

Mustang Minute: January 19, 2018

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Kindergarten Registration: If you have a child who will turn five years old on or before September 1, 2018, please take note of the following information. Millburn District will be accepting registration for kindergarten on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Millburn Elementary School, 18550 Millburn Road, Wadsworth. ALL registrations will be accepted at Millburn Elementary School. You must call the school to request a registration packet. Millburn Elementary's main office phone number is 847-356-8331.

If you know anyone in our district who may not receive this notification, please ask them to contact the school. We appreciate your help as we prepare for the next school year!

FIRST GRADE - if you have a child enrolled in a kindergarten program other than the Millburn District, please notify the office if you intend on registering your child for First Grade in Millburn. Your child must be six years old on or before September 1, 2017 to register for the first grade in this district.

Caps and Lids Updates: We will continue to collect caps and lids (remember PLASTIC only) until **FEBRUARY 28**. At that point we should have at least 1000 #s to purchase 3 benches: 1 - 8 ft. rainbow bench and 2 - 4 ft. benches.

We are currently gathering ideas on how to get all these bags of caps and lids to Evansville, Indiana on Monday, March 26. Please send your ideas to Terry Rajcevic at trajcevic@millburn24.net.

Thank you again for all your support with this project. Garden Committee and Ecology Club

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

Winter Assessments: Over the next few weeks, we will be doing assessments to check-in on the progress of all of our students.

In Kindergarten, students will again be administered the Aimsweb assessment. This is a 1:1 administered test where each child sits down with a staff member to assess literacy and numeracy skills.

In Grades 1st-5th, the STAR assessment will be given. This computer-based assessment allowed us see student growth since Fall, and individualises the test based on their skills. The reports allow our teachers to plan their instruction to insure students are challenged throughout the year.

For more information on our assessments, follow the link below:

[MES Assessments](#)

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 while we have many fun literacy activities, special guests, and much more. We hope you can join us!

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 please contact Kim Gaskill by January 26 at millburneducationfoundation@gmail.com.

The Millburn Before and After Care group will offer childcare that evening and a form is posted to the electronic backpack. Thank you to MBAC for providing this amazing service for Millburn Madness attendees again this year!

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

YOUNG REMBRANDTS WINTER/SPRING DRAWING SESSION starts on Thursday February 1st. The deadline to enroll is Tuesday January 23rd. If you haven't already enrolled please visit our website: www.youngrembrandts.com/northshore If your child is taking the activity bus after class please complete the paperwork & return it to the school office. Mrs. Bock is excited to share our new lessons with your young artists. Please call 847-695-3581 if you have any questions.

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?

Tomorrow, January 20th, is the first donation drive for 2018!!! Please bring your items to the front entrance of the middle school from 9am to 11am. We will be accepting gently used toys, baby equipment, outside toys and spring/summer clothes for our Spring Resale. Let Kids Resale help by taking those old toys

and outgrown clothes off your hands. We also have a tax donation form for you.

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!

THE DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

DROP OFF

6th grade-6pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade-6:30pm, 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 went to the one in October, you are all set). If you need to leave before the Activity Night is over, **YOUR** parent must sign you out! The rules are **NOT** negotiable!

Activity Night Volunteers Needed! Have you ever wondered what your middle schooler could possibly be thinking? Are you having a hard time remembering what it was like to be in middle school? We have the answer! Join us, Friday, January 26th 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, and just watching all the rooms of activity. Are you brave enough? If so, contact Denise Ide or Sarah Moore Primack at activitynight@millburnpto.com.

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! **Pizza Pre-Order due 1/23/18!!**

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. 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!! Congrats to the winner for November Box Tops Random Drawing for \$25 Target Gift Card: Mason Dickison in Mrs. David's Class! **ONE MORE WEEK** in our **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

24th- Beginning and Concert Band Concert @ 7:00
31st- PTO Meeting @ 7PM (MMS)

February

7th- Talent Show Rehearsal @ 6PM (MMS)
9th- PTO Valentine Celebrations
19th- No School- Presidents Day
24th- Millburn Madness

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

Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)

Millburn Madness Child Care Form
Young Rembrandts