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NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP): Starting the next week, Monday the 14th - Thursday the 17th, students in grades K-5th will take a Math and Reading MAP assessment. This is the local assessment that we use to measure progress in these academic areas. It is an adaptive test, this means questions customize to students depending on how they answered the previous question. Therefore, the test adapts to the student so we can pinpoint their level of achievement. Results from these tests will be sent home in report cards at the end of Trimester 2. In spring we will again assess students in May. Below is the schedule for the winter testing:

Winter MAP 2019

Time	Mon, Jan 14	Tues, Jan 15	Wed, Jan 16	Thur, Jan 17
8:30	1st Grade- Math	2nd Grade- Math	1st Grade- Reading	2nd Grade- Reading
9:00	5th Grade- Math		5th Grade- Reading	
10:30		4th Grade- Math)		4th Grade- Reading
12:30	3rd Grade- Math		3rd Grade- Reading	

***Kindergarten students will be assessed in small groups in their classrooms throughout the week. Next week will be Math and the week of January 28, Reading.

Art Club: Interested in Joining Millburn's After School Art Club?

Art Club enrollment began on Monday, January 7th. For more information please visit the [art club web page](#).

5 Essential Survey: Millburn would once again like to hear from parents. The 5 Essential Survey helps us understand areas of strength in our district, and areas that may need to be improved. The past survey data from teachers, parents, and students have helped shape our decisions and priorities in the past. Thank you for taking the time to fill this out. We currently have **105 parents that have responded**. The state is asking for 20% of families to complete this survey (roughly **around 150 for our school**). It should take about 10 minutes and you are able to access it via your smart device. The link is below. If the link does not work, please copy the following address into your browser: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois>

If you have completed the survey, thank you for your time and input.

Read to Succeed: The Six Flags Read to Succeed program has officially begun! All students at MES are eligible to earn a FREE ticket to Great America by simply reading for 6 hours over the next few months. All you need to do is keep track of your child's reading times on a reading log, make sure it totals at least 6

hours, sign, and send it back to school before February 22, 2019. Reading logs were sent home with students this past week or can be found in the virtual backpack on the Millburn website. The FREE Great America ticket can be used next summer during the months of June & July. It also includes an offer to upgrade to a season pass. (Last year the fee to upgrade to a season pass was \$29.99.) If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Renee Marasco at rmarasco@millburn24.net.

PTO News:

- o Box Tops
- o Spirit Wear
- o MMS Activity Night
- o District Talent Show
- o Fun Run
- o Scrapping Day
- o PTO Dinner Out

BOX TOP-HOLIDAY DRIVE: Due Date is TODAY! In addition to the random drawing for a \$25 Target Gift Card for students who turn in Box Tops (25/1 raffle ticket), the class with the most box tops turned in by January 11, 2019, will win a classroom party! Also, any student who submits 200 or more box tops will receive an exclusive PTO prize! Place your box tops in a baggie or envelope, include the number of box tops on the bag. If you missed the deadline of today, please send them into school with your child on Monday, January 13. Thanks for all of the support! Please email boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com for any questions!

SpiritWear: We will be offering our on-hand inventory of this and previous years' Spirit Wear at discounted prices. Quantities are limited. Please visit our www.millburnpto.com site for additional information. Don't forget to show your school spirit and wear Millburn SpiritWear on early release days!

MMS Activity Night: The 2nd Middle School Activity Night is on Friday, January 25th. More information on theme for the night will follow. We are looking for volunteers to help us, so please join us, Friday, January 25th for a night of crazy chaotic fun (without phones or electronics)! We can use all the help we can get: serving up food & drinks to the masses, coordinating Bingo and just watching all the rooms of activity. Please sign up at millburnpto.com. For more information, reach out to Rimi Singh and Becky Varga at activity_night@millburnpto.com

District Talent Show: All Kindergarten thru 8th grade students are welcome to perform in Millburn District 24 talent show on **Thursday, February 21 2019** from 6pm-8pm at Millburn Middle School Cafeteria. All participants must have a signed permission slip & attend a talent show rehearsal on Thursday, February 7 from 6pm-8pm at Millburn Middle School Cafeteria. Additional details & registration will be available in January! Any questions? Contact us: districttalentshow@millburnpto.com

Fun Run: Millburn Family Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th. We are currently seeking corporate sponsorships for this event. Please reach out to our committee at millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com if your company would like additional information in sponsorship. We love our local business owners!

Scrapping Day: The PTO is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Scrapping Day in 2019! For 12 hours you can scrapbook, card-make, or craft to your heart's content. There will be vendors on site, raffles, and giveaways. Space is limited so you will want to check your calendars and reserve your table. See the flier in the Virtual Backpack for more details.

PTO DINNER OUT - Thank you so much to those who participated in our PTO Dinner out at Jimano's in Gurnee! It was a huge success!! Please be on the lookout for future communications regarding our next Dinner Out fundraiser!

If I can be of any assistance or if you have questions, please contact me at bwalshire@millburn24.net or (847) 356-8331.

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Millburn Elementary Principal

January

21st- No School- MLK Jr. Day
22nd- No School- Teacher Inservice
30th- MES Band Concert @ 7:00

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)

Warren Township Programs