

Miller Avenue Elementary School  
“The Future Begins Here”

PTO Welcome Packet  
2017 - 2018



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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Miller Avenue! We are excited to work together to provide a great year for the students, staff, families, and communities of Miller Avenue. We value communication and feedback, so please feel free to contact us anytime.

An exciting year is ahead of us. Our building is redesigned and your PTO has been hard at work over the summer planning activities and events to complement your child's experience at Miller Ave. We are YOUR PTO and your thoughts, feedback, talents and time are always welcome, wanted, and needed. Talk to us! Email us, Facebook us, and join us as we work together to support academic, social and fun projects for your children to enjoy.

You are already part of our team and we hope that you will continue to assist us in providing a variety of wonderful experiences for our children.

No matter what your schedule, there is an opportunity for you to get involved. If you are available during school hours, we would love to have you join us in distributing pizza, bagels, or chicken nuggets to our children's classrooms. There are also many after school and evening events where volunteers are needed. Often, volunteer opportunities can be done at your home on your own time. Our goal is for all parents and caregivers to feel included and to be given opportunities to share their time and talents for the benefit of our children and school.

We are so excited for the year ahead and look forward to working together! Please join us at our first meeting of the school year which will be held at Miller Ave on September 13 at 6:30 p.m.

All the best,

Ashley Hadjoglou  
Robyn Heavey  
Miller Avenue PTO Co-Presidents



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What is the PTO?

The mission of the parents and caregivers of Miller Avenue students, in partnership with teachers, administration, and staff, is to complement our children's education through dedication, involvement, and a desire to make a difference.

Who can join the PTO?

Parents, guardians, caretakers, teachers, and staff of the Miller Avenue community!  
Grandparents, aunts, uncles, family and friends are always welcome to volunteer!

How can I help the PTO?

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." - Arthur Ashe

Attend our meetings!

Volunteer your time, depending on your schedule.

Consider being a Chairperson for an event.

Sign up to be the PTO Liaison in your child's class.

Donate your skills and talents.

Connect your business and community.

Reach out to us with ideas and feedback.

How can I stay informed?

Check out our website: [www.MillerAvenuePTO.com](http://www.MillerAvenuePTO.com)

Text @maPTO to 81010 to receive text updates from the PTO

Like us on Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/MillerAvenuePTO](http://www.Facebook.com/MillerAvenuePTO)

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### **2017-2018 Lunch Programs**

Students have the opportunity to order chicken nuggets, pizza, and bagels to be delivered to their classroom at lunch time. This year, in an effort to reduce paper and increase efficiency, the PTO is utilizing the web service Cheddar Up for the ordering of lunch items. Please visit the links below to order. Pizza, bagels and chicken nuggets can only be done successfully with the help of volunteers. Please visit the links to volunteer any time you may be available.

#### **Chicken Nuggets**

Served on Mondays, 9/25-6/11

5 Perdue Nuggets

\$52 for the full year

\$26 for half year

To purchase: <https://chicken-nugget-mondays.cheddarup.com>

To volunteer to serve: <https://tinyurl.com/NuggetMonday>

#### **Pizza**

Served on Tuesdays, 9/26-6/12

\$60 for the full year, additional \$30 for second slice (full year)

\$30 for half year

Gluten free and dairy free \$116 full year, \$58 half year

To purchase: <https://pizza-tuesdays.cheddarup.com>

To volunteer to serve: <https://tinyurl.com/PizzaPal>

#### **Bagels**

**\*NEW VENDOR THIS YEAR- BROOKLYN BAGELS!\***

Served Thursdays, 9/28-6/14

\$46 for the year

Plain bagel, either with butter or without

To purchase: <https://bagel-thursday.cheddarup.com>

To volunteer to serve: <https://tinyurl.com/BagelThursdays>

**Deadline to register for Chicken Nuggets, Pizza, and Bagels is September 22**

\*Refunds will not be issued for snow days, unplanned school closings, or child's absence.



