

Aberdeen Schools

Keeping you informed about our schools -- Jan. 26, 2024

Miller Jr. High celebrates 100 years on Sunday



Take a walk down memory lane at Miller

A visit to Miller Junior High School one day this week revealed preparations for Sunday's centennial celebration are well in the works. On this day, students in Janet Dayton's and Lori Snyder's classes were busy putting together exhibits and other projects to showcase the school – past, present and future.

Down the hall in the music room, the Miller Band rehearsed for its upcoming performance. The orchestra and choir students are also scheduled to offer tributes.

Mayor Douglas Orr will present a proclamation and John C. Hughes, our state's chief historian and former editor/publisher of *The Daily World*, will share his "Miller Memories."

Doors open at 1:30 p.m., with a program to begin at 2. An open house showcasing the school's history will follow. The students hope to see you there!





Miller Junior High School Centennial Celebration

100 E. Lindstrom St.
Aberdeen, Washington

**January 28, 2024
2:00 p.m.**

*A community-wide celebration of the 100th anniversary
of the opening of Miller Junior High School.
1924 — 2024*



Through the Years

- Miller Junior High School was the first junior high in the state — an innovative school specifically designed to serve students who are no longer children but not yet young adults.
- The first Miller Junior High School opened on Jan. 28, 1924, at Fourth and I Streets adjacent to the J.M. Weatherwax High School campus. Today, the area is a grass practice field adjacent to the student parking lot.
- Today's Miller Junior High School was dedicated on May 8, 1979. The campus encompasses 18.6 acres.
- In 1924, Miller served students in grades 7-9. Today's Miller serves students in grades 6-8.
- The school is named after George B. Miller, who was one of the most innovative and influential educators of his time — not just in Aberdeen, but in the state. He served as the high school principal from 1910-1914, and was superintendent from 1914-1930. He died in 1930.

Principals

Over the years, Miller Junior High has been served by 13 principals:

2021 - Present	John Meers
2015 - 2021	Lisa Griebel
2011 - 2015	Mark Decker
2009 - 2011	Jean Prochaska
2005 - 2009	Dennis Eygabroad
2000 - 2005	Ben Talbert
1999 - 2000	Jim Shank
1989 - 1999	Jerry Salstrom
1980 - 1989	Fred Easter
1966 - 1980	Norm Newman
1956 - 1966	Wilfred Carns
1923 - 1956	Everett G. Shimmin
1923	Richard R. Balkema (Named while school was under construction. He was promoted to principal of J.M. Weatherwax High School before Miller opened)



Miller Junior High Centennial T-Shirt Order Form.pdf

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Ballots are in the mail

Voters in the Aberdeen School District started receiving their special election ballots this week as Aberdeen is among the districts with levies on the Feb. 13 ballot. Voters have until Tuesday, Feb. 13, to drop off or mail their ballots. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before Feb. 13 to be counted.



Another levy information meeting set for Feb. 8

Superintendent Jeffrey Thake is planning another informational meeting about the upcoming special levy election at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at Aberdeen High School.

There are two measures the community will decide:

1. Renewal of the **Education Programs & Operations Levy**, (aka the EP&O levy). This levy funds local programs and activities that are not funded by the state, especially athletics, music, other extra-curricular activities and maintenance. Voters approved this levy four years ago at a rate



not to exceed \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The renewal request is for the same tax rate.

2. A **Capital Projects Levy**. This is new. The bonds for the high school have been paid off and the School Board is requesting a \$1 per \$1,000 four-year levy for investment in our aging facilities. Capital funds are for projects that improve, upgrade or modernize buildings, which is different than the day-to-day maintenance funded by the regular levy.

How much will it cost?

The estimated combined tax rate of \$3.50 per \$1,000 assessed value for both levies is less than the current rate of \$3.82 per \$1,000 of assessed value. It is estimated the combined rate will decrease to \$3.32 per \$1,000 by the fourth year.

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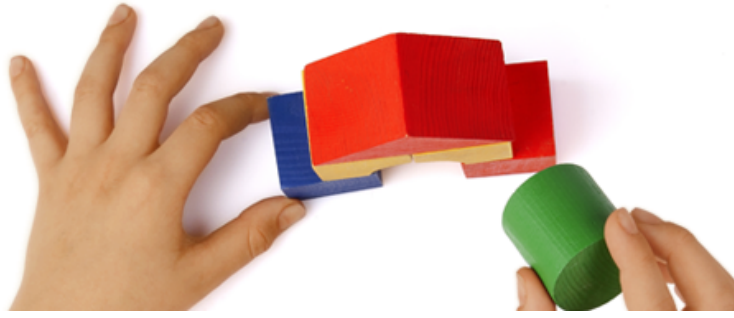
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Building the future of public education

Celebrate School Board Recognition Month in January



Thank you to our board of directors for your service!

Next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 6

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School.

