

Mustang Minute: January 12, 2018

****NO School on Monday, January 15 AND Tuesday, January 16.

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Topics for this week:

- Job Openings at MES
- iWatches
- Dismissal Changes
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- Spring Math Club
- Millburn Madness
- PTO News
- Important Dates
- Virtual Backpack Items

Job Opening: Millburn Elementary is looking to fill recent vacancy for:

Recess Supervisor- 1 hour/day. 11:15 am -12:15 pm, \$10.40

If interested in this position, contact Ben Walshire at bwalshire@millburn24.net

iWatches: We have seen many students come into the new year wearing iWatches or other wristbands that can work as a two-way communication device. Since these devices fall into the realm of phones, we need to treat them as such. Therefore, devices such as these will need to be left in lockers and shut off during the school day. Students may put them back on once they are dismissed at the end of the day.

Dismissal Changes for Students: There are times that your child may have a change in their dismissal procedures. We understand that happens on occasion. To make sure changes are properly communicated to not only the teacher, but to the office as well, we ask for parents to do the follow in the event of a dismissal change.

- 1) Reach out to the teacher **and** to Ms. Sooley (rsooley@millburn24.net) via email/note, or phone call about the change *prior* to the school day starting.
- 2) If the change is made once the school day begins, contact the office only. Teachers have such a busy day and although they check emails on a regular basis, there might be a time they get caught up and may not check before dismissal time.
- 3) No need to send a note if you are picking your child early from MBAC. No matter what, you are picking the child up from there. The teacher nor the office needs to know about early pick-up from MBAC. Contact us only if they are not to go to MBAC.

Bottom line, the office always needs to know of changes to assure that is communicated to teachers prior to dismissal.

Literacy Night: Mark your calendars! We will once again be holding our Literacy Night at MES. This year's event will take place on Friday, March 2nd from 5:30-7:30 pm. The book fair will be running, we will have many fun literacy activities, special guests throughout the night, and much more. We hope you can join us!

Read to Succeed: The Six Flags Read to Succeed program has begun! Every student who completes six hours of reading (outside of school) before February 23, 2018 is eligible for a free admission ticket to Great America! In addition, a season pass upgrade offer is available during the ticket valid dates. The upgrade offer information will be printed on the ticket, which your child will receive at the end of the school year. (Valid dates are typically between June and August. In the past, the season ticket upgrade has been offered for \$30.) In order to participate, please print a student reading log (located in the

Millburn virtual backpack), record the reading your child does at home, sign the reading log, and submit the completed reading log to your child's classroom teacher by February 23rd. If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Renee Marasco at rmarasco@millburn24.net.

Math Club: Miss Maier will be hosting a Math Club for 2nd and 3rd graders, held after school on Mondays starting February 5th, 2018. The purpose of the math club is to engage students in fun math activities that go beyond those of the classroom. There will be opportunities for higher-level thinking problems, enrichment, and team problem solving.

If your student is interested in enrolling in Millburn's math club, please fill out and submit the form on our [website](#). Enrollment is limited, and will be considered first come, first serve.

Millburn Madness -Millburn Madness - February 24; 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

The Millburn Education Foundation invites all Millburn parents to join us at Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville on February 24 for a fun parent's night out to raise funds for our school district. Tickets are now available at <http://mef24.schoolauction.net/2018mm> and are \$40 per person through February 16. The evening will include a private concert by The Breakfast Club, a live and silent auction, a prize wheel, wine pull, beer wagon squares and the chance to hear our school administrators sing karaoke. Your ticket gets you a free drink and delicious appetizers as well as the chance to stay in the VIP section for the public Breakfast Club concert at 10:00 p.m.

If you have an item you would like to donate to our live or silent auction it is not too late - please contact Kim Gaskill at millburneducationfoundation@gmail.com in the next week.

We are working with the Millburn Before and After Care group to offer childcare that evening and will have the form posted soon.

If you have questions or need more information on this exciting fundraiser, please contact Valerie at Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net.

Fun Fluency: New Fun Fluency Immersion Spanish!

Join Fun Fluency on an afterschool *aventura* of learning a new language—the way your brain was meant to learn it! Don't miss out on your child's window of opportunity to learn a language with ease at a young age. Classes are taught by native speakers and experienced/certified Spanish teachers.

Students learn Spanish naturally through immersion, movement, games, songs, rhythm, reading, and acting out/listening to stories. Our storytelling-based method focuses on long-term retention, not just memorization. Students will quickly see how fun and easy it is to understand, read, and write in Spanish while being immersed in language, play, and laughter. This opportunity introduces your student to the many advantages of becoming bilingual and culturally aware at a young age. Check out all the fun we're having with fluency at www.funfluency.com.

