



Psychology at Millard Schools

Eva Denton is in her fifth year as a psychologist at the Millard schools in Nebraska. She worked at Nashville, Tennessee before starting there.

There are 18 psychologists at the Millard schools. Eva works in the areas of early childhood, autism, and alternative curriculum.

Parents or teachers can refer children to a school psychologist. Eva spends a lot of time in classroom observations, individual assessments, and looking at school records.

In Nebraska, a child qualifies for special education based on educational need and academic skills when they are intellectually 20 points above their performance. Millard also performs IQ testing. Students can get help through guided study halls, homework help after school, and peer tutoring. The school also has groups where youth can work on social skill and anger management.

Millard has three crisis teams, with each team on call four months of the year. The team develops formats for letters to go home in various situations, along with community announcements. The leader of the crisis team is in charge of communications. After a crisis, another team debriefs the crisis team members.

Eva said one of her greatest accomplishments was in Nashville when she helped initiate a drive for early student intervention. She feels like she really made a difference. Eva loves her work. She said her favorite part of her job is working with children and with groups.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton, Gary Funkhouser, and Ken Nielsen provided jokes for the Optimist club meeting on December 3. Chuck Nielsen opened the meeting with the pledge and Steve Irvin offered the prayer.

Dale Willenborg contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights because his son-in-law completed work for his Master's degree in Architecture. They also completed purchase of a house and are moving in on December 10.

Chad Guttau won the 50/50 drawing. Dick Baber won the attendance award, but did not collect. There were 16 members and 6 guests at the meeting.

Can Kennel sorting was this past week. They had a total of 34 1/2 bags of cans, 20 1/2 bags of plastic, and 1350 bottles. Keith Denton took them to Glenwood, since the truck that normally picks them up is broken down.

Calendar

- Dec 14 – Can Kennel for After Prom, 3:30 p.m.
- Dec 28 – Can Kennel for After Prom, 3:30 p.m.

Birthdays

- Dec 2 – Gerald Forristall
- Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood
- Dec 23 - Chuck Nielsen

Anniversaries

- Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Guttau
- Dec 31 – Bob & Jean Hibbard

Speakers

- Dec 17 –
- Dec 24 – No meeting
- Dec 31 – No meeting

Programs

- Dec – Chuck Nielsen

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Fire Safety

- * Whatever you do, never smoke in bed or sleep with a fire-eater who burps a lot.
- * Never leave matches, lighters, or flame-throwers within the reach of children.
- * Always remember, the #1 cause of fire fatalities is smoking in bed. Except in Texas, where it's eating jalapeno peppers near an open flame.
- * Never leave small children alone in a house where there are matches and a cat with a long tail that resembles a fuse.
- * Obtain a quality smoke detector. The best smoke detector is a reformed smoker with a big nose.

Car Humor

- * I have no luck at all with cars. When I die, my hearse will probably have to towed to the cemetery.
- * My wife had a flat tire. So she stuffed it with Kleenex.
- * I had a flat. I ran over a fork in the road.
- * I should have had my car fixed. It's been smoking for months -- now it's got emphysema!
- * My dad told me he bought his first house for \$19,000. That's what I paid for my car. Well, at least I get better mileage.
- * The new cars come with a limited warranty. The cost of any repairs will be limited to all the money you have.
- * A limited warranty -- that's a warranty that covers all the parts that don't break down.