

Mustang Minute: January 18, 2019

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NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP): Great job to all of our students who worked hard and did their best with MAP testing this week. We have seen great growth so far and look forward to what lies ahead for them. Many of our students have already hit their Spring goal. That doesn't mean they are done...oh no! We want them to keep growing so new goals will be set for them.

Great job Mustangs!

1st Grade Music Concert: 1st Grade families..... mark your calendars for *Tuesday, February 19th*. Mr. Gorr is working with students on a great performance. Please direct yourselves to the Virtual Backpack for more information about the concert, specifically what your child needs to wear for the performance. KDG, 2nd and 3rd Grade will have performances as well, information will be coming soon.

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 **120 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 Spirit Wear
- o MMS Activity Night
- o District Talent Show
- o Fun Run
- o Scrapping Day

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: Snowflakes, snowmen and penguins.... It is time for Winter Wonderland - the theme for 2nd Middle School Activity Night on Friday, January 25th. Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing their most creative interpretation of the theme. Dress up in clothes white as snow, pale blue or

silver. 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!!!!

THE DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

DROP OFF

6th grade-6pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade-6:30 pm, MAIN entrance

PICK UP

6th grade-8:30pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade-9:00pm ACTIVITY entrance

For PICK UP, please pull in and find a parking spot. You can meet your child at the canopy area. You can also use the pick up late, but if everyone does this, the line of traffic will stretch out to Route 45! No students will be allowed to walk or ride a bike home.

Admission to the event is \$2.00. Drinks, candy and pizza will be available for purchase.

All students attending MUST have a current student ID to show at the door. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. Students CANNOT go to their lockers to retrieve forgotten ID's, as the hallway doors are locked. Also, all students must have a permission slip to attend Activity Night on file. If you need to leave before the Activity Night is over, YOUR parent must come inside the building and sign you out!

The rules are NOT negotiable!

MMS PTO Activity Night Volunteers Needed!

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 activitynight@millburnpto.com

Millburn Middle School Student Council & PTO

Millburn Middle School Student Council is partnering with the PTO/Activity Night to help local food pantry. The student gets a ticket for every 2 cans of food s/he brings. The winner of the raffle will be announced at the end of the evening. The winner will get a \$10 Amazon gift card.

District Talent Show: Thursday, February 21 at 6PM. All Millburn Students are welcome to participate in the talent show but must attend Thursday, February 7 rehearsal from 6PM-8PM. Acts can be individual or small groups and can include singing, dancing, playing an instrument, gymnastics, karate, baton, jump rope, magic or any other school appropriate talent you may have! Permission slips are available in today's Virtual Backpack. Be sure to sign up by the Friday, February 1st deadline. Any questions? Please contact Tracy & Sherri: 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.

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

21st- No School- MLK Jr. Day

22nd- No School- Teacher Inservice

30th- MES Band Concert @ 7:00

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)

1st Grade Patriotic Music Concert Information

PTO Talent Show Info and Sign-Up

Red Apple Preschool Registration

Gurnee Rotary Charity Dance