Those who attend regular meetings are welcome to sign up at the meeting to provide public comment on agenda items. Written public comment for the record can also be submitted up to noon the day of the meeting by writing to schoolboard@asd5.org. Comments or concerns not on the agenda can be brought to the attention of the district by contacting the Superintendent's Office or by contacting individual board members.

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Levy Q & A February 13, 2024



Voters in the Aberdeen School District will decide two levies during the Feb. 13, 2024 special election:

- An Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy for programs
- A Capital Projects Levy for projects

What will the levies pay for?

The EP&O Levy is a renewal of the existing levy, which is expiring. It will continue the community's support for programs such as athletics, music, drama, school counselors, nurses/health assistants, curriculum, technology, building maintenance, and other programs that are either not funded or are underfunded by the state.

The Capital Levy is new and will fund modern upgrades to our aging buildings and technology infrastructure. The bonds for J.M. Weatherwax High School are now paid off. The \$1 per \$1,000 being proposed for building upgrades is less than the annual tax rate was for the high school.

Where do public schools get their money?

About 72% comes from the state, about 18% from the federal government, about 9% from local taxes, and 1% from other sources such as grants or fees.

Why is the District asking for more money?

The current EP&O levy approved four years ago was for \$5,200,000 in each of the four years. This replacement request is for \$5,950,000 per year for the next four years and reflects increased program costs.

Due to the high school bond being paid off, the combined tax rate of both the EP&O Levy and the Capital Projects Levy will not result in a rate increase.

EP&O Levy		
Collection Year	Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.50	\$5,950,000
2026	\$2.50	\$5,950,000
2027	\$2.42	\$5,950,000
2028	\$2.32	\$5,950,000
Capital Projects Levy		
2025	\$1.00	\$2,188,984
2026	\$1.00	\$2,276,544
2027	\$1.00	\$2,367,606
2028	\$1.00	\$2,462,310

How much will the combined levy cost property owners?

Collection Year	Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Cost for \$250,000 Home
2025 (est)	\$3.50	\$875.00
2026	\$3.50	\$875.00
2027	\$3.42	\$855.00
2028	\$3.32	\$830.00

More Information is available at www.asd5.org

How do schools get "local" dollars?

Through voter-approved property taxes such as the two being proposed.

Property owners pay a set amount for each \$1,000 of their property's value (called Assessed Valuation or AV). These levies cannot be increased once approved. Below is the estimated rate per \$1,000 of assessed value for both levies.

Why ask for a Capital Levy and not a Bond?

As you may recall, a bond initiative that was proposed to replace one of our elementary schools at the last election cycle failed by one (1) vote. Bond planning for a new school can take several years. Meantime, we have current facility needs that should be addressed before the next bond initiative for a new school is placed before voters.

When is the vote?

Ballots will be mailed in late January, with all ballots due on or before February 13, 2024.

Do all school districts receive equal state funding?

The state recognizes that some communities have higher property values and can more easily raise funds to support their schools. That is not the case in Aberdeen. For this reason, the state will provide a "match" to districts like ours if the levy passes. In the previous calendar year, the Aberdeen School District received an additional \$2.4 million from the state because voters supported the levy.

This match to our schools is over 3.67% of the total budget and is not available unless the levy is approved.

What programs does the EP&O Levy fund?

All extra-curricular, co-curricular, PE, music, and drama programs are funded with local levy dollars. The elementary swimming program and Outdoor School are supported with levy dollars. In addition, the levy helps fund salaries for staff to improve student learning and other professional development; para-educator support in the classroom and on the playground; improve and maintain technology in our classrooms; support the services and supplies needed to clean and maintain our buildings and grounds. The levy will also augment school counselor staffing above the state funding model so that services remain available. The capital levy will be used for construction/facility upgrades to continue investing in our existing facilities.

Aren't these items funded by the state under basic education funding?

No. Basic education funds from the state and federal government provide about 90% of the cost of basic education. The funds requested through this levy represent about 9% of the proposed budget for the next four (4) years. When the incentive funds from the state are factored in, the impact on the budget is 12%.

What are co-curricular or extracurricular programs?

These include drama, musicals, the swim program, athletic programs and competitions, performing arts and marching bands, choir, orchestra and other after school activities. These funds also supplement the staff funded by the state to support academic and social emotional support for all students. The levy funds make it possible to provide these opportunities to all students regardless of income.

