

Mustang Minute: December 8, 2017

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

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 7:00pm 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.

Math Club: Miss Maier will be hosting a Math Club for 2nd and 3rd graders, held after school on Mondays starting February 5th, 2018. The purpose of the math club is to engage students in fun math activities that go beyond those of the classroom. There will opportunities for higher-level thinking problems, enrichment, and team problem solving.

If your student is interested in enrolling in Millburn's math club, please fill out and submit the form on our [website](#). Enrollment is limited, and will be considered first come, first serve.

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.

Millburn Madness - February 24th at Austin's in Libertyville

The Millburn Education Foundation board is excited to announce that we are a mere 12 weeks out from Millburn Madness, an amazing district fundraiser. If you have never been, Millburn Madness is a fun parent night out at Austin's with a silent auction baskets, live auction, prize wheel, wine pull and music by the Breakfast Club. If we raise enough money there will also be a special musical performance by our school administrators. A selection of Austin's delicious appetizers and a drink ticket is included in every Millburn Madness ticket. Mark your calendars now to join us for this exciting night to raise funds for our school district. Tickets will go on sale later this month and will be \$40 prior to the event and \$50 at the door.

We are currently looking for business partners to sponsor this event or donate items for our silent or live auction. Any donation is appreciated and the Millburn Madness Sponsorship and Donation form is posted in the virtual backpack or email us at MillburnEducationFoundation@gmail.com and we can send one to you. Thank you in advance for your support and please let us know if you have any questions.

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

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE! Thanks to everyone who helped support us in this fundraiser. Our top winners are Nathan Behnke, Evan Clark, Nicholas Gruber, Joaquin Gutierrez and Hayden Moran. Congrats! Pick up is Monday, December 11th and Tuesday, December 12th from 4:30 to 6:00pm at the Middle School Activity Entrance. Can't pick up your order on the 11th or 12th, or have any questions - contact us at

worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com

SPIRIT WEAR!! THANKS to all who ordered! Pick up is Monday, December 11th and Tuesday, December 12th from 4:30 to 6:00pm at the Middle School Activity Entrance. Can't pick up your order on the 11th or 12th, or have any questions - contact us at spiritwear@millburnpto.com

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The 1st **Middle School Activity Night** of the year TODAY, **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: Box Tops Holiday Drive 11/20-1/26, Middle School Activity Night 12/8, WFC Pick-Up 12/11 & 12/12, Spirit Wear Pick-Up 12/11 & 12/12

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

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](#)

Millburn Wrestling Information

Junior Eagle Jingle Ball