain strong.

Being active helps you focus better in school, sleep better at night, and boost your mood, which is important with less sunlight during fall months. Even a 20-minute walk after dinner or a weekend hike with your family can make a big difference.

Try fun fall traditions like a leaf scavenger hunt, nature photography, or setting a goal to explore a new trail or park each week. Invite friends and make it a group adventure!

When the weather is too chilly, indoor movement like yoga, dancing, or hallway races still keeps your energy up.

Fall is more fun when you get to play outside, so grab a jacket, go outside, and enjoy the season!

Opportunities for Families

Featuring **SHARLA'S** Coftee Trailer

2025 RED HAWK MARCHING INVITATIONAL
OCTOBER 11, 2025

MILTON HIGH SCHOOL - JERRY SCHLIEM STADIUM
Gates open 5pm
\$12 ADULTS, \$10 STUDENTS AND SENIORS, UNDER 5 FREE
www.miltonredhawbands.org

MILTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT Screening Day

Families, childcare providers, and doctors who have concerns regarding a child's development (ages 3-5) are asked to contact us to request a free screening.

- Play-Based Assessments**
District early childhood staff will conduct play-based screenings with each child to assess speech, language, preschool readiness, motor, self-help, and social skills.
- Connect with Resources**
While your child is participating in their screening, district staff will be available to answer questions and discuss potential resources to support your child's development.
- By Appointment Only**
To ensure optimal assessments of each individual child's potential needs, appointments are required for evaluations.

Our Next Screening Day is Monday October 13, 2025

To Request An Appointment
Contact Us 608-868-9248 | All Assessments Will Be At Milton West Elementary 825 W Madison Ave, Milton, Wisconsin

ENCHANTED FOREST & HOLLYWOOD HAYRIDE

Enchanted Forest & Hollywood Hayride

DATES AND TIMES
Wednesday and Thursday, October 8 and 9 from 5:30-8 pm
Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11 from 5:30-8:30 pm

LOCATION
Palmer Park, 2501 Palmer Drive

As the leaves hit the ground and nights become crisp, bring the family to Palmer Park. Enjoy the Halloween season by taking a stroll through the Enchanted Forest, a wagon ride on the Hollywood Hayride, play carnival games at the Goblin Games, or take a free barrel ride provided by the Optimist Club.

This year the Enchanted Forest will take you on a narrated candle-lit walk through Palmer's hillside to various acted scenes from your family's favorite children's books, fairytales, and nursery rhymes. Stop to take a picture with our local actors or in front of your favorite scene set.

The Hollywood Hayride will take you on a windy path stopping at several star-studded scenes from family-friendly movies and TV shows. At each stop our actors will perform a short skit and riders will receive a small trinket. Take pictures or sing and dance along to get in the spirit.

FEE
Enchanted Forest - \$3/person
Hollywood Hayride - \$3/person
Goblin Games - 4 tickets/\$1 Each game is only one ticket.
CASH ONLY!

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FAMILY & FRIENDS NIGHT
Sun & Mon, Dec 21 & 22, 2025

It's Winter Break! Get away without going too far from home to America's largest indoor water park & enjoy a special rate for families and friends!

A portion from EACH room booked will benefit Northside Intermediate School!

\$199 2 QUEEN BEDS
WATER PARK PASSES
WAIVED RESORT FEE

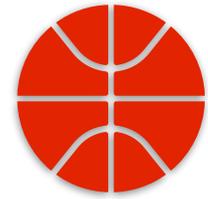
BOOK NOW!
Offer ends 10/21/25 or when sold out. Limited Availability.

Limited number of rooms available. Rate before taxes. The room sleeps 1-4 people with water park passes. Up to 2 guests can be added for \$50 each.

<https://book.passkey.com/event/51055033/owner/57143/home>



2025 4K-2nd Grade Milton Youth Basketball Camp
Wednesday, November 26th
Milton High School Fieldhouse
GIRLS & BOYS 4k-2nd GRADE



CAMP OVERVIEW:

- Milton High School coaches and players will run the camp.
- Building Fundamentals
- Fun
- The girls basketball program wants to provide a camp opportunity for our younger players in Milton. This will be a fun skill-focused camp for all levels. With the new fieldhouse, we have the opportunity to organize campers up by grade and skill level to provide the best experience for all.

CAMP SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, November 26th 2:00 - 3:30 pm

COST:

\$25.00 (Make check out to Milton Girls Basketball)

ONLINE ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT OPTION:

<https://milton.revtrak.net/youth-athletic-camps/youth-basketball-camp/>

CAMP ENTRY FORM

Participant Name: _____

Street

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Grade: _____ Home/Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Phone: _____ Email: _____

I give permission for my daughter/son to be treated for an injury sustained at the Milton Youth Basketball Camp. I hereby expressly assume all risk of injury that could occur by reason of her participation. I also understand that all expenses are my responsibility as a parent/guardian.

Parent Signature: _____

Print Parent's Name: _____ Date: _____

Please detach and mail registration to:

Milton Youth Basketball Camp (Stacy Skemp)
114 W. High St., Milton, WI 53563
608-574-9096 skemps@milton.k12.wi.us

ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE START OF CAMP ON NOVEMBER 26th

Calling all Harmony students... In October, students who write a sentence, or a word, or a poem or one-page story about something related to the ocean and submit it to Mrs. Stuckey will have their work displayed on our front bulletin board. We are going to *“Catch the Writing Wave”* this month!



TEAM Harmony News

Thank you everyone for coming to the Welcome Back Party! It was a blast!

We had a great turn out at **Culver's Scoopie Night**. Thank you everyone for coming and volunteering. We raised \$1,485.06! Congratulations to Mrs. Tranter's class who won 1st place, followed by Mrs. Purcell's and Kelleher's classes who won 2nd and third place. Culver's provides gift certificates to the winning classes.

Thank you Harmony!! **Our Color Run fundraiser last spring was a big success.** We raised \$10,154.62, and used that fundraiser to help cover the cost of our new musical playground feature.

Directory Update:

We have had 72 people fill out the directory link so far. Here is the link if you are interested in having your information published in the directory. Here is the form for our Harmony directory if you haven't filled it out yet and would like to: [Directory Link 24-25](#). Team Harmony will organize the information and we'll email out a pdf file of the directory soon.

Save the Dates:

October 21- Team Harmony Meeting at 6pm in library
October 23-24- Parent/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair in gym



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"Harmony Elementary School - Team Harmony"
<https://www.facebook.com/HarmonyElementary>

We'll use our Facebook page to keep parents/guardians informed on Team events.

