

*Mustang Minute: October 5, 2018*

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## **No School** Monday- Columbus Day

\*\*\*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. If your child is missing any documents, you will be notified.

### **Topics:**

- Picture Retakes
- Serenity Garden
- Fire Prevention Month
- Halloween Celebration
- Yearbook Order
- PTO News
- Important Dates
- Virtual Backpack

**Picture Make-up & Retake:** Say Cheese! Wednesday, October 10th is our Make-up & Retake Picture Day. Students needing make-ups or if you would like a Retake for your student please email Ms. Boss at [vboss@millburn24.net](mailto:vboss@millburn24.net). Picture proofs and order forms will be sent home approximately a week after the 10th.

**Serenity Garden:** As you may know, we have two courtyards within our building for our students to use. One courtyard is connected to our media center where we have tables for students to sit at. Our other courtyard, on the east side, is called our Serenity Garden. There, students can sit or lay on the grass to enjoy a good book. Last year, all of our donated plastic caps went towards getting benches for this courtyard.

This year, we want to add to the Serenity Garden. PTO came up with an idea of adding a colored rock garden. Each student will have a colored rock to decorate. From there, we will place the rocks along the landscaping, to create a colored rock river. Over the summer, one of our former students, Zach Dabney, used his Eagle Scout Project to improve the landscaping in the courtyard and created an area for us to add our colored rocks. Beginning next week, classes will come out to the courtyard to decorate their rocks. Once all rocks are finished, we will place the rocks in the river to create our Serenity Rock Garden.

Thank you to the PTO for their purchase of the rocks and working with students to decorate their rocks. It will look amazing once finished!

**Fire Prevention:** October is Fire Prevention Month. Please take the opportunity to review fire safety in your homes. This week's Virtual Backpack includes a form for parents to walk through with their child(ren) to review their address and phone number. Children knowing their personal information is important in the event they need to report a fire to the fire department. These pieces of information will help firefighters get to homes quickly. Take a moment to fill this out and practice with your child. We are not asking for them back, but please use this to help students remember their information.

**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.

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

**SpiritWear** - Show your Millburn pride by getting your Millburn SpiritWear! **Our online sale is open until 10/7.** Click on the link below to go right to our sale site and place your order today!

<https://millburnspiritwear.itemorder.com/sale>

**Kidstuff coupon books!! Did you see - NEW THIS YEAR AN APP!** Use a coupon on the APP and they add a new one! Not too early to think about the holidays - the coupon books make a great gift! Coupon books went home at the Elementary School. Forms went home to Middle School. **THREE** ways to PAY 1. pay online at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com), 2. send in \$25 in cash or 3. check (made out to "Millburn PTO"). Please put cash and checks in an envelope addressed to "Kidstuff PTO". Please remember to indicate your child's full name, parent email address, and homeroom or advisory teacher. Middle school orders and additional books will be sent home after October 9<sup>th</sup>. See Flyer for prize incentives. Order forms and non purchased books are **due October 9<sup>th</sup>**.

There are 24 editions for areas. See all 24 editions at <http://mykscb.com/kidstuff-coupon-book-editions/>  
Questions? Contact us at [kidstuff@millburnpto.com](mailto:kidstuff@millburnpto.com).

**Millburn Kids Resale: STILL SEEKING:** Additional sellers for our upcoming **FALL MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!** Feel like earning some extra money? Start collecting the clothes and toys your kids have outgrown - then turn your collections into cash by selling them at the Millburn Kids Resale! It's a great way for you - and your kids - to clean out the closet, garage, basement, and attic! All early registrations received are automatically entered into a drawing to win 75% of your proceeds instead of the standard 50%. Registration forms can be found on the PTO website ([www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com)) and in the virtual backpack. Feel free to complete the registration form and just take a picture and email it to us or drop it off at either school's main office. Registration deadline is Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>.

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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.

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#### October

8th- No School- Columbus Day

10th- Picture Retake Day

19th- PTO Resale

20th-PTO Resale

31st- Halloween Celebrations

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

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

Fire Safety- Home Plan

YMCA Halloween

Grayslake Pumpkin Fest