

Mustang Minute: January 25, 2019

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Communication: We encourage all families to reach out to us (teachers, administrators, office staff) if you have any question or concerns you would like for us to address. We aim to make our school the best learning experience for your child and your input is valuable in making that happen. Do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to help!

Student Council - What can you do with those extra hotel soaps and shampoos? Student Council will be collecting the following: trial size lotions, soaps, shampoos, conditioners, toothpaste, and toothbrushes next week. We collect them for both our senior center friends and to deliver to PADS when we deliver lunches for the homeless. We appreciate all your support.

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.

Literacy Night 2019: Literacy Night will be held at Millburn Elementary on Friday, March 1st. What a great way to celebrate Read Across America Week! We will be hosting our event from 5:30- 7:00. Stay tuned for more information! We look forward to seeing our Millburn Readers!

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 **139 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 MMS Activity Night
- o Souper Bowl
- o Spirit Wear
- o District Talent Show
- o Dinner Night Out
- o Fun Run
- o Scrapping Day

MMS Activity Night: Tonight! Bring 2 cans of food! We need Help! 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 still need help tonight! **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.

Souper Bowl: Do you have a family favorite soup? Or an amazing soup you've been wanting to make and share? This is a perfect time and treat Millburn Staff during this COLD weather. We are looking for volunteers to make soups for the Elementary and Middle School staff lunches on Tuesday, January 29th. Please sign up at Millburnpto.com. Don't have a recipe but would like to help? We can provide a recipe. Contact us at staffappreciation@millburnpto.com

SpiritWear: Want to swap out Spirit Wear your children may have outgrown for something new (to them)? Drop off a Spirit Wear Item and get a ticket for a different item at the Swap Shop. Don't have any to swap? Join us at the Swap Shop - all items \$5.00!

2 Spirit Wear Events:

RECYCLE DRIVE (DATES BELOW)

Spirit wear will be dropped off at the below listed school activities. In addition, you can drop off items at MES or MMS in the front office or email spiritwear@millburnpto.com to coordinate a pickup (before April 5). For every item donated to the recycle drive, your will receive a ticket for our "Swap Shop" for the exclusive shopping time.

DRIVE DATES

- PTO meeting (Jan 31 at 7pm at MMS)
- Kids Resale Donation Drive (Feb 16 from 9-11am at MMS)
- Talent show (Feb 21 at 6pm at MMS)
- PTO meeting (March 12 at 7pm at MES)
- Family Fun Night (March 15 from 6:30-8pm at MES)

SWAP SHOP (APRIL 6 AT MMS)

Swap Shop

Saturday, April 6 at MMS in conjunction with the Millburn Family Fun Run. Exclusive shopping time from 8-9am for those who donated and received a ticket. Remaining items go on sale from 9:30-11am for \$5 per item.

QUESTIONS OR VOLUNTEER: EMAIL SPIRITWEAR@MILLBURNPTO.COM

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

PTO Dinner (or Lunch) Out: Where: MOD Pizza in Gurnee
When: **Monday, 2/18 ~ 10:30AM - 9PM**

Please visit MOD pizza in Gurnee on Monday, 2/18 anytime between 10:30am - 9pm and mention you're there for the Millburn fundraiser and the school receives 20% of those sales! It is an easy and efficient way to fundraise for the school with delicious pizza or salads to boot! You do not need to show a flyer or anything. Just make mention in person at time of order.

Thank you for your continued support!

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

30th- MES Band Concert @ 7:00

February

1st- PARTY Day

6th- Early Dismissal @ 1:00, Spirit Day

14th- PTO Valentine's Celebrations

18th- No School- President's Day

Feb 25-Mar 1- Read Across America Week

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

Virtual Backpack- LINK

Literacy Night Flyer

Wildwood Park District Daddy Daughter Dance

Wildwood Park District- Family Trip to Auto Show

Wildwood Park District- Summer Hero Night

Gurnee Park District Summer Camps

CLC- Beauty and the Beast