

Mustang Minute: March 9, 2018

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Literacy Night and Read Across America Week: Thank you to those who were able to come out to Literacy Night last Friday. It was a great night of fun activities and special guests. We hope your family enjoyed the evening celebrating literacy.

We have a couple of corrections from our Read Across America Week Thank You list:

Alicia Keys—Millburn Parent

Rimi Singh—Millburn Parent

Thank you for being a part of this week. We apologize for this error.

If you didn't get a chance to purchase a book by our visiting author Lori Degman, order forms are in the Virtual backpack!

Spelling Bee Champion: 4th grader Saroj Chilakuri, who won our school spelling bee, is moving on to the sectional spelling bee next Thursday Night at the College of Lake County. He will be one of the younger contestants competing that night. The winner of the bee will move on to the National Spelling Bee in Washington DC. We are so proud of him and wish him luck!

Coins for the Community: Student council would like to promote "Coins for the Community" for a one week fundraiser. This fundraiser will run from 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 as well and deliver them with the treat. Thank you for all your support and generosity.

PBIS Fundraiser at Portillos: 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.

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!

MILLBURN MADNESS – A GREAT SUCCESS!- Thank you to everyone who attended Millburn Madness or participated in the online auction. We appreciate your contributions to these events, and we are pleased to announce that you helped to raise more than \$25,000 for the Millburn School District!

This kind of success would not be possible without the community's generosity and support. Thank you to all of our Millburn Madness donors and sponsors (a full list is posted in the electronic backpack) and to the

Millburn Before and After Care staff for providing child care that night.

Finally, the Foundation is very appreciative to all of the staff who donated items to the online auction. There are many children that will get to experience some priceless opportunities thanks to their generosity. We are also grateful to Dr. Lind, Mr. Walshire, Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Rowlands for an amazing karaoke performance that raised \$1,500 and brought the house down! The Foundation board is currently looking for someone to help plan this important event for 2019. If you are interested, please contact Valerie at MillburnEducationFoundation@gmail.com.

Watch for information on the Foundation's Muffins with Mom event to be posted in April!

PTO NEWS!

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

KIDS RESALE!! Millburn Kids Resale Donation Drive is TOMORROW SATURDAY MARCH 10 from 9AM- 11AM - Middle School Main Entrance

We are still looking for 2-3 volunteers for the donation drive tomorrow.

Have a donation for the sale? We are hosting an EASY donation drop off if you aren't planning to be a seller but still want to contribute to this great cause. If you have yard toys, Spring / Summer clothing, shoes, bikes, dollhouses, other toys or baby equipment in good working condition that your house has outgrown, come drop it off! We will take all toys for kids (infant to teen) in good working condition. We will also take baby equipment, sports equipment & room décor. This event is a success for our students because of the families that sell, the families that donate and the families that shop the sale. Thanks so much for your support!! Keep in mind, if you have items to donate and this donation drive time is not convenient for you, please contact us at millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com so we can make arrangements. We LOVE donations!

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:

Millburn Kids Resale Volunteer Site

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 at with any questions at millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com.

STAFF APPRECIATION!! SHHHHHH!!!! This is a surprise! Millburn PTO would like to treat our teachers and staff to a slice of delicious Baker's Square Pie on PI Day (March 14th www.piday.org) Please help by sponsoring a pie! Our goal is 40 pies! Please email Melissa Hyde at vicepresident@millburnpto.com no later than midnight Saturday, March 10th, with your pledge to sponsor a pie(s). Then send cash or check (payable to Millburn PTO) on Monday, March 12th. The cost of the pies is \$12 each. We thought this would be a SWEET surprise, please help us to make it a success! Thanks!

MMS BOOK FAIR!! 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!

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)! Place your orders by **March 16th**. Pick up will be at Millburn Middle School on **Monday, March 19th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm**. See the Virtual Backpack for the order form.

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.

SPIRIT WEAR!! Spring Spiritwear 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://millburncougars.itemorder.com/>

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Upcoming Events: Kids Resale Donation Drive 3/10, PTO Meeting 3/13, 8FC Meeting 3/19, Spirit Wear Orders Due 4/8

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

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ISA Parent Letter

PBIS Fundraiser at Portillos

Millburn Madness Sponsor list

Lori Degman Book Order Form

Lindenhurst Park District Summer Camps

Lindenhurst Park District Egg Hunt

Lindenhurst Park District Camp Exploration

Hastings Lake YMCA Summer Camps