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Volunteer Form

**Fill in this Volunteer form ONLINE here: <https://tinyurl.com/volunteerMAPTO>**

Below is a tentative list of events when volunteers are needed. If you are interested in donating your time or talents, or if you would like to learn more about them please email us at [MillerAvenuePTO@gmail.com](mailto:MillerAvenuePTO@gmail.com) and include the following information or return this form to your child's teacher:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee you are interested in \_\_\_\_\_

- Arts in Education: organizes enrichment activities and assemblies throughout the school year.
- Bagel Thursdays: serves bagels to our children each Thursday, about half hour daytime commitment.
- Beautification Committee: updates bulletin boards and gardens as necessary to keep the school beautiful!
- Book Fairs: fall & spring Scholastic fairs to promote literacy & raise funds, day & evening volunteer slots available.
- Box Tops for Education: ongoing fundraiser via collection of BoxTops.
- Chicken Nuggets: serve chicken nuggets to our children on Mondays
- Fruity Friday: serve our children fresh fruit and healthy snacks each Friday, banana costume optional!  
Sign up to serve: <https://tinyurl.com/FruityFridays>
- Little Girl Event: spring evening event for our little ladies and the special men in their lives.
- Little Guy Event: spring evening event for our little men and the special women in their lives.
- Holiday Art Show: evening event showcasing student art, fun collaborative art projects, and craft sale.
- Membership: seek out new families, parents, teachers, staff, and engage our community with the PTO.
- Movie Night: evening in June where the PTO plays a movie and serves popcorn for our families outside.
- Parents as Reading Partners (PARP): turn off screens & read together! Volunteer opportunities, 1st week in May.
- Picture Day: student portraits are taken by local professional at the end of September
- Pizza Tuesdays: each Tuesday, students can be served pizza for lunch by PTO volunteers
- Science Fair: in March, students display their creative science projects at a fun, evening event.
- Spiritwear: PTO raises funds and promotes school community by selling MA sportswear
- Square1 Art: fundraiser in which parents can purchase products created from their child's artwork.
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon: end of year function to say thanks to our teachers and staff for their hard work!
- Yearbook: each year a yearbook is created for students, pictures and programming volunteers needed!
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

These are the best days/times for me to volunteer:

- During School Hours                       Weekends/Evenings                       Anytime from home/remotely
- I am very busy but am willing to donate other resources, like funds, items, talent, or connections.

Do you have any special skills or talents you'd like to share?

- I am an author/artist/photographer.     I have a business that can donate time, talent, or more.
- I can copy, collate, staple, and organize paperwork.     I have media and PR skill and can help publicize events.
- I have vendor connections that might benefit the PTO.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# FALL FESTIVAL

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Thursday, October 12th  
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm  
at Fink's Country Farm  
6242 Middle Country Rd, Wading River

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Entry grants access to Fink's fall festival which includes an animal farm, barn o'corn, bounce houses, play ground areas, corn maze, hay ride, baby pumpkins for each child and more!

Pre-order tickets are \$10.50 each online:  
<https://fallfestival2017.cheddarup.com>

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Everyone 3 and over must have a ticket.

Tickets at the door are \$12

Questions: [MillerAvenuePTO@gmail.com](mailto:MillerAvenuePTO@gmail.com)

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[BUY TICKETS HERE!](#)

# PTO Meeting



Miller Avenue PTO Meetings for 2017 - 2018  
Save the Dates!

**Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m. @ Miller Ave AP Room**

**Thursday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. @ High School Library**

**Thursday, November 16, 6:30 p.m. @ Middle School Library**

**Thursday, January 11, 6:30 p.m. @ Wading River**

**Thursday, February 8, 6:30 p.m. @ Miller Ave AP Room**

**Monday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. @ High School Library**

**Thursday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. @ High School Library**

**Thursday May 31, 6:30 p.m. @ Miller Ave AP Room**

**Thursday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. @ Wading River**

**\*PTO Board Elections & Appreciation Dinner 6/14**