

*Mustang Minute: November 17, 2017*  
*Half Day on November 20th and 21st- Dismissal at 11:00*

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**Donuts with Dads:** The Millburn Educational Foundation is once again hosting Donuts with Dad. This event will take place on Nov. 20th and 21st from 6:30-7:30AM

Nov. 20- Last Names A-K

Nov. 21- Last Names L-Z

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a little extra time connecting with your child/ren at school. After breakfast you can head over to the PTO's book fair to view some of Scholastic's hot sellers. **PLEASE ENTER THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING BY THE CAFETERIA.**

Please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult and remain with that adult until 7:30. At 7:30, the Foundation board members will supervise the children until the bell rings and they are allowed to head to their classrooms.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Conferences are **next week** on November 20th and 21st 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 ask you to review report cards that were sent home today so you have a better idea on how to discuss your child's progress. Here is a link for some great tips for parents while preparing for parent/teacher conferences: <http://www.nea.org/home/60103.htm>

We ask all parents to come on time, our teachers need to keep their schedules for the night. If for some reason you are delayed, the teacher may need to reschedule your time.

**School Walk for Diabetes:** Thank you to all for your support in our School Walk for Diabetes this week. Millburn Mustangs have once again rose to the challenge to support a great cause and raised just over \$10,000. Thank you again for your donations and generosity towards this growing health concern in the world today.

**Winter Coats:** It is cold weather season and many of you have gone out to buy new winter gear. Please remember to label all items clearly. Although it won't guarantee coats and such won't go missing, labeling items helps them find their way back. There are situations when a student accidentally grabs the wrong coat. These things happen and we will always do our utmost to reunited coats to their owner so students do not go home without a coat.

**Lost and Found:** We have collected many items over the last few months. Today, we had volunteers come in and organize the items. We now have them out for display outside the main office. If you have lost any items, stop by during conferences next week to see if you can locate items you lost. Any leftover items will be donated at the end of the school year.

**Coat Drive:** Student Council will be having a **Coat Drive** starting Monday, Nov. 20th, through Friday, Dec. 1st. We are collecting **slightly** used coats and jackets of all sizes. **New** hats, mittens, and/or gloves will also be accepted to help keep those less fortunate stay nice and warm. Thank you for all your support helping us help others.

**Traveling for the holidays?** Student Council will be collecting **travel** size soaps, shampoos/conditioners, shower caps, toothpastes, toothbrushes, and/or mouthwashes. We would love to be able to put a smile on the face of one of our Senior center friends.

**Open Position:** Millburn Elementary has an opening for a Kindergarten Associate. Included in the Virtual Backpack is the job description for the position. Some quick info on the position:

- \$10.40/ hour plus benefits
- 100% paid employee health, dental, vision insurance
- 100% paid \$50,000 life insurance and long-term disability
- Participation in Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)
- 11 Paid Holidays per year
- 13 paid sick days per year

- 2 paid personal days per year

If you are interested, please apply online: [Online Application](#)

**Thank you PTO:** Yesterday and today, we had the DOME Theater come to present educational shows to our classes this week. Students got to go inside an inflatable dome and see a projected, 360 show. The kids had a great time. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this program for our kids!

### **PTO NEWS!**

**PTO MEETING!!** Thanks to all who attended our meeting Wednesday night! Congrats to Jen Hauhe who won our raffle prize for attending! We look forward to seeing you all at our January meeting.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** We are looking for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent to host this very special Millburn tradition. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents host the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents for a very special celebration. If you have any questions or interest please email [presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com](mailto:presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com)

**DOMES THEATRE!!** The PTO paid for an AWESOME Dome Theatre at Elementary. All Students yesterday and today will have a grade appropriate viewing inside this unique blow-up theatre!

**SPIRIT WEAR!!** Give the GIFT of Millburn Spirit Wear this Holiday Season! Dress in Millburn spirit and choose from the ALL NEW Sherpa 1/4 Zips, cotton hoodies, new comfort t-shirts, GLITTER v-necks and flannel jammie pants!! Keep your noggin warm with your choice of a striped beanie or pom pom beanie, or if you can't decide get both! The Stadium blanket is perfect for all seasons with fleece on one side and a waterproof and windproof liner on the other side. It's perfect for chilly games, picnics, beach, camping and more! The duffle bag is convenient for all the kids with sports and after school activities who can't fit everything into their backpacks. Travel in style! This Millburn Holiday Online Sale will be open from November 17th-28th! No orders can be accepted after the deadline and all orders will be available for delivery the week of December 11th. Items range in price from \$15-\$49, so there's something for everyone! Every \$100 (pre-tax) order will receive a FREE GIFT of an exclusive PTO Drawstring Bag! Happy Shopping!! *The link to this sale will be emailed separately and the flyer will be added to virtual backpack as well.* Any questions please email [Spiritwear@millburnpto.com](mailto:spiritwear@millburnpto.com)

