

**Mustang Minute: November 9, 2018**

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**\*\*Wear Red, White, and Blue on Monday for our Veteran's Day Assembly\*\***

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**Report Cards:** Report Cards will be going home next Friday with students. 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, we need to get your input to decide on the best doors. Voting will take place outside the Book Fair, where you will see pictures of all the doors that have been decorated. The winning door designer from our staff will get a special prize from me.

**Family Reading Night:** IL Family Reading Night is Thurs., Nov. 15. We are giving all the students bookmarks and when you read together as a family, please sign your child's bookmark. Your child can bring

the bookmark back to school- signed and they will get a special prize from the Media Center, Bring the bookmark- signed anytime in November.

An extra bookmark is in the Virtual Backpack if yours gets lost and a poster all about I! reading Night.

**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>

**Student Council:** A big thank you to all those who donated non-perishable items and canned goods for the food drive. We collected over 150 cans and three big boxes of dry goods. All foods were donated to Lake Villa Food Pantry. Thank you for helping those less fortunate and/or down on their luck.

Another big thank you to all those who donated your extra Halloween candy. Millburn Elementary and Millburn Middle Schools joined forces and gathered over 32 boxes of candy. The veterans, first responders, and deployed soldiers will get a real treat thanks to all of you.

Our next event will be a Coat Drive that will be running during the week of conferences and the week thereafter - **Nov. 19th - 30th.** Gently used coats, gloves, mittens and hats are greatly appreciated for all ages.

**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. 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>

**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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## Millburn Education Foundation

### **Donuts with Dad**

Our Donuts with Dad event is in a couple of weeks! Join us on Monday, November 19 or Tuesday, November 20 for a donut and milk or coffee. Please be sure to send in your form by November 16th. (See the virtual backpack for the document) PTO's book fair will also be open for families to visit and make purchases if they are interested. Looking forward to seeing all the families join us for our event. Please park in the north lot when coming in and enter through the North entrance.

### **Amazon Smile**

Did you know that you can support the Foundation when you make purchases on Amazon? If you are not already using Amazon Smile, see the flyer in the virtual backpack to see how you can have a portion of your purchase be donated to the Millburn Education Foundation.

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### PTO News:

- o World's Finest Chocolate
- o Family Fun Night
- o SpiritWear
- o Book Fair MES
- o Book Fair MMS

**\*\*Please join us for our next General PTO Meeting Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 Elementary School Media Center**

**World's Finest Chocolate**- Sale extended! Orders are due Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Which means - you still have time to get more orders and send them in!

You can also place your order online at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com)

The Top 5 District Selling Family will receive a \$20 Target Gift Card! And every \$60 sold earns a PTO Drawstring Bag!

Chocolate can make the perfect gift! It's easy -no shipping fee or tax! And every order counts towards making our goal of \$10,000.

**Family Fun Night**: Is tonight November 9<sup>th</sup>; 6pm - 8pm at Millburn Elementary School - Cafeteria. We are so excited to announce our first PTO Family Fun Night of the school year will be crafts, various fun activities and a magic show where kids can learn to do the tricks! If you did not preorder - we will have a limited amount of pizza and magic tricks for purchase. Any questions? Contact us: [familyfunnight@millburnpto.com](mailto:familyfunnight@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 21<sup>st</sup>. Visit [www.millburnpto.com](http://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](mailto:spiritwear@millburnpto.com)

**Book Fair MES**: Spare change? The week of Monday, November 12 through Friday, November 16, students can donate change to our PTO Fall Book Fair Classroom Change War. Each classroom will collect change to use toward the purchase of books for their classroom. The class that collects the most change wins! Mr. Walshire will read to the winning classroom, and those students will be able to choose a bookmark from the fair.

However, all classrooms are winners because the amount of change collected in each classroom will be used to purchase books from the book fair for that classroom!

In addition, Scholastic matches the total Change War money to purchase books for organizations such as the Kids In Need Foundation, Reader to Reader, Inc. and the National Center for Families Learning.

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](http://www.millburnpto.com)

**Book Fair MMS:** The Book Fair at the Middle School is coming! Preview day for students is Friday, November 16 during school hours, if students want to buy a book please send money with them. The book fair will also continue Monday, November 19 and Tuesday, November 20 all day! Stop by during conferences as see our great selection of books!

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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

### **November**

12th- Veteran's Day Assembly

13th- Trimester 1 Ends

15th- 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

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

### **Virtual Backpack- LINK**

Family Reading Night Bookmark and Poster

MEF Amazon Flier

MEF Donuts for Dads

Book Fair Flyer

Flannels and Flapjacks

Help a Foster Child Fundraiser