

Mustang Minute: February 9, 2018

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****Please note, due to today's cancellation, we **WILL** be having school on **Monday, March 5.**

Topics for this week:

- Valentine's Celebration
- Kindergarten Registration
- Read to Succeed
- Author Visit
- Caps and Lids Update
- PARCC Assessment
- Millburn Madness
- PTO News
- Important Dates
- Virtual Backpack Items

Valentine's Celebrations: V-Day parties will be moved to Wednesday, February 14^h 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.

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.

Author Visit: Millburn Elementary School is pleased to announce that award-winning children's book author, [Lori Degman](#), will be joining us for our Seuss-A-Bration Literacy Night to celebrate our 3rd annual Read Across America Week! Ms. Degman is the author of [1 Zany Zoo](#), [Cock-a-DoodleOops!](#) and [Norbert's Big Dream](#).

Ms. Degman will be here **Friday, March 2nd from 5:30-7:30pm** to discuss her books and to do a book signing. If you would like to purchase her books, please complete the order form in the virtual backpack

and return it by 1:00PM Tuesday, February 13th. Please send cash or checks (made payable to Millburn District 24).

Caps and Lids Updates: We want to thank everyone for all the donations of caps and lids. We will have over 1000 #s by the time we end this project FEBRUARY 28th. If you know of an organization or group that might want to begin their own project, please let us know.

Also, a **BIG thank you** to Kevin Stone who has volunteered to take the bags of caps and lids to Green Tree Plastics and bring back the benches!

Thank you to everyone for a successful project!
The Garden Committee and Ecology Club

PARCC Testing: PARCC, our state assessment, is approaching, it is roughly 10 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 minimise 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>

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

ONLINE AUCTION

Our online auction opens on Monday, February 12th. Make sure you visit the site to see the great auction items; such as the Work of HeART classroom and grade level projects, teacher items, and school items. Don't miss out on these once in a lifetime opportunities. Visit the virtual backpack to see the full list of items.

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

LIVE AUCTION AT THE EVENT

There are some great live auction items lined up for our event. Cubs tickets, Summerfest tickets, Outdoor Adventure Party, and a full set of BRACES. These are just a few of the items. To see all the items, join the Millburn Education Foundation Facebook page for the full list.

PURCHASE TICKETS

There is still time to purchase tickets to Millburn Madness. Join us on February 24th from 6-10. One more week to purchase tickets at the discounted rate.

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CHILDCARE FOR MILLBURN MADNESS

Millburn's Before and After School Care is offering child care for the night of the event. Visit the virtual backpack for more specific information.

PTO NEWS!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! We need LOTS of help brainstorming and executing our plans so please reach out and join a committee. **All 7th grade parents are needed.** The PTO Board would still love 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 8th graders and their parents. **The next meeting will be 2/28 at 7pm at the MMS LRC.** The PTO Board would still love to have a Chairperson to serve as a liaison. Any questions please email presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com.

[HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!!](#) Due to the schools closing today, we will reschedule holiday celebrations at both schools as soon as possible. We will send an eBlast to all PTO members once a decision has been made!

[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 February 14th, Valentine's Day!! @@@

[DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!!](#) Please join us for the **Millburn Talent Show on Wednesday, February 21st 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

[KIDS RESALE!!](#) We are having a second DONATION DRIVE on Saturday March 10th at MMS from 9-11am. Our Spring Kids Resale is April 20th and 21st. 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.

[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. Contact bookfairelementary@millburnpto.com if you are interested in helping out with this event!

Upcoming Events: WFC Chocolate Bouquet Orders Due 2/12, District Talent Show 2/21, 8th 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 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

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](#)

**Millburn Madness Online Action Items
Book Order Form**

Lake Villa Baseball and Softball