

Mustang Minute: October 12, 2018

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\*\*\*Attention Parents\*\*\* of children missing physical exams, immunizations and/or religious exemption letters for immunizations. The state-mandated due date to turn in these documents is Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. If the Health Office does not have these documents on **Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**, your child will have to be excluded from school until these documents are turned in.

**Topics:**

- Response to Intervention
- Halloween Celebration
- PBIS PARTY Day
- Yearbook Order
- PTO News
- Important Dates
- Virtual Backpack

**RtI Criteria:** RtI (Response to Intervention) is our program for students who need additional support with English Language Arts or Math. We identify these students using a combination of our district assessments (MAP and STAR) and classroom performance. Students identified will be supported one of two ways. Daily Pull-Out Services provided by one of our Interventionists (certified teachers many of whom are reading specialist). Alternatively, students may be placed on a computer-based intervention called IXL. Below is the criteria for interventions:

**Pull-Out Services (Meets All 3)**

- MAP scores is at the 30<sup>th</sup>ile or below
- STAR score is at the 30<sup>th</sup>ile or below
- Classroom performance below Peers

**IXL Services (Meets 2 of the 3)**

- MAP score is at the 30<sup>th</sup>ile or below
- STAR score is at the 30<sup>th</sup>ile or below
- Classroom performance below Peers

This week we reviewed our data to identify students who may need this additional support. Homeroom teachers will be reaching out to parents if this support is needed. Our staff will continuously review student growth, communicate with parents, and work together to make sure students are making progress. Our goal is that RtI be temporary but the objective is getting them to a level of academic success. If you have any questions about our RtI program, please let me know.

**Halloween Celebration:** Halloween celebrations will occur on Wednesday, October 31 from 1:00-2:00PM. All students are allowed to wear costumes during the celebrations. Costumes should not have weapons associated with them and we would appreciate no makeup because we don't want students wearing it all day long. Students must bring their costumes in and not wear them to school. They will change into them before the parties. Costumes need to be easily put on and not require a lot of help from an adult.

**\*\*\*\*Students are not to bring in "goodie" bags OR food items for their class. Our celebrations are food free due to the many allergies we have in the building. We need to be considerate of those health issues. Although goodie bags can non-edible, our PTO provides all of our materials for students for our celebrations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

**PBIS PARTY Day:** Friday, November 2 is our first PBIS PARTY (Do your PART) day. We are seeing a significant drop in minors and majors this year compared to last year and we have been impressed with all of our Mustangs for DOING THEIR PART. Each grade level is organizing fun activities for their students for PARTY Day. As you know, we also want to focus our attention not just on the negative aspects, but the positive ones too. At this point, our staff has given out over 25,000 ACKs (short for Acknowledgements) to

students. Students will be able to use their ACKs to redeem incentives in our Mustang Market. I placed a picture of store items in the Virtual Backpack. You will also see how many ACKs they need to redeem the incentives.

We will do another PARTY day in January and look forward to seeing our students continue to make positive choices.

**Yearbooks: ORDER YOUR 2018-2019 YEARBOOK TODAY!!** This year is going to be great and a MES Yearbook is a perfect way to remember your friends, classmates, and fun times. Why wait until the last minute to get your yearbook. Order now and get your yearbook for an all time low of \$12.25. The prices will increase soon, so don't wait. Get your orders in now. Yearbooks will be delivered to students before school lets out in June. Please find ordering information in the Virtual Backpack.

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#### PTO News

- o KidStuff Books
- o Millburn Kids Resale
- o Bookfair
- o Activity Night
- o Family Fun Night
- o PTO Registration/Website

**Kidstuff coupon books!!** Kidstuff coupon orders/money are past due. Please return them to your homeroom asap. Thank you for your support of the kidstuff coupon book sale. If you ordered extra books, the books will be sent home the week of 10/15. For those of you who order 3 or more books,, and are eligible to receive a free t-shirt, those will take several weeks as they have to be ordered from our vendor at the end of the sale.

**MMS:** Kidstuff coupon book sale is at an end. Thank you so much for your support!! The books you ordered will be delivered during the week of 10/15.

**Millburn Kids Resale: SALE IS ONE WEEK AWAY!!!**

Registration forms are due today **Friday October 12!!**

Please join us in congratulating our second drawing winner - **Julie Klinger!!!** Our final drawing is today Friday, 10/12.

**Volunteer Only Invite to PRESALE:** Would you like to come early and shop the Millburn Kids Resale **BEFORE** the doors open to the public? Make your selection from great name brand items at fantastic prices from 3:15pm to 4pm on Opening Day of the sale! **The PRESALE is an invite only event for volunteers that help out either before, during or after the sale. We are very flexible with the hours and opportunities to volunteer. If there isn't a time or date that works for your schedule, please contact us to make arrangements.**

**VOLUNTEERS:** We still have many volunteer slots open to help out during the sale operations or after the sale for clean up. We are only successful with the volunteer help to be able to effectively run the sale.

Please follow this link to view opportunities:

**Adult Volunteer** - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-fall>

**Student Volunteer-** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-fall1>

If you are having trouble with the links go to [Millburnpto.com](http://Millburnpto.com) and click on the links under Kids Resale.

Thank you, Millburn Kids Resale Committee

**MES Bookfair:** PTO is offering a pre-order of the newest Diary of a Wimpy Kid book: The Meltdown! Print the order form from the Virtual Backpack and send in cash or check (made out to Millburn PTO) in the

amount of \$9.62 (\$8.99 book price, plus 7% sales tax) per book by Tuesday, October 23rd. Books will be delivered to your student(s) the following week!

**Activity Night:** The 1<sup>st</sup> **Middle School Activity Night** of the year is on **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**. The theme for the night is **PJ Party**. Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing their most creative interpretation of the theme. 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

6<sup>th</sup> grade-6pm, MAIN entrance

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

#### PICK UP

6<sup>th</sup> grade-8:30pm, MAIN entrance

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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 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, October 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, coordinating Bingo and just watching all the rooms of activity. Are you brave enough? If so, please sign up at [millburnpto.com](http://millburnpto.com).

**Family Fun Night:** Abra-Cadabra, Alla-Kazoo, PTO wants to share a Magic Show with You. Save the date for PTO Family Fun Night **November 9**. We'll have food, crafts/activities and a magic show where kids learn how to do the tricks. A pre-order form for food and magic tricks will be coming soon.

**PTO Registration:** We are still accepting registrations for this school year. Please go to [millburnpto.com](http://millburnpto.com) to register. **School CODE: 5SRAMT**

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If I can be of any assistance or if you have questions, please contact me at [bwalshire@millburn24.net](mailto:bwalshire@millburn24.net) or (847) 356-8331.

Mr. Ben Walshire  
Millburn Elementary Principal

October

19th- PTO Resale  
20th-PTO Resale  
31st- Halloween Celebrations

**November**

2nd-PBIS PARTy Day  
12th- Veteran's Day Assembly  
13th- Trimester 1 End  
15th- Report Cards Go Home  
19th and 20th- Half Day, Dismissal at 11 AM, Parent/ Teacher Conferences 12-7PM

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

**Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)**

Mustang Market Items (Pic)  
Girl Scout Information