

*Mustang Minute: February 16, 2018*  
*NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 19- President's Day*

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♡ Thank you to the PTO for the Valentine's celebrations this week, especially the volunteers who rescheduled their time to come in on Wednesday. Thank you for making it fun for the kids!

**Topics for this week:**

- Literacy Night
- Kindergarten Registration
- Flu Season
- PAYing a Check?
- Read to Succeed
- PARCC Assessment
- Millburn Madness
- PTO News
- Important Dates
- Virtual Backpack Items

**Literacy Night 2018:** Come one, come all to Literacy Night on Friday, March 2nd from 5:30-7:30pm. We have a passion for literacy at Millburn Elementary and we want to bring everyone together to make reading a joy for all! We will have a variety of fun hands-on activities throughout the building associated with literacy. The PTO Book Fair will also be running as well.

Check out the Virtual Backpack for our flyer on Literacy Night and our Theme Days for REad Across America Week.

**Flu Season-** Wow, this has been a tough year with many still struggling thru the flu and illness. We think we have it beat and then it comes back again. Our community is fighting to beat this so please do what you need to get everyone better. We encourage families to keep students home if there are any flu-like symptoms, this is for a few reasons. First, we want to contain the spread as much as possible. Second, it can be very difficult for a student to learn when feeling sick. Rest is often the best medicine so take the time needed.

**PAYING BY CHECK?-** New banking regulations are enforcing the "Payable to" name on checks that are deposited to the Millburn bank accounts. **ALL** checks that are written out to the schools for lunch, field trips, activities, MBAC, etc. etc., **MUST** now be made payable to "Millburn School District 24." If made out differently, they will have to be returned for correction before being able to be processed. Tedious, we know so your efforts are appreciated!

**Kindergarten Registration:** If you have a child who will turn five years old on or before September 1, 2018, please take note of the following information. Millburn District will be accepting registration for kindergarten on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Millburn Elementary School, 18550 Millburn Road, Wadsworth. ALL registrations will be accepted at Millburn Elementary School. You must call the school to request a registration packet. Millburn Elementary main office phone number is 847-356-8331.

If you know anyone in our district who may not receive this notification, please ask them to contact the school. We appreciate your help as we prepare for the next school year!

FIRST GRADE - if you have a child enrolled in a kindergarten program other than the Millburn District, please notify the office if you intend on registering your child for First Grade in Millburn. Your child must be six years old on or before September 1, 2018 to register for the first grade in this district.

**Read to Succeed:** The Six Flags Read to Succeed program will be coming to an end later this month, but there is still time to get reading logs in by Friday, February 23rd! Students can earn a FREE ticket to Great America by reading for six hours, completing a reading log, and turning it into their classroom teacher by February 23rd. In the past years, free ticket holders have also been able to upgrade to a season pass for just \$30. Reading logs can be downloaded and printed from the virtual backpack on the Millburn website. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Renee Marasco at [rmarasco@millburn24.net](mailto:rmarasco@millburn24.net).

**PARCC Testing:** PARCC, our state assessment, is approaching, it is roughly 8 weeks away. This assessment will be administered to students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Students will be taking 7 tests total (4 Math, 3 English/Language Arts). This year, students will be taking **two tests in a day** to decrease our number of testing days and minimize impact on instruction. Testing will take place April 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to learn more about this assessment, visit the website below:

<http://www.parcconline.org/about/the-parcc-tests>

**Millburn Education Foundation's Millburn Madness - February 24 at Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville**

Early bird ticket prices end TODAY Friday, February 16 at 11:59pm. Ticket prices go up to \$50 each after that time and will be available at the door as well. Visit the website today to purchase your tickets for Millburn Madness on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-10pm.

<https://mef24.schoolauction.net/2018mm>

Also, don't forget our online auction is NOW OPEN. There are many priceless items from classroom Work of HeART projects to once in a lifetime experiences with Millburn's staff members. Our online auction closes on Tuesday, February 20 at 10:00pm. Visit the same website to get your free account and place your bids before it is too late!

<https://mef24.schoolauction.net/2018mm>

Thanks for your support, see you at Austin's on February 24<sup>th</sup> and happy bidding!  
Millburn Education Foundation Board Members

**PTO NEWS!**

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** All 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents are needed. The PTO Board needs to have a Chairperson to serve as a liaison. Please be on the lookout for an email with details and where help is needed to make this evening a success for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. **The next meeting will be 2/28 at 7pm at the MMS LRC.** Any questions please email [presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com](mailto:presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com).

**HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!!** MMS Students celebrated on Tuesday with a fun Photo Booth. Use this link to view and download photos at no cost! <http://pix.4sureentertainment.com/p449709428>  
MES Students celebrated on Wednesday with room parties in the classrooms. A HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers that made these celebrations possible and for bearing with us during the reschedule!

[VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE BOUQUETS!!](#) Over 100 chocolate bouquets were delivered to teachers and staff on Valentine's Day! We LOVE Millburn!

[DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!!](#) Please join us for the **Millburn Talent Show** on **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:30PM** at the **Millburn Middle School Cafeteria**. We have lots of exciting performances and we will also be displaying artwork from our talented students. This is a free event, so come on out and support your friends! Any questions, please contact Denise Ide or Carissa Casbon LaTourette at [talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com](mailto:talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com)

[MES BOOK FAIR!!](#) Save the date for the MES Spring Book Fair! We will be open on Thursday and Friday March 1-2nd 8:30 - 2:30 pm and again Friday evening 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm during the Literacy Night event. Students will have the chance to shop during the school day. The whole family can browse hundreds of Scholastic titles for all ages Friday evening during Literacy Night. All profits go right back into stocking our Media Center with books and materials for all our MES students! Volunteer opportunities are available. Please click on the following link to sign up for a spot: [SignUp.com](http://signup.com):  
<http://signup.com/login/entry/56985714026714093>  
We can be flexible with the times as well.  
Contact [bookfairelementary@millburnpto.com](mailto:bookfairelementary@millburnpto.com) with any questions.

[KIDS RESALE!!](#) We are having a second DONATION DRIVE on Saturday March 10th at MMS from 9-11am. Our Spring Kids Resale is April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The committee is looking for two more parents to join them in planning this amazing event and Millburn PTO's biggest fundraiser! Please reach out to [millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com](mailto:millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com).

*Upcoming Events:* District Talent Show 2/21, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Celebration Meeting 2/28, MES Book Fair 3/1 & 3/2, Kids Resale Donation Drive 3/10

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

### **February**

19th- No School- Presidents Day  
24th- Millburn Madness

Read Across-America Week- February 26-March 2

### **March**

2nd- Literacy Night 5:30-7:30  
7th- Early Release @ 1:00

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

### **Virtual Backpack- LINK**

Literacy Night  
Read Across America Theme Days  
3rd Annual Lake Villa Princess Luncheon