

Mustang Minute: **December 7, 2018**

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**Illinois School Report Card:** The Illinois Report Card is an annual report released by the Illinois State Board of Education that shows how the state, and each school and district, are progressing on a wide range of educational goals. The Report Card was redesigned in 2013 to be more user-friendly and to provide data on a wider range of indicators than previous versions. The Report Card now offers a more complete picture of student and school performance in order to inform and empower families and communities as they support their local schools.

We are very excited to see that our students have made huge strides in their overall performance over the last few years in Literacy and Math. We want this trend to continue, yet focus on closing gaps in some of our subgroups, specially discrepancies with males and females and our low-income students I encourage you to visit the website and review our information. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Link: [Millburn Elementary School Report Card](#)

**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 **63 parents that have responded**. That is awesome, but we need more!!! 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.

**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.

**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.

## **Millburn Education Foundation**

Thank you to all the families that joined us for Donuts with Dad. We had 236 families with a total of 604 attendees over the two days!

Please consider supporting the Foundation when holiday shopping through Amazon Smile. See the flyer in the virtual backpack for more detailed information.

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### PTO News:

- o Scrip
- o Box Tops
- o SpiritWear
- o World's Finest Chocolate
- o District Talent Show

**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](http://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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com)

**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](mailto:districttalentshow@millburnpto.com)

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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

**December**

12th- MES Choir Concert @ 7:00

20th- Early Release @ 1:00

Winter Break December 21-January 4

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

**Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)**

None