

Mustang Minute: December 1, 2017
Early Release Next Wednesday at 1:00

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Week of Dec 18: The week leading up to Winter Break is bit different this year. On Thursday, December 21, we have an early release at 1:00 and there is No School on Friday, December 22. We return from Winter Break on Monday, January 8.

MES Choir: Come join us on Thursday, December 14th as our Elementary Choir performs here at MES. Both our MES and MMS choirs will be performing that evening and have put together a great show. The fun starts at 7:00 in the East Gym. Hope to see you there.

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 lost items over the last few months. They on display outside the main office. If you have lost any items, stop by to take a look. Items not claimed by Friday December 8th will be donated at the end of the school year.

Outdoor Playground Recess Volunteers: Is winter your favorite time of year? Do you enjoy the cooler temperatures? Do you love watching kids play in snow? If you answered yes, then we need you as a playground recess volunteer for all students on both playgrounds from 10:55AM - 12:20PM, Monday - Friday. Recess volunteers can sign up for once a week, once every other week or even once a month. Advance sign up required. Please contact Tracy Behnke (MES Recess Volunteer Coordinator) at tracybehnke@hotmail.com for additional information.

PTO NEWS!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! We are looking for a 7th grade parent to host this very special Millburn tradition. The 7th graders and their parents host the 8th graders and their parents for a very special celebration. If you have any questions or interest please email presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com

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!! Any questions please email spiritwear@millburnpto.com

<https://millburnmustangs.itemorder.com>

<https://millburncougars.itemorder.com>

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The 1st **Middle School Activity Night** of the year is **Friday, December 8th**. Thank you to all of the students that suggested themes and for taking the time to vote! The theme for the night is *Winter Wonderland*. Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing their most creative winter outfits. This is a chance for them to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, no masks, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change.

There will be NITRO BALL!!!!

We are still looking for volunteers to help chaperone this fun-filled evening! Please contact Denise Ide or

Sarah Moore Primack at activitynight@millburnpto.com if you'd like to join us!

THE DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

DROP OFF

6th grade-6pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade-6:30pm, MAIN entrance

PICK UP

6th grade-8:30pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade-9:00pm ACTIVITY entrance

For **PICK UP**, please pull in and find a parking spot. You can meet your child at the canopy area. You can also use the pick up lane, but if everyone does this, the line of traffic will stretch out to Route 45! **No students will be allowed to walk or ride a bike home.**

Admission to the event is \$2.00. Drinks, candy and pizza will be available for purchase.

All students attending **MUST** have a current student ID to show at the door. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.** Students **CANNOT** go to their lockers to retrieve forgotten ID's, as the hallway doors are locked. Also, all students must have a permission slip to attend Activity Night on file (if you went to the one in October, you are all set). If you need to leave before the Activity Night is over, **YOUR** parent must sign you out! The rules are **NOT** negotiable!

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. Questions? Please feel free to email: boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com

Upcoming Events: Holiday Spirit Wear Online Sale 11/17-12/5, Box Tops Holiday Drive 11/20-1/26, Middle School Activity Night 12/8

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

6th- Early Release @ 1:00

14th- Holiday Choir Concert (MES Choir)

21st- Early Release @ 1:00

Winter Break- Dec. 22nd- Jan 5

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

Virtual Backpack- LINK

Young Rembrandts

Daisy Scouts for Kindergarteners

Warren-Newport Library Newsletter

Lakes Winter Art Exhibit

Grayslake Park District Gingerbread Event, Santa Visit, and Winter Camp