



# January Newsletter

Walter S. Miller Elementary School

Neshaminy School District

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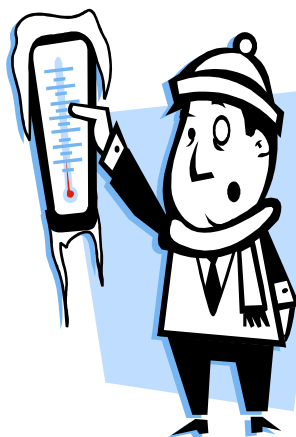
## January Highlights

January 3	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
January 5	READING OLYMPICS BEGIN 3:30—4:15 pm
January 17	NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
January 20	ELEMENTARY STRING RECITAL 7:30 PM @ Miller
January 22	PTO SPONSORED ICE SKATING PARTY @ GRUNDY'S -Info to follow
January 24-28	IOWA Testing—Grade 1
January 27	MILLER NIGHT AT BARNES & NOBLE 6:00—7:15



Dear Miller Families,

On behalf of our entire staff, **Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!** I would like to clarify and remind you of two issues at this point in our school year.



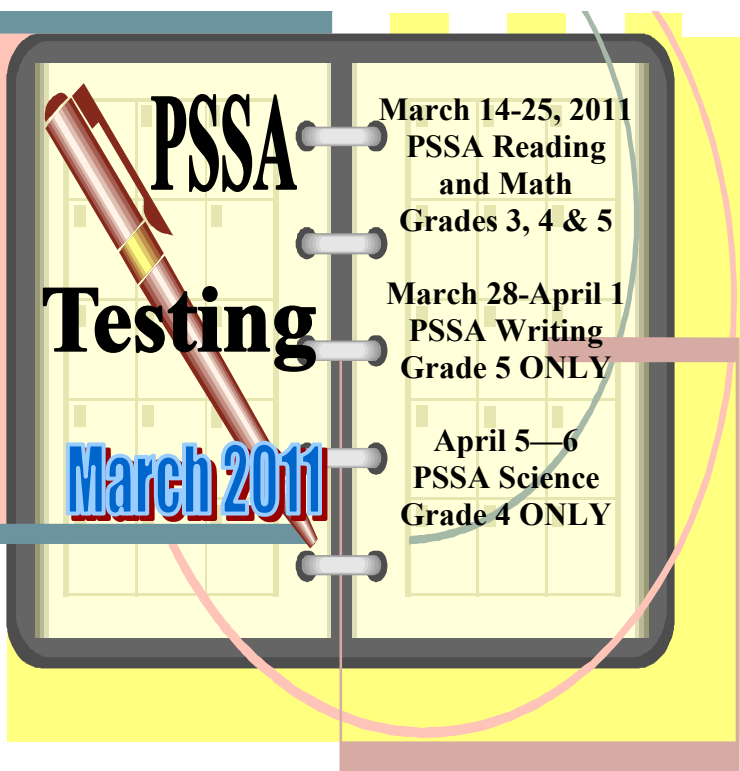
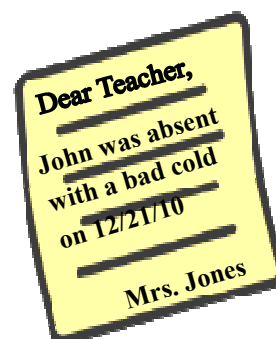
As the cold weather is now upon us, some parents have asked if and when students go outside for recess. Fresh air and exercise are important to children, so unless it's bitterly cold (temperatures and/or wind chill below 20 degrees), or if it is raining/snowing at the time of recess, we will be going outside. Children should be prepared each day with hats, gloves/

mittens, and a warm coat to wear outside. Your cooperation and support of this matter is greatly appreciated. If your child is in need of a coat, please contact me and I will remedy this confidentially.

An absence note is **always** required when a child returns to school after an absence. The note should be sent to the teacher, be specific concerning the reason, and specify the date(s) of absence. **In cases of excessive absences, school authorities may request a doctor's certificate for justification.**

Sincerely,

Paul Mahoney, Principal





*Hampstead Stage*  
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Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is a story that is both timeless and universal. It is the delightful tale of the miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, and his clerk, Bob Cratchit. Through visits from the spirits of the season, Scrooge learns the true meaning of Christmas. In this charming tale, the **Hampstead Stage Company** educated the students about the class system of Victorian England and encouraged them to help others that are less fortunate than they are.



*The Spirit of Giving*

What a generous community we have here at the Walter Miller Elementary School. Our students, staff, and community had several opportunities to help the needy during the holiday season. Many thanks to our students and their families who joined our staff members with their contribution to the **Bucks County Courier Times** "Give-A-Christmas" fund collection and to the **Red Cross Homeless Shelter**. Holiday trees decorated our cafeteria and office with the names of the many contributors.

