

Mustang Minute: March 2, 2018

*******Hope to see everyone tonight for Literacy Night!!!**

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Literacy Night 2018: Come one, come all to Literacy Night TONIGHT 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. This event is *Free to All*, the book fair and bake sale are completely optional, come on out!!

Millburn's 3rd Annual Read Across America Week- Millburn Elementary's 3rd Annual Read Across America Week was a **HUGE** success! Thank you to all of the teachers and staff for making this week such a great experience for the students!

This week was filled with guest readers from our community. A Mustang thanks to all those who took time out of their busy schedules to promote literacy and show our students the importance of not only reading, but helping your community and the people in it. As our friend The Lorax says, "*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.*"

A million thank you's go out to:

Leia Betar—Millburn Resident

Sarah Blue—Behavior Specialist at Millburn Elementary

Dana Booker—Primary Structured Learning Program at Millburn Elementary

Vanessa Boss—Administrative Assistant at Millburn Elementary

Nan Buckardt—Director of Education for Lake County Forest Preserves

Senator Melinda Bush—Illinois State Senator 31st Senate District

Officer Steve Flasch—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

Lisa Griesser—President of Millburn Middle School PTO

Elisa Gueffier—Head of Youth Services at Lake Villa District Library

Bernadette Hanna—Millburn District Office Manager

Dr. Oana Honey—Orthodontist and Owner of Honey Orthodontics

Dr. Nathan Ide—Senior Principal Scientist at AbbVie

Representative Sheri Jesiel—Illinois State Representative 61st District

Dr. Stephen Johns—Business Manager for Millburn District 24

Chief Tom Jones—Chief of Police for the Village of Lindenhurst

Jake Jorgenson—Millburn Parent Principal of Millburn Middle School

CPO Jeff Kelley—Illinois Conservation Police

Christine Kennedy—Millburn Parent

Alicia Keys—Millburn Parent & Millburn Middle School PTO Vice President

Community Support Services Coordinator Rebecca Labb—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

Carissa Casbon LaTourette—Millburn Parent & President of the Millburn School Board

Dr. Jason Lind—Millburn Parent & Superintendent of Millburn Schools

Moira Lind—Millburn Parent

Vicki Mandurano—Illinois State Youth & Education Chairman for Ducks Unlimited

Renee Marasco—Millburn Reading Specialist

Dominic Marturano—Mayor of Lindenhurst

Joyce Mason—Vice President of Woodland Board of Education & Illinois District 61 State Representative Candidate

Sarah Moore Primack—Millburn Parent & Attorney/Owner of Advocate Law, LLC.

Susan Mueller—Millburn Parent

Officer Lisa Myhra—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

Jenny Perez—Millburn Parent

Allison Price—Executive Director of Busy Brains Children's Museum

Suzanne Pursell—Millburn Parent

Officer Sandy Rapey—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

Sarah Rosten—Clinical Director and Speech Language Pathologist at Pediatric Interactions Inc. and Founder & Executive Board Vice President WeeBits NFP

Adam Rowlands—Assistant Principal for Millburn Elementary & Millburn Middle School

Commander Eric Senica—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

Laura Sikorski—Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager at Millburn District 24

Rimi Singh—Millburn Parent & Millburn Elementary PTO President

Rachel Sooley—Office Staff for Millburn Elementary School

CPO Mike Van Wiltenburg—Illinois Conservation Police

CPO Colin Vaughan—Illinois Conservation Police

Ben Walshire—Principal of Millburn Elementary

Community Service Officer Gina Warda—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

Thomas Weber—Lake County Board Member District 3

Thank you for exposing our Millburn students to careers they may not have known about and making the connection to reading being a lifelong skill!

Huge thanks to **Laurie Degman**, author of *Norbert's Big Dream*, *1 Zany Zoo* and *Cock-a-Doodle-Oops*, for so generously giving her time to the Millburn families! Ms. Degman will be joining us at our **Seuss-a-Bration Literacy Night TONIGHT, FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND FROM 5:30-7:30PM!!!** Ms. Degman will be doing 30 minute sessions from 5:30-7:00 PM to talk about her books and her experience as an author. She will be doing a book signing from 7:00-7:30 PM.

We would also like to thank the *Lake Forest Book Store* for their help with the pre-order of Ms. Degman's books and for their generous discount to the Millburn families!

The "*I Love Reading*" lanyards that will be passed out to students at our Seuss-a-Bration Literacy Night tonight were a gift from Don Stolarz, the grandfather of a few of our students. Thank you, Mr. Stolarz for encouraging the students of Millburn to keep on reading!

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 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>

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 for fun activities for students as part of the celebration. The grade level with the lowest percentage of students with minors/majors gets PARTy Day with Mr. Rowlands and I. We are very proud of our students as currently over 90% of our students 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 to 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!

PTO NEWS!

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MES BOOK FAIR!! Today is the LAST day of MES Book Fair! Friday March 2nd 8:30 - 2:30 pm and 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!

Contact bookfairelementary@millburnpto.com with any questions.

MMS BOOK FAIR!! 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!

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.

PTO MEETING!! Please join us for our next PTO Meeting on **Tuesday, March 13th at 7pm** at the MES LRC.

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.

Upcoming Events: MES Book Fair 3/2, Kids Resale Donation Drive 3/10, PTO Meeting 3/13, 8FC Meeting 3/19

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

March

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

7th- Early Release @ 1:00

Spring Break March 26-30

April

2nd- No School- Easter Holiday

3rd- School Resumes

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

Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)

Echo Day Camp Flyer
Lakes High School Math Fair
Warren Township Cheer and Pom
Warren Youth Baseball