



Miller Family Newsletter



Merry Christmas from the Millers

Special events in our family's life:

On February 13th we didn't ask Barbara how old she turned.

On April 23rd Kiersten turned 6 years old.

On November 18th Jordan turned 2 years old.

On November 19th David turned 40 years old.



Jordan's First character encounter



2009 has been another busy year. We traveled with our favorite hockey team all over the Northeast, Barbara and Kiersten began homeschooling, the kids have grown by leaps and bounds and David entered another decade of his life.

The kids are anxiously awaiting Santa's arrival and a road trip to North Carolina. Barbara and David are looking forward to some low-key trips and David's sabbatical in the coming year.

Of Mice and Spacemen

We started off the year with a trip to Disney World. Barbara's parents rented a condo outside of Orlando so we decided to pay them a visit. Barbara and the kids flew down and spent several days visiting with the folks and running them to exhaustion.

Epcot was our first stop. Jordan had her first character encounter with Chip and Dale. She enjoyed meeting the princesses much more than meeting other characters. Kiersten as always filled her autograph book trying not to miss a single character. The Genie even took Kiersten for a walk around Morocco.

After a day of rest and letterboxing at a nearby park plans were made to visit the Animal Kingdom. Unfortunately hours before the park opened Kiersten awoke with a nasty stomach bug that kept her down for a few days.

Once David arrived with nephew David and niece Nicole we set off for Kennedy Space Center. All four kids loved Space Kennedy, as Kiersten would say. Kiersten did her best for being under the weather.

Our final day was planned to be a visit to the Magic Kingdom. Kiersten had finally fought off the bug and was ready to enjoy herself. Unfortunately she picked the wrong thing to share with her sister. Jordan did get to visit the park after hours of rest and fought to stay up long enough to see the fireworks.

We flew home the following morning and not a moment too soon. Hours after getting home we found out that Kiersten also shared with her cousin and Barbara. Not one of our better trips to Disney.

The Tooth of the Matter



In April, Kiersten celebrated her 6th birthday with a party at the YMCA. Unfortunately she had to wait seven months for her birthday wish to come true.

In early November Kiersten finally lost her first tooth. Two days later she lost

her second tooth. The tooth fairy generously left a gold dollar on her first visit and then two silver half dollars on her second visit.

On a side note, Kiersten also entered three prize-winning pumpkins in the Topsfield Fair this year. She's plans to enter more categories in 2010!



Kiersten playing on the White House Lawn



Our little Lemur and Monkey on Halloween night.



Sharing a Birthday Photo

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Rolling To DC

For years we have been season ticket holders to the Boston University Terriers Men's Ice Hockey team. In 2009 the team found a way to win it all. No matter which tournament they entered, BU came out on top. We were fortunate to travel to Manchester, NH to see the games that sent BU to the NCAA Frozen Four in Washington, DC.

Barbara's parents once again helped us out by traveling to DC to watch the kids. While seeing our team win the National Championship may have been the highlight for David, the girls have other favorite memories from DC.

Kiersten always loves a good museum, and our trip to the Smithsonian was no different. Even the huge crowds did not diminish her experience. The museum of Natural History was a highlight for Kiersten. Eight months later she still asks to go back to see the parts she missed.

Jordan on the other hand preferred Easter Monday. We were fortunate to obtain tickets to the White House Easter Egg Roll. Jordan wandered around the White House lawn with David. They watched Fergie perform for the First Lady and enjoyed some Smurfs dancing.

Kiersten enjoyed getting soccer tips from professional soccer players. She made a caterpillar and her own jump rope. Kiersten finished off her day by drawing pictures for the troops.

Neither girl chose to roll an Easter egg, but both girls did hunt for eggs. To remember their visit the girls brought home souvenir wooden eggs and posters. Kiersten was a bit disappointed that she did not get to try out the enormous play set or basketball courts. The Secret Service kept these areas off limits. There were so many activities that there was simply no time to take them all in.



Chugging Down the Tracks

In November David celebrated his 40th birthday. A party was held at the home of a friend who also turned 40 the same week. One of the highlights of the day was a 3 dimensional train and train car made entirely out of chocolate by David's friend Danny.

Danny was also kind enough to make several small chocolate train candies.

These were shared to some extent but most are stored in our refrigerator. They are simply too nice to eat.

Jordan is still trying to get her daddy to let her sample the train. We credit her obsession with chocolate to Nana's influence.

The Most Wonderful Time of Year

The kids are anxiously awaiting a visit from Santa. Once the presents are unwrapped we are heading south to North Carolina to visit David's family and to celebrate his parent's 50th wedding anniversary.

To add to the excitement of the trip Kiersten will have her first chance to sell Girl Scout cookies. She has set her personal goal at 150 boxes. We just hope she is this enthusiastic when the

sale actually starts next week. 15 boxes is the more realistic goal we encourage. Kiersten does hope to send quite a few boxes to our troops serving over seas.

Jordan on the other hand is very enthusiastic about taste testing the cookies. She is going to be a handful.

All in all, we are hoping for another peaceful year. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.