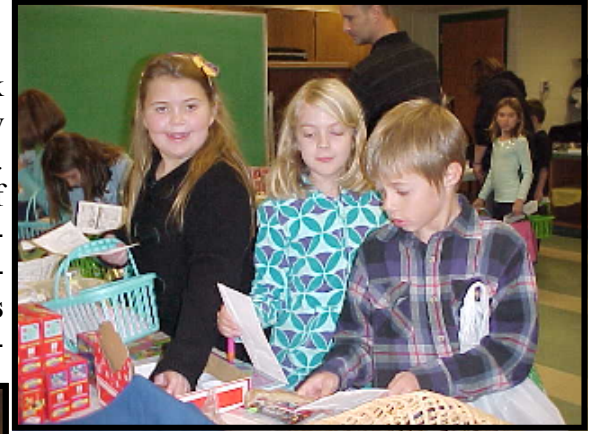
Thanks, also, to our generous students and their families who donated hats, scarves, and mittens. This warm clothing was distributed to needy children in our area.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the Miller students, staff, and community members who participated in the "Adopt A Family" drive, which supports families in the Walter Miller/Samuel Everitt attendance area. Because of their generous donations from our Miller/Everitt community, many families were treated to a very special holiday.



# HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The **Holiday Shop**, sponsored by our PTO, was held during the week of December 6—10. On the evening of December 10<sup>th</sup> the **Holiday Bazaar** was held for parents and students to do some holiday shopping. Students and their parents were able to choose from a wide variety of novelty gifts, as well as unique jewelry, one of a kind handbags, candles, and much more. The **Grinch** even made an appearance to the delight of our Miller students. Thanks go out to our **PTO volunteers** for all of their hard work in order to provide our students with an affordable place to shop.



## Random Acts of Kindness!

The **second grade** students have been performing random acts of kindness to raise money for Neshaminy families in need. The children are given a donation for a random act such as cleaning their room or saying kind words. The money raised was spent at the local **Target** store in Langhorne. The children shopped for “adopted” families that reside in the Neshaminy School District.



# Giving B.A.G.S.

Books And Gifts to Students

The **third grade** students were busy doing some service projects during the month of December. One activity they participated in was called **Giving B. A. G. S.** Students packed bags with four snacks, a book, and a toy which were delivered to children attending “at risk schools” in nearby communities.

The third graders also wrote letters, holiday cards, and cinquain poems to recovering American soldiers in the **Walter Reed Army Medical Center** in Washington, D.C. The month of December was truly a time for giving.



**Soldier**

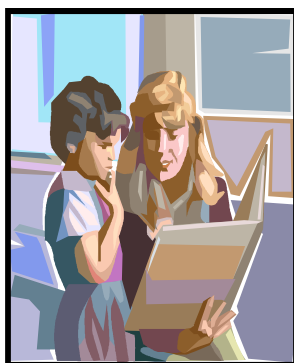
Brave, Strong  
Caring, Living, Fighting  
Protecting Many People  
American Leader!

By  
Alexia Oquendo

**Soldier**

Brave, Independent  
Protecting, Sacrificing, Serving  
Fighting for Freedom  
Warrior

By  
Charlotte Spina



## Pre-School Story Hour

Pre-School Story Hour begins on  
**Friday, January 21, 2011**  
1:00—2:00 PM in Room D-3

Please contact **Karen Sisco**  
215-943-7220 or  
ksisco14@msn.com  
for additional information.



## Market Day

A fundraiser like no other...

The Walter Miller School can receive a **\$250 gift card** to Barnes & Noble for our library if we reach \$3000 in Market Day sales in January!!! Please check our Market Day flyer. I'm sure you will be pleased with the many food choices. The PTO would like to thank you for your continued support!!!

# Welcome



Please welcome **Renā Schaffer**, as our Playground Aide and **Jennifer Vaida**, as our Cafeteria Aide

# Winter Concert

The **Annual Winter Concert** is certainly a wonderful way to get into the Holiday Spirit! Our talented Miller student performers entertained a packed house at the Carl Sandburg Middle School on the evening of Wednesday, December 15<sup>h</sup>. The orchestra, band and choruses performed many seasonal favorites to the delight of the audience.

Many thanks to our directors, **Mr. Kyle, Mr. Russell, Mrs. Waterson, and Mrs. O'Neill** for their hard work.



# The Polar Express

The **second graders'** reading incentive program for the month of December was inspired by **The Polar Express**. Every time a student completed a reading log, they added a train car to the **READING EXPRESS** train in the hallway. The children reached their goal which enabled them to celebrate reading with hot chocolate "as thick as melted chocolate bars," and delicious cookies. The children wore fuzzy slippers and robes while reading their favorite holiday stories together.





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