

Welcome, Elementary Rustlers!

Back to School Information

Your first hello from Mrs. B-K

I am so excited to become part of your school and community and can't wait to meet you! Your teachers and other staff members have been working hard to get the classrooms ready, and I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

I have worked at Wolsey-Wessington School for the past 25 years as a special education teacher, middle school math teacher, athletic director, coach, MS/HS principal, special education director, superintendent, and substitute bus driver. I had many roles throughout the years, and focusing on two roles as your Elementary Principal and Special Education Director is something I am really looking forward to!

My husband, Joel, and I live on a farm east of Wessington where he grows crops and has a cow/calf operation. We have a blended family with 3 sons/daughter-in-laws and a daughter. We have 3 grandsons who are ages 8, 3, and 2 and a granddaughter who is 4 months old.

Greet Your Teacher Night

I strongly encourage every family to attend the **Greet Your Teacher Night on Tuesday, August 16th from 5-7 pm**. Coming back into the school for the first time might be a little overwhelming for your child, and attending this event with a loved one may make that first day of school even better. The schedule is as follows-

5-7 pm Supper will be served in the Elementary Commons

5:00-6:30 1st-3rd Grade Classroom teachers will be in their rooms with class lists to welcome students and parents. Students may bring their school items so they don't have so much to carry on the first day.

There are presentations by the 4th-6th grade teachers that have valuable information for parents. These presentations will take place at the following times-please attend if you have a child/children in these grades. During the presentations, students will be asked to step out to give parents and teachers an opportunity to discuss procedures.

5:30 4th Grade-students report to classrooms to put items away/get lockers

5:40 4th Grade Classroom Presentations for parents/guardians

6:00 5th Grade-students report to classrooms to put items away/get lockers

6:10 5th Grade Classroom Presentations for parents/guardians

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The **Millerdale Colony Open House** will be on **August 17th** from **4:30-6:00**.

School Breakfast and Lunch

Please remember that the federal program that provided free meals for students has ended. There are forms for free and reduced meals available at the school office. If you think your family may qualify, please fill out a form. It is beneficial for the school if we have families on the Free and Reduced Program, as it helps the school receive funding in other areas. If you have questions, please contact the school.

There will be a calendar sent home with the breakfast and lunch menus each month.

First Day of School and Daily Schedule

8:00 Breakfast for students that choose to eat at school

8:20 School Day begins for elementary students

3:30 Dismissal

The first day of school for **Grades 1-6** will be **August 18th**. The first day for **Kindergarten** and **Kinderstart** is **August 22nd** with individual meetings on August 18th and 19th.

Communication

Please utilize the school website at miller.k12.sd.us to find information pertaining to your child's education and our school.

Your child's teacher will communicate with you via an app, email, or telephone. If you have a question regarding your child, do not hesitate to ask.

Open communication is essential to a strong partnership of people working toward a mutual goal- educating our children to become successful in their future endeavors. You can reach the elementary office at 853-2711. You can also reach me by email at jennifer.boomsma@k12.sd.us

"Learning Today for a Better Tomorrow"

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Rustler Resilience

Last year was a trying time for everyone due to the explosion, loss of curriculum and resources, and displacement of students and staff. I am proud to become a member of a community focused on student growth concerning their academic, mental, and physical capacities. I am looking forward to a great year for all of us to work as a team to foster the growth of your children and our students. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have. I will do my best to answer them or find an answer.

"Learning is their journey. Let them navigate. Push them to explore. Watch them discover. Encourage their questions. Allow them to struggle. Support their thinking. Let them fly!"

Krissy Venosdale

