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Topics for this week:

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

Spelling Bee Champion: 4th grader Saroj Chilakuri, who won our school spelling bee last month, moved to the regional spelling bee on Wednesday. After competing against area champions in 3rd-8th grade, he walked away in the top three and will now move on to the sectional spelling bee next month. We are so proud of him and wish him luck!

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.

PARCC Testing: PARCC, our state assessment, is approaching, it is roughly 6 weeks away. This assessment will be administered to students in grades 3rd-5th. 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 9th-12th. If you would like to learn more about this assessment, visit the website below:

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

PTO NEWS!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Our next meeting is **Wednesday, February 28th at 7pm** at the MMS LRC. We have ten committees that need to be filled so we can make this event happen. Please see a special email sent to all 7th grade families. Any questions please email presidentmiddle@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 with any questions.

KIDS RESALE!! Registration is open for the Spring/ Summer sale. The registration and guidelines for the Spring/ Summer sale are now in the virtual backpack. Spring Sale dates are April 20th & April 21st 2018. Our second donation drive is Saturday March 10th from 9-11am!! Please bring your items to the front entrance of the middle school from 9am to 11am. We will be accepting gently used toys, baby equipment, outside toys and spring/summer clothes for our Spring Resale. Let Kids Resale help by taking those old toys and outgrown clothes off your hands. We also have a tax donation form for you. Thank you for your support!!! Contact us at with any questions at millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events: 8th 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 or (847) 356-8331.

Mr. Ben Walshire
Millburn Elementary Principal

February

24th- Millburn Madness

Read Across-America Week- February 26-March 2

March

2nd- Literacy Night 5:30-7:30

7th- Early Release @ 1:00

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Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)

Book Fair Flyer

Dog Egg Hunt

East Egg Hunt

Grayslake Park District Sporting Events

Grayslake Park District Volleyball