

*Mustang Minute: February 2, 2018*

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**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's 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.

**Valentine's Day Parties:** V-Day parties will be Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. The PTO is working hard to get all the activities ready to go for our students. We do want to remind families that our holiday parties are **FOOD-FREE**. Do not send Valentine's Day cards that include candy such as NERDs boxes, FunDips, Candy heart boxes, etc. Also, do not send goodie bags filled with food items. Our holiday parties are designed for fun without the need for treats or goodie bags. There is no need to send anything that day with your child, except Valentine's Day cards for their fellow students. Any candy or goodie bags brought in will not be distributed to students and will be sent home with the child or parent who brought them. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Caps and Lids Updates:** We will continue to collect caps and lids (remember PLASTIC only) until **FEBRUARY 28**. At that point we should have at least 1000 #s to purchase 3 benches: 1 - 8 ft. rainbow bench and 2 - 4 ft. benches.

We are currently gathering ideas on how to get all these bags of caps and lids to Evansville, Indiana on Monday, March 26. Please send your ideas to Terryl Rajcevich at [trajcevich@millburn24.net](mailto:trajcevich@millburn24.net).

Thank you again for all your support with this project. Garden Committee and Ecology Club

**PARCC Testing:** We are now about 10 weeks off, but the state assessment, PARCC, is approaching. 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). Therefore, there will be a total of seven days (1 assessment per day) of testing from April 9-12. If you would like to learn more about this assessment, visit the website below:

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

## **Millburn Madness – Saturday, February 24; 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville**

### ***Where do you purchase tickets for Millburn Madness?***

Tickets are now available at <http://mef24.schoolauction.net/2018mm> and are \$40 per person through February 16. After that date and at the door tickets will be \$50 each.

### ***Why should you attend this event?***

Millburn Madness is a fun parent night out and ALL proceeds go back to the school district which helps the Millburn Education Foundation keep its promise to donate \$25,000 to the district each year. The event includes a private concert by The Breakfast Club and a silent and live auction filled with generous donations from local companies and district parents, with amazing items like Blackhawks tickets, a Bosch dishwasher, Cubs tickets, and a full set of braces. The night will also feature a prize wheel, wine pull, beer wagon squares and a chance to hear our school administrators sing karaoke with the band. Your ticket gets you a free drink and all you can eat delicious appetizers from Austin's. It is a great way to meet other Millburn parents and have a fun night out to benefit our kids. You are also welcome to stay in the upper level VIP section for the public concert by the Breakfast Club at 10:15 p.m.

### ***What if you don't have a sitter for your kids?***

Don't forget that the Millburn Before and Afterschool Care group will offer childcare at Millburn Elementary School that evening! The childcare program will start at 5:30 pm and end at 11:00 pm. The cost for the childcare will be \$20 per child or \$30 per family. A snack and pizza dinner will be provided along with a full night of activities including gym games, art projects, movies, and video gaming. All fees must be paid in full at time of drop off and a form is posted to the electronic backpack. Thank you to MBAC for providing this amazing service for Millburn Madness attendees again this year!

### ***What is Administrators Sing?***

Our administrators (Dr. Lind, Mr. Jorgenson, Mr. Walshire and Mr. Rowlands) have graciously agreed to perform a song with the band if we can raise \$1500 in the Administrators Sing category. Last year they sang a wonderful rendition of Sinead O'Connors, Nothing Compares To You. Donations are \$25 each and we need 60 people to donate so we can get them on stage again! Their amazing performance wowed the crowd last year and we can only guess what they will perform this year. Be there to see their performance first hand and make sure you donate to the cause as well!

### ***What is the Online Auction and when does it start?***

A full list of online auction items will be sent home in early February and will include one-of-a-kind items like your child having lunch with their teacher or the chance to have Mr. Walshire teach your child's class for the day as well as the Work of HeART art projects that parent volunteers have made for your child's classroom (at the elementary level) and grade (at the middle school). Ask your elementary school student if a parent volunteer has come into the classroom to help them create something and look for these amazing projects online. ***The online auction will begin on Monday, February 12 and will end on Tuesday, February 20 at 10:00 p.m.*** (there is no school on Feb. 19). Winners will be notified that night via email and the items that are won will be available for pick-up the week of February 26. ***The online auction is FREE to everyone to participate in, even if you are not going to Millburn Madness.***

### ***Thank you to our Sponsors!***

The Foundation is very thankful for our generous sponsors - Gold Sponsors: Grand Appliance, Dr. Oana Honey Orthodontics, Roots Hospitality Group, State Bank of the Lakes; Silver Sponsors: Carmel High School, Drs. Sellke & Reily Orthodontics, Hodges, Loizzi, Eishenhammer, Rodick & Kohn; and Bronze Sponsors: Illinois Bone & Joint Institute and Strang Funeral Home. We also want to thank all the companies/district parents who donated items to our auctions and will include a list of donors with our online auction list email to thank you all for your support.

