

Mustang Minute: November 16, 2018

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Student Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures: If you are dropping your child off in the morning, you are welcome to pull up along the curb to drop your child off. Students should exit on the passenger side closest to the curb. Parents should remain in their cars. Supervisors will be there to assist students exiting cars. If you would like to walk them to the doors, you will need to park in on our parking spaces so we can keep traffic moving.

For afternoon pick-up, parents do need to park in spaces and walk in to sign students out. Cars cannot be parked along the curb unattended as this is also a fire lane.

Report Cards: Report Cards went home today.. We encourage you to discuss the report with your students. Talk about their progress and how they feel they are doing. Goal setting with them is a great way to get students involved in their learning. Below are some helpful hints from Education.com that you could use in your discussions:

- Ask your child how she thinks she did. This opens up the dialogue for any problems she's having in the class or reasons for a less than stellar performance. And it sets the tone for parents to listen.
- If the teacher is commenting on your child's chattiness or inability to listen, don't set yourself up for an argument. Instead of asking why he's chatty or why she can't sit still, ask, "Why do you think the teacher feels you have trouble listening?" Getting your child to explain from the teacher's point of view enables him to think about how his actions are being interpreted.
- Offer specific praise and encouragement instead of broad statements. Try: "You worked very hard to bring up your math grade this period," instead of "Great job in math."
- Separate your child from his grades. No parent wants his child to feel his self-worth is derived from what teachers say about him. Consider statements like, "I love you, but I don't like this report card" as a way to distinguish between the two.
- Focus on a way to do better. Instead of telling your child to pull up her history grade, talk together to find a way she can improve her scores in that class. Come up with a plan. Write it down. Finally, communicate it to the teacher, so that you're all on the same page.
- Handle praise with care. If your child consistently brings home amazing report cards, it may be difficult to know what to say. "Good job" loses its meaning and has almost no affect. Consider reminding your child how she got those grades, and prompting her to find some self-satisfaction. "I am not surprised you have all these great grades on your report card. I saw you working very hard this term and it looks like it's paid off. I bet you feel very proud!"

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences are coming up on November 19th and 20th from 12-7PM. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress in school and ask any question to better understand their learning.

We are, again, using Sign-Up Genius for you to sign up to meet with your child's homeroom teacher. You should have been sent information from the homeroom teacher on how to pick a time. These will be 20 min conferences. The last conference time to sign up for will be at 6:40 PM on both Monday the 19th and Tuesday the 20th. Teachers will send you information on Friday, November 2nd to sign up.

Door Decorating: Many of our staff members are participating in a Door Decorating Contest and we need your help! When you come in for Parent/Teacher conferences there will be a QR code posted to get you started. You will be voting to decide on the best doors. Pictures of each door will be provided, you will not have to physically travel to each door, unless you want to. The staff who created the winning door designs will get a special prize from me.

Lost and Found: We have set out all of our lost and found items on tables outside the main office during conferences. If you are missing items, please take a look. After next week, we will store them until Spring and then donate them to the PTO Millburn Resale. Let's find a home for these items!

Chicago Wolves: Millburn Elementary School Day with the Chicago Wolves - Manitoba at Chicago

Allstate Arena - FREE PARKING

6920 Mannheim Rd Rosemont, Illinois 60018

Sun, Nov 18, 3:00 PM

From \$20

Join Millburn family and friends for a day of fun at a Chicago Wolves hockey game. A portion of tickets sales benefits our PBIS program! Puck drop is at 3pm so be sure to grab your lower level, corner tickets now before they sell out. You may purchase tickets via the following link.

<https://www.fevo.com/edp/Millburn-Elementary-School-Day-with-the-Chicago-Wolves--Manitoba-at-Chicago-mJvcDSz>

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 only 21 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>

Student Council: will be hosting a Coat Drive that will be running during the week of conferences and the week thereafter - Nov. 19th - 30th. Any clean, gently used or new coats, gloves, mittens and hats are greatly appreciated for all ages. Thank you for your support! Enjoy your break!

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.

PTO News:

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Book Fair MES: Please visit us on Monday and Tuesday, November 19-20th. We are open during Doughnuts for Dad, the half school day and during parent teacher conferences. We will have hundreds of books for all ages! We will also have a selection of crafts, science kits, journals, and other fun items in time for holiday shopping. Teachers will have their wish lists posted if you would like to gift a book to your student's classroom.

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the fair. We appreciate any time you have to offer as we can't do it without you! It is a great way to interact with our Millburn students and families. All profits from the book fair go right back into purchasing books and materials for our MES Media Center and classrooms. Shifts can be flexible. Click here to volunteer: www.millburnpto.com

Book Fair MMS: Today your middle school student had an opportunity to preview the book fair during their ELA class. The book fair will be open for purchases Monday and Tuesday from 8:30am-conferences are complete each night. This year we have something new happening! Anyone that makes ANY purchase will receive a raffle ticket for every item they purchase that can be entered for a chance to win one of 3 prizes...an item of their choice from the book fair, a chance to choose 4 friends to hang out in the wreck room during lunch and recess or a \$20 gift card of their choice! Please either send \$\$\$ in with your child Monday or Tuesday or stop on by before or after your student led conference. Still looking for volunteers to help with the sale. Click here to volunteer www.millburnpto.com

SpiritWear - Winter Online sale (delivery before the holidays) - Dare I say it... the cold weather and Winter is on the way so we have some great Millburn items to warm you up! Check out our website to place your orders today! Orders will be accepted through November 21st. Visit www.millburnpto.com to place your order! We have logo specific items for the middle school as well as the elementary school for this specific sale. So, show your school spirit and wear your Millburn Pride throughout the year! Any questions? Contact us: spiritwear@millburnpto.com

Scrip: GIFT CARDS! GIFT CARDS! GIFT CARDS! We are offering an incredible opportunity this holiday season to get all of your gift card purchases made without dealing with any crowds or running from store to store. Purchase your gift cards on the green paper that was sent home or at www.millburnpto.com or the PTO app. It is as easy as click, click, click. You can even purchase gift cards to use for your other holiday shopping. A portion of every gift card goes directly to our school without costing you any additional \$\$\$\$. There are even stores that we receive 14% of every dollar purchased! Over 200 choices available! Questions contact presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com

World's Finest Chocolate- Thank you to everyone who placed an order. All orders will be ready for pick on Monday, December 10th and Tuesday, December 11th from 4:30 to 6:00 at Millburn Middle School.

BOX TOP-HOLIDAY DRIVE - NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY! We *NEED* your help Millburn Families! Reach out to extended family members, friends who are in college and coworkers for their Box Tops! In addition to the random drawing for a \$25 Target Gift Card for students who turn in Box Tops (25/1 raffle ticket), the students who turn in 200 or more box tops during November, December and January will win a one-of-a-kind Millburn PTO drawstring bag. **ALSO**, the class with the most box tops turned in by January 11 2019, will win a classroom party! Collection sheets will be sent home soon or place your box tops in a baggie or envelope. If you have any box tops that expire on 12/31/2018, send those in before Winter Break and we will make sure your child gets credit. Don't lose out with expired box tops! Please email boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com for any questions! Thank you for your support!

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

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Millburn Elementary Principal

November

16th- Report Cards Go Home
19th and 20th

- Half Day, Dismissal at 11 AM,

- Parent/ Teacher Conferences 12-7PM
- Book Fair 7AM-7PM
- Donuts for Dads 6:30-7:30AM
 - Last Names A-K on Monday
 - Last Names L-Z on Tuesday

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)

Wildwood Lunch with Santa
Sharon MakesUsRun 5K