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Spelling Bee Champion: 4th grader Saroj Chilakuri, who won our school spelling bee, completed last night in the county spelling bee. He had been preparing for weeks by practicing words left and right. He did a great representing our school. Although he did not win, he still did a an exceptional job in the competition.

Shelter-in-Place Drill: This is a drill we use in the event of severe weather. Our students exit their rooms and find shelter in hallways, locker rooms, and other areas of the building that are not around any windows. Students on the 2nd floor head to the lower level to seek shelter. We conducted this drill earlier today with our students and they did a great job going to their assigned location, getting on the ground, covering their heads, and remained quiet. Our next set of drills (Evacuation and Lockdown) will take place in April.

2018-2019 Class Placements: We are currently in the process of planning and placing students into homerooms for next year. Please find a letter in the Virtual Backpack with some information on how this process works. As a reminder, class lists WILL NOT be sent via email over the summer. Parents will need to log into PowerSchool to see their child's homeroom teacher once it goes live in August. Parents are encouraged to set up their accounts ASAP to access before the next school year begins. If you need assistance with getting your account set-up, there is a help sheet in the Virtual Backpack.

Coins for the Community: Student council would like to promote "Coins for the Community" for a one week fundraiser. This fundraiser will run from Monday March 19th thru Friday the 23rd. The funds collected will be used to buy a breakfast/lunch for our local fire departments and police departments as a small token of appreciation for protecting our community. We will be collecting coins during our lunch time in the cafeteria. If every student drops a quarter or two in the bucket, we could give them a nice treat.

If your child would like to make a 'thank you for your service' card, we will collect them during lunch and deliver them with the treat. Thank you for all your support and generosity.

Art to Remember Fundraiser: Millburn elementary is once again participating in the Art to Remember fundraiser. Art to Remember allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Students have worked hard to create some amazing artwork for the fundraiser this year. The funds raised from this fundraiser will be used to support the art program at Millburn. Students will be bringing home

order forms this weekend. **For your convenience, orders can be placed online at arttoremember.com** or submitted to our school. All orders are due by **March 23rd**.

[Art to Remember](#)

[Order Online](#)

PBIS Fundraisers Coming Up: We have a couple of fundraisers coming in to help our PBIS program. Check them out!

On April 7 is **Millburn Elementary Family Day with the Chicago Wolves!** The Wolves take on the Milwaukee Admirals on St. Baldrick's Night at Allstate Arena. There is a Wolves trading card giveaway and a sale on merchandise. A portion of the ticket proceeds purchased by Millburn families will be donated to our PBIS program! See the flyer in the Virtual Backpack for additional information including pricing for tickets and food vouchers.

Come out to Portillos on April 18th from 5-8PM and 20% of proceeds will go to our PBIS program. Funds will be used to help purchase activities and rewards for our outstanding Mustangs throughout the year. Present the flyer to show you are from Millburn (hard copy or on your phone). The flyer is in the Virtual Backpack.

CAPS AND LIDS Update: Please join us on Saturday, March 24 at 1:00 pm (in the east gym) to see 1600 pounds of caps and lids before we load them on the truck that will take them to Evansville, Indiana on Monday, March 26th. Thank you to Kevin Stone who has volunteered to take them for us and bring back 4 benches for the school.

Thanks again for all your support in this project!

The Garden Committee and Ecology Club

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 5 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>

Illinois Science Assessment: All fifth- and eighth-graders and some high school students will begin taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) THIS SPRING. The ISA aligns with our new [Illinois Learning Standards](#) in science. This assessment helps families understand how well students are performing

academically and see whether they are on track to succeed in college. The ISA represents Illinois' commitment to preparing all students for college and careers, including in the high-demand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The assessment also satisfies federal accountability requirements. 5TH Graders at MES will take their assessment on Wednesday, April 25. The assessment should last about 45 minutes.. You will find a parent letter about this assessment in this week's virtual backpack.

