This is a BIG SHOUTOUT to all the staff, students and their families for donating to United Way of the Midlands. Every penny is so appreciated and helps a family in need. THANK YOU!

We will be having another POP-EYES School Night on Wednesday, October 14th from 4-8pm. Popeyes will donate 10% of all sales to Miller Park Elementary School. Be sure to take your flyer to Popeyes at 5223 N 30th with your teacher’s name on it. The class with the most participants will win a prize.

Principal’s Corner

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Monday, October 19th, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Thursday, October 22nd from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity for the teacher and parent(s)/guardians(s) to discuss students’ progress and determine tools for the remainder of the school year. If you have not signed up for Parent/Teacher Conference yet, please contact your child’s teacher. We look forward to seeing you at conferences and we want to meet our school goal of 100% parent participation.

We know how committed you are to Miller Park and your child! We can’t wait to see you at conferences!!

Dr. Carrie Rath

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 19: Second Quarter Begins
- Oct. 19, 20 & 22: Parent Teacher Conferences
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- Oct. 20 & 22: No School for Students
- Oct. 22 & 23: Red Ribbon Week
  (See daily celebration theme on back)
- Oct. 26-30: Fall Celebration
- Oct. 30: Daylight Saving Time - Set clocks back 1 hour
- Nov. 1: The Amazing Pizza Machine 11 AM
- Nov. 4: 5th Grade Field Trip to the Botanical Gardens Conservatory
- Nov. 10: Literacy Night 6PM
- Nov. 10: Scholastic Photo Retakes 8 a.m.
- Nov. 17: Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 25-27: Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair
Oct. 19, 20 & 22

We will have our book fair during the hours of our Parent-Teacher Conferences
Monday, Oct 19 from 4:00 pm -8:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 22 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Benefits of 6th - 8th Grade Middle Schools

Monroe Middle, Morton Magnet Middle, McMillan Magnet Middle and Nathan Hale Magnet Middle Schools will be adding 6th grade students into their buildings for the 2016-2017 school year.

There are many benefits for our students who are in a 6th – 8th grade middle school:

- Students have increased student achievement in core academic subjects that include: math, reading/language arts, science, and social studies.
- Teachers are departmentalized, which allows them to specialize in deep understanding of one content area. As a result, many middle school teachers earn master’s degrees in the subjects they teach.
- Students are on a team of approximately 120-140 students at the same grade level with the same 5 to 6 core team teachers.
- Teaming at middle school allows teachers to have daily team meetings and common plan time that provides teachers time for developing individualized instructional strategies to support students, to balance homework assignments and to provide curricular enhancements.
- Students and families are provided continuity during these middle school years, which increases engagement in the school and community.
- Teachers lead advisory programs that are designed to create a structure to help students get to know one another, meet their needs, work effectively and build positive relationships with peers and adults that extend into classes and become schoolwide.
- Middle school staff members are provided professional development that increases their understanding of the developmental needs of this age group (10-14 year olds). With this understanding, the teachers recognize the importance of applying effective strategies to engage students in their classrooms as well as various clubs and activities after school.

September Students of Distinction

- **Head Start — Julio Carazo**
- **Pre-K — Rylee Young**
- **Kindergarten — Jordan Shine**
- **First Grade — Mila Beverly**
- **Second Grade — Soraya Suhaylah**
- **Third Grade — KeJuan Moore**
- **Fourth Grade — Isabel Rojas**
- **Fifth Grade — Arianna Hill**
- **Sixth Grade — Ezequiel Banda**