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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, 2018 to register for the first grade in this district.

Valentine's Day Parties: V-Day parties will be Friday, February 9th at 1:00. The PTO is working hard to get all the activities ready to go for our students. We do want to remind families that our holiday parties are **FOOD-FREE**. Do not send Valentine's Day cards that include candy such as NERDs boxes, FunDips, Candy heart boxes, etc. Also, do not send goodie bags filled with food items. Our holiday parties are designed for fun without the need for treats or goodie bags. There is no need to send anything that day with your child, except Valentine's Day cards for their fellow students. Any candy or goodie bags brought in will not be distributed to students and will be sent home with the child or parent who brought them. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Double Lunches: Some of our older students occasionally take double lunches, which we do allow. Yet, we have encountered situations where parents are not aware their child is taking double lunches until they are notified their lunch ticket is depleted.

If you encounter this situation with your child, please talk with them to assure they do not take double lunches. With 715 students, we cannot monitor all requests for student to not take double lunches. Thanks for your assistance!

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 Terryl Rajcevic at trajcevic@millburn24.net.

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

PARCC Testing: We are now about 10 weeks off, but the state assessment, PARCC, is approaching. This assessment will be administered to students in grades 3rd-5th. Students will be taking 7 tests total (4 Math, 3 English/Language Arts). Therefore, there will be a total of seven days (1 assessment per day) of testing from April 9-12. If you would like to learn more about this assessment, visit the website below:

<http://www.parcconline.org/about/the-parcc-tests>

Millburn Madness

Saturday, February 24; 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville

Why should you attend this event?

Millburn Madness is a fun parent night out and ALL proceeds go back to the school district which helps the Millburn Education Foundation keep its promise to donate \$25,000 to the district each year. The event includes a private concert by The Breakfast Club and a silent and live auction filled with generous donations from local companies and district parents, with amazing items like Blackhawks tickets, a Bosch dishwasher, Cubs tickets, and a full set of braces. The night will also feature a prize wheel, wine pull, beer wagon squares and a chance to hear our school administrators sing karaoke with the band. Your ticket gets you a free drink and all you can eat delicious appetizers from Austin's. It is a great way to meet other Millburn parents and have a fun night out to benefit our kids. You are also welcome to stay in the upper level VIP section for the public concert by the Breakfast Club at 10:15 p.m.

What if you don't have a sitter for your kids?

Don't forget that the Millburn Before and Afterschool Care group will offer childcare at Millburn Elementary School that evening! The childcare program will start at 5:30 pm and end at 11:00 pm. The cost for the childcare will be \$20 per child or \$30 per family. A snack and pizza dinner will be provided along with a full night of activities including gym games, art projects, movies, and video gaming. All fees must be paid in full at time of drop off 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!

What is 'Administrators Sing'?

Our administrators (Dr. Lind, Mr. Jorgenson, Mr. Walshire and Mr. Rowlands) have graciously agreed to perform a song with the band if we can raise \$1500 in the Administrators Sing category. Donations are \$25 each and we need 60 people to donate so we can get them on stage! Their amazing performance wowed the crowd last year and we can only guess what they will perform this year. Be there to see their performance first hand and make sure you donate to the cause as well!

Where do you purchase tickets for Millburn Madness?

Tickets are now available at <http://mef24.schoolauction.net/2018mm> and are \$40 per person through February 16. After that date and at the door tickets will be \$50 each.

What is the Online Auction and when does it start?

A full list of online auction items will be sent home in early February and will include one-of-a-kind items like your child having lunch with their teacher or the chance to have Mr. Walshire teach your child's class for the day as well as the Work of HeART art projects that parent volunteers have made for your child's classroom (at the elementary level) and grade (at the middle school). Ask your elementary school student if a parent volunteer has come into the classroom to help them create something and look for these amazing projects online. **The online auction will begin on Monday, February 12 and will end on Tuesday, February 20 at 10:00 p.m.** (there is no school on Feb. 19). Winners will be notified that night via email and the items that are won will be available for pick-up the week of February 26. **The online auction is FREE to everyone to participate in, even if you are not going to Millburn Madness.**

Thank you to our Sponsors!

The Foundation is very thankful for our generous sponsors - Gold Sponsors: Grand Appliance, Dr. Oana Honey Orthodontics, Roots Hospitality Group, State Bank of the Lakes; Silver Sponsors: Carmel High School, Drs. Sellke & Reily Orthodontics, Hodges, Loizzi, Eishenhammer, Rodick & Kohn; and Bronze Sponsors: Illinois Bone & Joint Institute and Strang Funeral Home. We also want to thank all the companies/district parents who donated items to our auctions and will include a list of donors with our online auction list email to thank you all for your support.

We look forward to seeing you on February 24th! If you have questions or need more information on this exciting fundraiser, please contact Valerie at Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net.

PTO NEWS!

PTO MEETING!! Please join us for our third general meeting of the year next Wednesday, January 31st from 7-8pm in the LRC at MMS! Get all the scoop on what's happening and earn a chance to win a fun raffle prize!

ATTENTION 7th GRADE PARENTS!! Please join us for the KICK OFF meeting for the wonderful 8th Grade Farewell Celebration that we host. We will meet next Wednesday, January 31st at 8pm in the LRC at MMS after the general meeting. Come share your ideas for this treasured Millburn tradition!

BOX TOPS!! We are EXTENDING the BOX TOP HOLIDAY DRIVE until 1/31/18! Please bring your box tops to the PTO meeting! 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

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!! Thank you to all who dropped off items for our first donation drive of 2018. We are still looking for Spring/Summer items. We are having a second drive on Saturday March 10th at MMS from 9-11am.

Please save the date!!!

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! Pajama Jam is TONIGHT from 6-8pm. Bring your family and join us in your PJs to dance, play games, play sports and make a craft! Snacks and slices of pizza will be available for purchase for those who did not pre-order pizzas. Contact us with any questions: FamilyFunNight@MillburnPTO.com

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.

With the Winter Olympics and the Super Bowl right around the corner, there is lots of inspiration! 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. The rules are NOT negotiable! **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-6:30pm, 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! Please contact Denise Ide or Sarah Moore Primack at activitynight@millburnpto.com with any questions!

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

Upcoming Events: 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, Box Tops Due 1/31

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

31st- PTO Meeting @ 7PM (MMS)

February

7th- Early Release Day @ 1:00, Talent Show Rehearsal @ 6PM (MMS)

9th- PTO Valentine Celebrations

19th- No School- Presidents Day

24th- Millburn Madness

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Growing Tree PreSchool

Fit Kids Program

Wildwood Park District Daddy Daughter Dance

Gurnee Park District After School Care

Gurnee Park District Summer Fun Guide

Gurnee Park District Summer Camp

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Demystifying the Teen Brain