PARTy Day (PBIS): Throughout the year, we have planned celebrations for our students known as PARTy Days (play on words....Do Your PART). These days are designed to celebrate the positive choices our students make throughout the year. Each grade level plans fun activities for students as part of the celebration. The grade level with the lowest percentage of students with minors/majors get PARTy Day with Mr. Rowlands and I. We are very proud of our students as currently over 90% have received 0-1 minor/major this school year. There are times that some students make a bad choice, but learn from the mistake. On rare occasions, students may repeat behaviors or chronically display inappropriate choices over the course of time. We plan to use PARTy Days as a reteaching opportunity for these students that need more support. They will get to participate in our school-wide celebration, but we want to use part of the time to reinforce skills.

Our next PARTy Day will be Friday, April 27 from 1-2. Great job to our Millburn Mustangs for DOING THEIR PART!

Love and Logic Story: Here is a quick story from Love and Logic Founder Jim Fay, who offers positive and rewarding approaches to working with children:

I watched a child giving his mother fits in a store. When Mom noticed the boy's behavior was drawing attention, she lost what control she had and screamed, "That does it! I've had it with you! Now I'm not buying you anything!" In a feeble attempt to emphasize her power, she added, "And I mean it!"

Sensing that his mom was now at the end of her rope, he looked right into her eyes and yelled, "I hate you and you're not going to tell me what to do."

As I watched, I was filled with sadness for both the child and his mother. I managed to get next to this mother in the checkout line. I handed her my card with a note on the back to send it to the Love and Logic Institute for a free copy of one of my audios. I received a wonderful letter a few months later telling me all about the success she was having with her son.

After listening to Love Me Enough to Set Some Limits, Mom created a plan for dealing with Zachary and his acting out at the store. The very next day they went shopping. True to form, Zachary started begging for things. In her calm, rehearsed voice, Mom said, "Not a good idea, Zachary. I have to shop without listening to that."

"All the other kids get stuff when they go to the store!" he yelled. He then grabbed two toys off the shelf and threw them into her cart.

Mom whispered, "That was a really bad decision, Zachary. I'm going to have to do something about that, but not here in the store. Try not to worry about it now."

A concept Mom learned from Love Me Enough to Set Some Limits:
Warning kids of a consequence reduces
the power of the consequence.

This idea helped her while she implemented the rest of the plan. She phoned a friend who could serve as a rather boring... yet humane babysitter. Mom did not tell Zachary what was going to happen.

At 10 a.m., her friend came to the door. Mom said, "Zachary, I'm going to finish my shopping. It's going to be a great day. This is so sad. I don't have the energy to listen to begging and arguing. That's why you'll be staying with Jenny. You will need to decide how you are going to pay her for her time. I know you don't have any money, so you will need to bargain to see which toys she'll accept for payment."

Mom had a wonderful time shopping, making sure that she was eating an ice cream bar as she walked in the door. "Hi Zachary. How did it go?"

"She made me pay with my remote control car and it's new!"

A few days later, Zachary started throwing a fit about not getting a Happy Meal in the restaurant. Mom looked at him and sang, "Uh, oh, Zachary. Do you think that might be a bad decision?" Zachary's eyes got very wide. He became

unusually quiet and stopped complaining.

Mom ended her letter by saying, "Thanks for making my life a whole lot easier!"

PTO NEWS!

FACEBOOK!! Please "LIKE" our Facebook page at Millburn PTO for daily updates and fun news!

PTO MEETING!! Thanks to all who attended our PTO meeting this past Tuesday evening. We love sharing ideas and getting feedback! CONGRATS to Rimi Singh for winning the raffle prize!!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Our next meeting is Monday, March 19th at 7pm at the MMS LRC. At this meeting, we will be choosing invitations, food, decorations and more! Any questions please email presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com.

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! *Looking for a little something special for someone special this spring? St. Joseph's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, etc or just because! How about a World's Finest Chocolate Bouquet (5 Candy Bars)! EXTENDED! Place your orders by March 19th.* Pick up will be at Millburn Middle School on Monday, March 19th from 4-6pm. See the Virtual Backpack for the order form.

KIDS RESALE!! The Donation drive was a huge success, if you still have items that you would like to donate please email us at millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com.

