

Milliken Middle School Newsletter

April 13, 2018

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner! Although many students are already dreaming about sleeping in this summer, we have a lot of activities happening here at the middle school they won't want to miss. A few of these are our Week Without Hate, Spring Musical, and our End of the Year Showcase. Keep reading to find out what we've been up to and what's to come.

WEEK WITHOUT HATE

A few years ago, Ms. Bott introduced our school to the "Day Without Hate." It is a student led, grassroots organization that promotes nonviolence, unity, and respect in our schools. After the shootings at Virginia Tech in 2007, JEFFCO students at Standley Lake High School asked their classmates to wear white in order to show a commitment, and it was an overwhelming success.

Since then, students across Colorado and the nation have taken this incredibly positive day in their communities to say that we will not tolerate violence or hate, and we will reach out to friends and acquaintances and say, "We're all in this together."

Our school has joined the movement and expanded it to a full week. Last year, the week was the highlight of my year! I've never seen so many smiles on our students' faces. The energy in our building was radiant.

This year we are excited to announce that the whole district is participating in our Week Without Hate! Each building will be completing similar activities throughout the week. These activities will promote kindness, unity, forgiveness and thankfulness.

The final day, Friday, April 27th, the entire district, along with all the other participating schools will wear their Day Without Hate shirts or plain white shirts to show our togetherness.



CoLoR dAnCe

To help kick off our Week Without Hate, we will have our first ever Color Dance and Rally! It will be a messy good time!

Here is what to expect:

Students WILL GET DIRTY! They should wear clothes that can be stained permanently. Students may wear their DWH shirts but need to realize they will get stained, AND they have to be washed before wearing them Friday.

Students will have color powder packets to throw on each other during the dance. It is non-toxic and biodegradable. The company told me it's best to shake it off first before using water.

Cost is \$3 which gives them admission and 1 color packet. At the dance-additional packets are \$2 each.

All students are welcome; no eligibility applies

Dressing up in wigs/tutus is encouraged. (Think dodge ball team costumes)

Suggestion: Bring towel/sheet when you pick up your child to protect your vehicle



Tuesday, April 24th

After school:

2:45-4:45 pm

Cost: \$3 for admission +

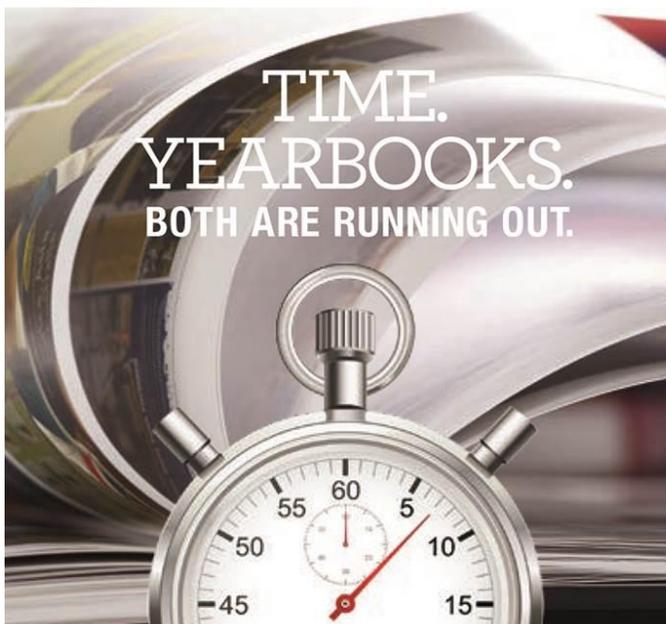
1 color packet

Extra color packets = \$2

Volunteers NEEDED!!

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Milliken Middle School

Presents:



The
Ever
After
A Musical

A stylized illustration featuring a yellow crown, a yellow magic wand with a star at the tip, and a grey book with a white page and a blue cover.

Students: \$3

Adults: \$5

April 27th/28th
@7pm
Roosevelt High
School
Auditorium

Book by Nathan Hartswick
Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur
Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer
Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado



Solidarity With Parkland

By Maerron Lovern

After the tragedy in Parkland, Florida, our students at Milliken Middle School wanted to support and stand with those who were affected. We wanted to show that Milliken stands with them and even if we're not there with them right now, we're there to support.



Milliken Middle School has put together a package of cards, a banner and a video to show them our support from Milliken, Colorado. We are very sorry about what has happened at their school and wanted to send them our love. We thought the counselors could give the cards to students if they were needing a little extra that day.

The video can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/FWswFdxTb8s>



A "Sticky" Middle School Farewell to Dr. Foster

by Owen Greathouse

To honor Dr. Foster during his last year as our superintendent, MMS's Student Council decided to pull a mischievous prank, because we are middle schoolers and wanted to do something different. We knew Dr. Foster would get a kick out of it because he was a middle school teacher, and gets us. Student Council went to Pride classes, and gave each student and teacher a sticky note. We asked them to write a positive message to Dr. Foster.

Afterwards, three students along with Mrs. P went to the superintendent's office while he was in a meeting and "re-decorated" his office. Dr. Foster was very pleased. He replied with, "Knowing that we have teachers and students like you warms my heart and reassures me of how much everyone needs to care and look out for each other." We appreciate the many years of service Dr. Foster has dedicated to this district.



That's it for this edition!

Check our school calendar for important dates and upcoming events

<https://www.weldre5j.k12.co.us/apps/events/>