Class tuition includes a workbook, take-home and online activities for continued practice at home. Class size is limited!

PTO NEWS!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! We are looking for a 7th grade parent to host this very special Millburn tradition. *Please help us keep this treasured Millburn tradition going!* If you have any questions or interest please email presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com

PTO HELP WANTED!! *Please consider volunteering to keep these Millburn PTO Events in 2018-19!*

8th Grade Farewell Celebration: Chairperson(s) needed immediately *Event is scheduled for 5/11/18

District Talent Show: Chairperson(s) SHADOWS needed for 2/7 & 2/21 dates

MMS Activity Night: Chairperson(s) SHADOWS needed for 1/26 & 4/13 dates

MMS Staff Appreciation: Chairperson(s) SHADOWS needed for 1/30 and May dates

World's Finest Chocolate: Chairperson(s) SHADOWS needed

SHADOWS will learn from this year's chairpersons and will be needed to take over these events for the 2018-19 school year! If you have any questions or interest please email presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com

KIDS RESALE!! Who has a New Year's Resolution to clean out the clutter and get organized? Let Kids Resale help by taking those old toys and outgrown clothes off your hands. We will be holding a DONATION DRIVE on Saturday January 20th from 9am to 11am at the front entrance of the middle school. We will be accepting gently used toys, baby equipment, and spring/summer clothes for our Spring Resale.

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The 2nd Middle School Activity Night of the year is Friday, January 26th.

Thank you to all of the students that suggested themes and for taking the time to vote! The theme for the night is *Sports*. Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing their most creative sports gear.

This is a chance for them to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, no masks, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change. **There will be a DJ & NITRO BALL!!!!**

We are looking for volunteers to help chaperone this fun-filled evening! Please contact Denise Ide or Sarah Moore Primack at activitynight@millburnpto.com if you'd like to join us!

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! Save the date for January 26th Millburn PTO Pajama Jam Family Fun Night.

Join us in your pjs to dance, play games, play sports and make a craft!
See form in virtual backpack or sent home with your child to pre-order pizzas/water for dinner.

Volunteer opportunities available : <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4daeac23a5fe3-millburn>

Contact us with any questions: FamilyFunNight@MillburnPTO.com

DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!! If you have a talent you would like to share, this is your chance to shine!

Any Millburn student is welcome to take the stage! There are no "try-outs," but we do require you to attend a rehearsal. Winter break is the perfect time to get together with your friends and put an act together!

Visit the virtual backpack or millburnpto.com and get your permission slip.

Friday, January 26th *Signed permission slips & music due back to school* *If your act requires music, you must turn in a CD or flash drive clearly labeled with your name when you turn in your permission slip so we can make our master play list. You will get your CD back at rehearsal.

Wednesday, February 7th 6-8PM *Rehearsal in the Millburn Middle School Cafeteria*

Wednesday, February 21st 6:00-7:30PM *Talent Show in the Millburn Middle School Cafeteria*

Any questions, please contact Denise Ide or Carissa Casbon LaTourette at

talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com

BOX TOPS!! Millburn PTO is kicking off its **BOX TOP HOLIDAY DRIVE!** We need our families to reach out

to their aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents for box tops. Also, find your neighbors who don't have

District 24 students any longer and ask them to save their box tops for you. Extended families and

neighbors are buying groceries with box tops, and they could be throwing them out. Decorate a baggie or

envelope for them and just remind them that we CAN use that "FREE" money! Please see the flyer in

virtual backpack! Every student who turns in 200 box tops will receive an exclusive PTO drawstring bag!

The winning classroom at MES will receive a special prize! One random student will win a \$25 Target Gift

Card in our monthly drawing! Questions? Please feel free to email: boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com

Upcoming Events: Box Tops Holiday Drive 11/20-1/26, Kids Resale Donation Drive 1/20, MMS Activity

Night 1/26, MES Family Fun Night 1/26, District Talent Show Permission Slip Due 1/26, PTO Meeting 1/31

@ MMS @ 7pm

If I can be of any assistance or if you have questions, please contact me at bwalshire@millburn24.net or

(847) 356-8331.

Mr. Ben Walshire
Millburn Elementary Principal

January

15th- No School- MLK Jr Day
16th- No School - Teacher Inservice
18th- MES School Spelling Bee
24th- Beginning and Concert Band Concert @ 7:00

Link for MES School Calendar- [LINK](#)

Virtual Backpack- LINK

Grayslake Park District Daddy Daughter Dance
Grayslake Park District Mother/ Son Superhero Dance
Grayslake Park District Volunteer Program
Grayslake Park District Volleyball Open Gym
Lake Villa Timberwolves Cheerleading and Football Information