We look forward to seeing you on February 24<sup>th</sup>! If you have questions or need more information on this exciting fundraiser, please contact Valerie at [Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net).

The Millburn Education Foundation Board Members

## PTO NEWS!

**PTO MEETING!!** Thank you to all of the parents, administration and teachers who attended our PTO meeting this past Wednesday! Mrs. Frank, kindergarten teacher, won the fun PTO raffle prize for attending. We love listening to updates on our activities and events and sharing new ideas with all of you!

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** Thank you to all of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents who attended our 8<sup>th</sup> KICK OFF MEETING this past Wednesday. We had 11 theme submissions and we discussed them all at length and we are very excited about our choice! Remember, it's a SURPRISE! **The next meeting will be 2/28 at 7pm at the MMS LRC.** We need LOTS of help brainstorming and executing our plans so please reach out and join a committee. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents are needed. The PTO Board would still love to have a Chairperson to serve as a liaison. Any questions please email [presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com](mailto:presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com).

**VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE BOUQUETS!!** Show our teachers and staff your appreciation with a **World's Finest Chocolate Bouquet (5 Candy Bars)!** Place your orders before 2/12! Order forms are in the Virtual Backpack. We will deliver Chocolate Bouquets directly to teachers and staff with a note on 2/14, Valentine's Day!! ☺☺☺

**DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!!** **We have extended the due date for permission slips until Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>!** \*If your act requires music, **you must turn in a CD or flash drive clearly labeled with your name when you turn in your permission slip so we can make our master play list.** You will get your CD back at rehearsal.

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM Rehearsal in the Millburn Middle School Cafeteria**

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00-7:30PM Talent Show in the Millburn Middle School Cafeteria**

If we want our District Talent Show to continue for next school year we are in need of two shadows for this event who would be willing to take over as co-chairs for next year. This is a short time commitment and SO fulfilling as you watch the students perform. Grab a friend and share your time and talents! Any questions, please contact Denise Ide or Carissa Casbon LaTourette at [talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com](mailto:talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com)

**HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!!** Students at MES and MMS will be treated to special celebrations next Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>! Thanks in advance to all of our volunteers who are busy planning fun activities for our kids!

**KIDS RESALE!!** We are having a second DONATION DRIVE on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> 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).

**STAFF APPRECIATION!!** Our Staff Appreciation Committee served our teachers and staff with a SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON this past Tuesday. They enjoyed homemade soups, salad bar, bread assortments and lots of desserts! A HUGE thanks to our volunteers who made soups and desserts and to our co-chairs; Melissa Hyde at MMS and Tracy Behnke, Elena Loyola and Alison Ramos at MES! If we want Staff Appreciation to continue for next school year we are in need of two shadows for the May event who would be willing to take over as co-chairs at MMS for next year. Please consider helping out so that we can continue to treat our teachers and staff next year! Please reach out to [vicepresidentmiddle@millburnpto.com](mailto:vicepresidentmiddle@millburnpto.com) with any questions. THANKS!

**MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!** Pajama Jam was a HUGE success! A HUGE thanks to our volunteers, Mr. Walshire and our co-chairs, Sarah Rosten, Jenny Perez and Erin Ledyard! Stay tuned for the date of our last Family Fun Night for this school year! Contact us with any questions at [familyfunnight@millburnpto.com](mailto:familyfunnight@millburnpto.com).

**MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!** The Activity Night was a HUGE success! A HUGE thanks to our volunteers, Mr. Jorgenson and our co-chairs, Denise Ide and Sarah Moore! Our last Activity Night for this school year is scheduled for 4/13. If we want Activity Nights to continue for next school year we are in need of two shadows for the April event who would be willing to take over as co-chairs for next year. There are THREE Activity Nights and they are a blast to plan and attend! Grab one or two of your friends and share your time and talents. Please consider helping out so that we can continue to offer this fun evening to our middle schoolers! Please reach out to [activitynight@millburnpto.com](mailto:activitynight@millburnpto.com) with any questions. THANKS!

Upcoming Events: District Talent Show Permission Slip Due 2/6, District Talent Show Rehearsal 2/7, WFC Chocolate Bouquet Orders Due 2/12, District Talent Show 2/21, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Celebration Meeting 2/28

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**

7th- Early Release Day @ 1:00, Talent Show Rehearsal @ 6PM (MMS)

9th- PTO Valentine Celebrations

19th- No School- Presidents Day

24th- Millburn Madness

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

**Virtual Backpack- LINK**

Lakes Junior Eagles BASKETBALL

Lakes High School Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Youth Spring Volleyball LEAGUE

Unleash the G.I.R.L Expo