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Yearbooks: ORDER YOUR 2018-2019 YEARBOOK TODAY!! THE PRICE WILL INCREASE ON DECEMBER 17th. 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. 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.

Choir Concert: On Wednesday, our Elementary and Middle School Choirs performed. They did an awesome job! Luckily, all of our students will have a chance to hear them too next Wednesday for an assembly with our Choir, but the Middle School Choir as well. Great job to Mr. Gorr, Mr. Kramer and the Elementary and Middle School Choirs!

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 82 parents that have responded, 20 more than last week. 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>

If you have completed the survey, thank you for your time and input.

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.

PTO News:

- o PTO Dinner Out
- o World's Finest Chocolate
- o Box Tops
- o District Talent Show

PTO DINNER OUT - Thursday, 12/20 from 10:30 am - 10pm
Where: Jimano's Pizzeria - Gurnee, 7010 West Grand Ave
Phone: 847-856-8696

What better way to celebrate the last day of school and kicking off the holiday break than not having to

cook dinner! This fantastic fundraiser runs all day so feel free to order lunch or dinner or both and it benefits our school! Please feel free to share this announcement with anyone who loves pizza! The school receives 20% of the proceeds by mentioning this smart fundraiser during time of order placement. It is valid for dine-in, delivery or carry-out!

See the flyer in the Virtual Backpack. Thank you for your continued support!

World's Finest Chocolate- If you have not picked up your order please contact us at worldsfinestchocolate@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 class with the most box tops turned in by January 11 2019, will win a classroom party! Place your box tops in a baggie or envelope, include the number of box tops on the bag. 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!

District Talent Show: All Kindergarten thru 8th grade students are welcome to perform in Millburn District 24 talent show on Thursday, February 21 2019 from 6pm-8pm at Millburn Middle School Cafeteria. All participants must have a signed permission slip & attend a talent show rehearsal on Thursday, February 7 from 6pm-8pm at Millburn Middle School Cafeteria. Additional details & registration will be available in January! Any questions? Contact us: districttalentshow@millburnpto.com

Scraping Day- The PTO is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Scraping Day in 2019! For 12 hours you can scrapbook, card-make, or craft to your heart's content. There will be vendors on site, raffles, and giveaways. Space is limited so you will want to check your calendars and reserve your table. See the flier in the Virtual Backpack for more details.

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

20th- Early Release @ 1:00

Winter Break December 21-January 4

January

7th- School Resumes

9th- Early Release at 1:00, Spirit Day

10th- School-wide Spelling Bee

21st- No School- MLK Jr. Day

22nd- No School- Teacher Inservice

30th- MES Band Concert @ 7:00

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

Virtual Backpack- LINK

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