More Information is available at www.asd5.org

Save the Date

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Aberdeen Bobcat Music Boosters

34th Annual Jazz Auction & Dinner

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

January 27th, 2024
Aberdeen High School Commons
5-8 PM



More Info & Items

January 2024						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun	
1 New Year's Day Holiday	2 School Resumes School Board 6 pm	3	4	5	6	7
8 Robert Gray PTO	9 Music Boosters 7 pm Bobcat Boosters 7 pm Stevens PTO 6 pm	10 Collaboration Day Early Release	11 Central Park PTO 6 pm McDermoth PTO 6 pm RGray Pacific Science Center	12	13	14
15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	16 School Board 6 pm	17 McDermoth Winter Concert Gr. K-2, Auditorium 6:30 pm	18 AHS/Miller Jazz Festival Grays Harbor College GEAR UP Family Night 6 pm McDermoth Winter Concert Gr. 3-5 6:30 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24 RGray Winter Concert Gr. 3-5, Auditorium 6:30 pm	25 AJ West Assembly CPark Winter Concert Auditorium 6:30 pm AHS Finals	26 Central Park Assembly Robert Gray Smooth Sailing AHS Finals/Early Release	27 High School Solo/ Ensemble Contest Music Booster's Jazz Dinner & Auction 5 pm	28 MILLER 100th Doors open at 1:30 pm
29	30	31 Stevens Assembly	Check school calendars for dates and times of Elementary Concerts this month.			



Harbor Youth Soccer Spring Soccer Registration NOW OPEN



U9 (born 2016) and up:

\$40

Spring Season games for U9 and up begin April 13 and end by June 15th

Academy (born 2017, 2018 or 2019): \$25

Just like in Fall, Academy takes place on Tuesdays & Thursdays, beginning April 16 and ending May 23rd

Registration closes February 18th!

Teams are formed by late-February with practices beginning by mid-March

More info and Registration online harborsoccer.com

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ABERDEEN LITTLE LEAGUE

2024 Signups!

It's that time of year again! Aberdeen Little League is having their annual Signups.

Signups will be online starting December 1, 2023 with two in person sign ups located at the Little League concession stand.

When you signup online you will be able to create an account, add your child, select a program, fill out most of the required paperwork. You will still need to print and fill out the medical release and school enrollment forms and upload them.

If you have already created an account online with us in the past, you will still need to sign in and enter your child into an available program.

Please Visit <https://www.aberdeenlittleleague.org> to sign up.

Signup Dates Online:

December 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024

Signup Dates In Person:

January 20, 2024 – 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
January 24, 2024 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Player Fees:

T-Ball (ages 4-6)	\$50
Coach Pitch (6-8)	\$50
Minors (8-11)	\$100
Majors (10-12)	\$100

We accept credit card or cash and will NOT accept checks for registration fees.

Tryout Dates:

Tryouts will be held at the Bishop Building. Time slots are based on last name.

Minors – February 6, 2024 A-L 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; M-Z 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Majors – February 7, 2024 A-L 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; M-Z 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Please watch our Aberdeen Little League facebook page for updated information.



Apply now: Simpler, more generous 2024-25 financial aid applications now available

A family of four making up to \$120,500 may be eligible for aid.

Financial aid applications for this year's graduating seniors are now available, although students and families should expect some technical issues for the time being. And it will take longer than usual for colleges to get and process applications and respond with financial aid awards.

Applications were delayed this year as updates were made to improve the FAFSA and WASFA forms and increase aid eligibility. In Washington, there are two ways to apply for financial aid. You should only complete one application—the FAFSA or the WASFA:

Get your game tickets online or at the door



The Athletic Department is pleased to introduce online ticket sales to sporting events through GoFan. You can still buy tickets at the gate. Athletic Director John Crabb said the e-ticket option is available for all home sporting events. Patrons can buy season tickets or individual tickets.

Access the online ticket site using the QR code at left or by visiting [here](#).

Stay in touch

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- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2130 / Principal Nani Villarreal

Central Park Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2170 / Principal Ruth Erwin-Svoboda

McDermoth Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2120 / Principal Mindi Hammill

Robert Gray Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2140 / Principal Sherri Northington

Stevens Elementary School

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2150 / Principal Jamie Stotler

Harbor Learning Center

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2180 / Principal Lisa Griebel

Hopkins Preschool

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2190 / Principal Darby Carroll

Miller Junior High School

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2100 / Principal John Meers

Aberdeen High School

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2040 General / Principal Aaron Roiko
- (360) 538-2060 Attendance Line

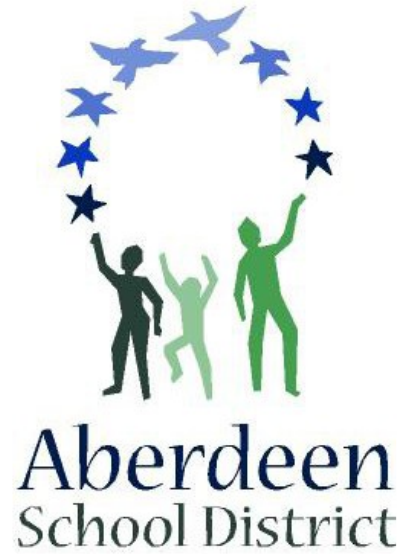
2023-2024 Aberdeen School District Calendar

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22/180				
October 2023				
M	T	W	TH	F

Office of the Education Ombuds

The Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO) was created to help families navigate the education system.

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