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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 **28 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>

Snow Day: Due to our snow day on Monday, we are making up the lost day on March 4th, which is Casimir Pulaski Day. This will now be an attendance day for all students. If further days are needed, we will push our last day further into June. Again, **March 4 is now a school day!**

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 one of our parking spaces and use the marked walkway. Following these produces keep students safe and 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. Thank you parents for doing your part to keep Drop-off and Pick-up safe and efficient.

Read to Succeed: The Six Flags Read to Succeed program has officially begun! All students at MES are eligible to earn a FREE ticket to Great America by simply reading for 6 hours over the next few months. All you need to do is keep track of your child's reading times on a reading log, make sure it totals at least 6 hours, sign, and send it back to school before February 22, 2019. Reading logs were sent home with students this past week or can be found in the virtual backpack on the Millburn website. The FREE Great America ticket can be used next summer during the months of June & July. It also includes an offer to upgrade to a season pass. (Last year the fee to upgrade to a season pass was \$29.99.) If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Renee Marasco at rmarasco@millburn24.net.

Door Decorating: Thank you to all of our families that helped vote on our Door Decorating Contest during Parent/Teacher conferences last week. Staff did a great job with their doors and I wish we can reward all of them. BUT....with 29% of the votes, the winner is Ms. Heelan!

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:

- o Scrip
- o Box Tops
- o SpiritWear
- o World's Finest Chocolate
- o Book Fair MES

Scrip: GIFT CARDS! GIFT CARDS! GIFT CARDS! Next order will be places on December 7th. What 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. The website is as easy as click, click, click and has more options. 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 \$\$\$\$. Over 200 choices available! Questions contact presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com

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!

SpiritWear - Order Pick up will be on Monday, December 10th and Tuesday, December 11th from 4:30 to 6:00pm at Millburn Middle School - Activity Entrance. Any questions? Contact us: spiritwear@millburnpto.com

World's Finest Chocolate- Order Pick up will be on Monday, December 10th and Tuesday, December 11th from 4:30 to 6:00pm at Millburn Middle School - Activity Entrance. Any questions? Contact us: worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com

Book Fair MES: A big thank you to everyone who visited and shopped our MES Fall Book Fair! It was wonderful to see our students' enthusiasm for books! Your order will be delivered directly to school and distributed to teacher mailboxes.

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

December

5th- Early Release 1:00, Spirit Day (Wear School Spirit Gear)
12th- MES Choir Concert @ 7:00
20th- Early Release @ 1:00

Winter Break December 21-January 4

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)

Six Flags Read to Succeed

Grayslake Park District Daddy Daughter Dance

Grayslake Park District Mother Son Superhero Dance

Grayslake Park District Winter Wonderland Walk

Grayslake Park District Winter Sports

Warren Youth Lacrosse