We need many volunteers to help make this event a success! We have numerous openings if you haven't already signed up. Please follow this link to view opportunities:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-millburn3>

Millburn Kids Resale Volunteers-Spring 2018

As a volunteer, you are eligible to shop the private presale on sale opening at 3:15pm before it opens to the public at 4pm. Since we need the volunteers to successfully run this event, we ask that you volunteer for at least one shift before, during or after the sale. See the site for all available spots. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks again for your support! We look forward to another successful sale! Contact us with any questions at millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com.

STAFF APPRECIATION!! A HUGE thanks to all of our Millburn families that sponsored a pie for Wednesday's SURPRISE PI DAY! We were able to serve teachers and staff at both schools with 48 pies!! We LOVE treating our teachers and staff! **We really want to continue this committee next school year, but we need a chairperson for the Middle School. We have two chairpeople for Elementary but we need BOTH schools covered to continue!** If you're interested, please email Melissa Hyde at vicepresident@millburnpto.com and she can answer any questions you may have. Our joint committee is meeting the week after Spring Break to plan Teacher Appreciation Week and we would love to have a new Middle School shadow help us facilitate this last event of the year!

MES BOOK FAIR!! Our Spring Book Fair was a GREAT success! Total sales were \$7609 and with bonuses we earned \$3804 in Scholastic Dollars. Our Fall and Spring Fairs together earned us a total of \$9768 in Scholastic Dollars!! A HUGE thanks to Alicia Keys and RaeAnn Collins for chairing Book Fairs this year. Next year will be their last year chairing and it would be wonderful to have one or two volunteers to shadow the upcoming Fall sale and see how fun it is!

MMS BOOK FAIR!! Unfortunately, we have had no interest in chairing the Middle School Book Fair. **TODAY is the LAST CALL!!** The staff at the MMS LRC would LOVE to host a Spring Book Fair for middle school students! We need one or two volunteers to run the fair or it won't be possible. Please email presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com with any questions!

BOX TOPS!! Our Holiday Box Top Drive was a huge success! Thank you to all of our families who participated!

The following students submitted 200 or more box tops and will be receiving an EXCLUSIVE Millburn PTO drawstring bag: Nathan Behnke, Anna Fischer, Julia Wallenfang, Mason Durst, and Elena Arnholt!

Also, congrats to Mrs. Tuley's classroom for submitting the most box tops in the drive with 890 box tops! Julia Wallenfang was our random winner of the \$25 Target Gift Card!!

There are 2 more chances during this school year to win the random gift card drawing - April and May. The next Box Top collection is due on Friday, April 13. Send in your box tops in a baggie, envelope or on the

collection sheets that will be sent home soon. Any questions - please reach out to boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com. Thanks!

SPIRIT WEAR!! Spring Spirit Wear sale is now open online for each the elementary and the middle school. The links below will take you directly to the site and we have items such as shorts, tank tops, t-shirts as well as glitter t-shirts and the Millburn combined logo design is back too! Our sale will be open until 4/8 so don't miss out on your chance to order!

<https://millburnmustangs.itemorder.com/>
<https://millburncougars.itemorder.com/>

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The LAST Middle School Activity Night of the year is Friday, April 13th. The theme for the night is *Under the Sea*. Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing their most creative interpretation of the theme. This is a chance for them to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, no masks, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change.

There will be a DJ & NITRO BALL!!!!

We are looking for volunteers to help chaperone this fun-filled evening! Please contact Denise Ide or Sarah Moore Primack at activitynight@millburnpto.com if you'd like to join us!

Upcoming Events: WFC Orders Due 3/19, 8FC Meeting 3/19, Spirit Wear Orders Due 4/8, MMS Activity Night 4/13, Box Tops Due 4/13, Kids Resale 4/20 & 4/21

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

Spring Break March 26-30

April

2nd- No School- Easter Holiday

3rd- School Resumes

4th- Early Release @ 1:00, KDG Registration Night 4-6PM

9th- PARCC Testing Begins 3rd-5th

25th- ISA Assessment- 5th Grade

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Student Placement Parent Letter

PBIS Fundraiser- Portillos (Updated)

PBIS Fundraiser- Chicago Wolves