**BOX TOPS!!** Millburn PTO is kicking off its BOX TOP HOLIDAY DRIVE! We need our families to reach out to their aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents for box tops. Also, find your neighbors who don't have District 24 students any longer and ask them to save their box tops for you. Extended families and neighbors are buying groceries with box tops, and they could be throwing them out. Decorate a baggie or envelope for them and just remind them that we CAN use that "FREE" money! Please see the flyer in virtual backpack - there are amazing and one-of-a-kind prizes for the BOX TOP HOLIDAY DRIVE in addition to the random winner of a \$25 Target Gift Card every month. Congrats to Emma Hofmann from 4B - Mrs. Cipolla's class! She is our first \$25 Target gift card winner for turning in her Box Tops in October! Campbell's is ending their Labels for Education program. Please be sure to send in any of your labels to be sure they are submitted to Campbell's before the end of the year. All labels must have the logo on them, not just the UPC code. Thanks! Any questions? Please feel free to email: [boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com](mailto:boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com)

**MES BOOK FAIR!!** Save the date! Our PTO Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Millburn Elementary School during Parent Teacher Conferences. Visit us in the East Gym on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. We will have books for all ages including picture books and chapter books with your favorite characters, series, holiday books, cook books, award winners, and some grown up titles. We will also have reference books, science kits, crafts, and small gifts. You can shop thousands of additional items or create wish lists for out of town friends and relatives during our online sale starting November 15th and running through November 25th. There is also a book fair app to find book details including age, grade and reading level. Visit our online fair at [MES Fall 2017 Book Fair](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/millburncommconssd24) or follow this link: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/millburncommconssd24> Change wars start next week! Please consider sending in change with your student each day to purchase books for their individual classrooms from the book fair! In addition, Scholastic will match the total donations from all our classrooms to purchase books for charitable organizations to promote reading and literacy. More information can be found in the Virtual Backpack. Volunteer at [MES Book Fair Volunteers 2017](http://signup.com/login/entry/1177009978005316043) or follow this link: <http://signup.com/login/entry/1177009978005316043> We have set up on Friday, November 17th after school starting at 2:30. Children are welcome. Set up can be done quickly with enough volunteers! We have shifts throughout the fair on Monday and Tuesday the 20th and 21st. Thanks for

considering!

**MMS BOOK FAIR!!** Visit us in the Media Center on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> during school hours. The fair will also be open during conferences on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 12:00pm - 7:30pm. ELA classes will preview the fair on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to purchase items at this time. Be sure to check for teacher wish lists. This is a great way to fill classroom libraries with new materials or to find the perfect gift for your favorite teacher. There is a bright yellow and red display with your teacher's wish list - you can't miss it!

An online fair will run November 13<sup>th</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a great way to shop for Christmas or to purchase the books that Scholastic feels are a little too edgy to put at the fair, such as some of the John Greene titles. You can also send wish lists to relatives from the site. All orders ship for free to the school and should be in before Christmas break. They will be delivered to your child at school. If your order contains a gift, please let us know and we will make other arrangements to get the items to you.

Visit our online fair at [MMS Fall 2017 Book Fair](#) or follow this link:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/millburnmiddleschool1>

Interested in volunteering? We are looking for volunteers to help run the fair on Monday & Tuesday.

Please consider this fun way to help out by signing up here: [MMS Book Fair Volunteers 2017](#) or follow this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45a5ac2fa3fd0-mmsbook>

If you have any questions, please email: [bookfairmiddle@millburnpto.com](mailto:bookfairmiddle@millburnpto.com)

**WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!!** All orders are in! Thanks for everyone who participated. We will announce the winners after Thanksgiving Break. Pick up for orders are Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Millburn Middle School from 4:30 to 6pm. \*If you still have an order that did not get to school today please contact us at [worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com](mailto:worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com)

*Upcoming Events:* Box Tops Due 11/17, MES & MMS Book Fairs 11/20 & 11/21, Holiday Spirit Wear Online Sale 11/17-11/28, Box Tops Holiday Drive 11/20-1/26

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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Millburn Elementary Principal

### **November**

20th and 21st

- Donuts with Dads 6:30-7:30AM- Cafeteria
  - Nov. 20- Last Names A-K
  - Nov. 21- Last Names L-Z
- Half Day- 11:00AM Dismissal
- Parent Teacher Conferences 12-7PM
- PTO Book Fair- 6:30AM-7:00PM (East Gym)

### **December**

6th- Early Release @ 1:00

21st- Early Release @ 1:00

**Winter Break- Dec. 22nd- Jan 5**

Link for MES School Calendar- [LINK](#)

Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)