

*Mustang Minute: April 13, 2018*

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**Topics for this week:**

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- Illinois Science Assessment- 5th Grade
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- Class Placements
- Muffins for Moms
- PBIS Fundraisers
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**PARCC Testing:** Our students did great with PARCC testing this week. This was the first time we did it on iPads and it worked well. Thank you for your help in making sure iPads were charged each night! We are very proud of our Mighty Mustangs, well done.

**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. 5<sup>TH</sup> Graders at MES will take their assessment on Wednesday, April 25th. The assessment should last about 45 minutes. You will find a parent letter about this assessment in this week's virtual backpack.

**Coins for the Community:** The Student Council would like to thank everyone who donated coins for our community service officers. Together we collected 3,826 coins! Our total collection was \$316.45! The money will be able to buy a few nice meals for our local police officers and firefighters. Thank you Mustangs!

**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.

**Muffins with Mom-** The Millburn Educational Foundation is once again hosting Muffins with Mom. This event will take place on May 3rd and 4th from 6:30-7:30 AM.

- Thursday, May 3rd- Last Names A-K
- Friday, May 4th- Last Names L-Z

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a little extra time connecting with your child/ren at school.

Form and payment for this event are due April 27th. Advanced payment and reservations are required. The flyer was sent home with your child. It can also be found in the virtual backpack.

**PBIS Fundraisers Coming Up:** Come out to Portillos on Wednesday, 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.

**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 27th from 1-2. Great job to our Millburn Mustangs for DOING THEIR PART!

**Warren Arts Festival:** Warren Township High School is pleased to invite all students, parents, teachers and administrators to the 7th Annual Live Arts Festival at the Almond Campus on Friday, April 27, 2018, 6 to 9 PM. This free event is put on by the Warren Fine Arts Department to showcase the exceptional programs and talented students within these areas. There will be interactive workshops, demonstrations and displays, along with Variety Show format performances. There is something for all, including free food and drink, along with fun activities for kids of all ages. See the attached flyer for more information. Please join us for this exciting night!

### PTO NEWS!

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

**TWITTER!!** Please "FOLLOW US" on Twitter at Millburn PTO @MillburnPTO24!

**PARENTS OF 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!!** Photos of your student are due no later than TODAY, April 13<sup>th</sup>! Please see your email for instructions on uploading your photos to our dropbox. Any questions please email Denise and Kristin at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com. The dropbox will be closed at 11:59pm tonight!

**MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!!** The LAST Middle School Activity Night of the year is TONIGHT, 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!

THE DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

DROP OFF

6<sup>th</sup> grade-6pm, MAIN entrance

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade-6:30pm, MAIN entrance

PICK UP

6<sup>th</sup> grade-8:30pm, MAIN entrance

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade-9:00pm ACTIVITY entrance

For PICK UP, please pull in and find a parking spot. You can meet your child at the canopy area. You can also use the pick up lane, but if everyone does this, the line of traffic will stretch out to Route 45! No students will be allowed to walk or ride a bike home.

Admission to the event is \$2.00. Drinks, candy and pizza will be available for purchase.

All students attending MUST have a current student ID to show at the door. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. Students CANNOT go to their lockers to retrieve forgotten ID's, as the hallway doors are locked. Also, all students must have a permission slip to attend Activity Night on file (if you went to the one in October or January, you are all set). If you need to leave before the Activity Night is over, YOUR parent must sign you out! The rules are NOT negotiable!

**KIDS RESALE!!** STILL SEEKING: Additional sellers for our upcoming **SPRING** MILLBURN KIDS RESALE! Feel like earning some extra money? Start collecting the clothes and toys your kids have outgrown - then turn your collections into cash by selling them at the Millburn Kids Resale! It's a great way for you - and your kids - to clean out the closet, garage, basement, and attic! All early registrations received are automatically entered into a drawing to win 75% of your proceeds instead of the standard 50%. Registration forms can be found on the PTO website ([www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com)) and in the virtual backpack. Feel free to complete the registration form and just take a picture and email it to us or drop it off at either school's main office. **Please join us in congratulating our second drawing winner -Renee Marasco.** Our final drawing is Friday, 4/13. The last day to turn in registration forms is Friday April 13th.

Volunteer Only Invite to PRESALE: Would you like to come early and shop the Millburn Kids Resale **BEFORE** the doors open to the public? Make your selection from great name brand items at fantastic prices from 3:15pm to 4pm on Opening Day of the sale! **The PRESALE is an invite only event for volunteers that help out either before, during or after the sale. We are very flexible with the hours and opportunities to volunteer. If there isn't a time or date that works for your schedule, please contact us to make arrangements.**

**VOLUNTEERS:** We still have many volunteer slots open to help out before, during sale set up, during sale operations or after the sale for clean up. We are only successful with the volunteer help to be able to effectively run the sale. Please follow this link to view opportunities:

Adults volunteer HERE: [Millburn Kids Resale Volunteers-Fall 2017](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-millburn3) OR copy and paste this link:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-millburn3>

Students volunteer HERE: [Volunteer Link - Fall Millburn Kids Resale](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-student2) OR copy and paste this link:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-student2>  
SERVICE HOURS LETTERS can be provided!

If your availability is different than the suggested times, please let us know. We are happy to help and appreciate the support! 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](mailto:millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com).

**BOX TOPS!!** The April BOX TOP submissions were due today. Stay tuned for the \$25 Target Gift Card Winner...Mrs. Tuley's class won the Holiday Box Top Drive class contest for submitting almost 900 box tops! **The class is having a party on 4/20 to celebrate by having EXTRA GYM TIME!** Who wouldn't want to kick off the weekend with having an hour-long party in the gym with super fun activities? Guess what? Your child's class has the chance to win this party with the: **END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR BOX TOP DRIVE!**

We need our families to reach out to their aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents for box tops. Also, find your neighbors who don't have District 24 students any longer and ask them to save their box tops for you. Extended families and neighbors are buying groceries with box tops, and they could be throwing them out. Decorate a baggie or envelope for them and just remind them that we CAN use that "FREE" money! Please get in any box tops before the school year is over!

There will be an exclusive PTO Drawstring Bag awarded to each student who submits 200+ box tops and a classroom party for the winning classroom, for the **END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR BOX TOP DRIVE** - in addition to the random monthly winner of a \$25 Target Gift Card. Next due date is Monday, May 21. Questions? Please reach out to [boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com](mailto:boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com).

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** Our next meeting is Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at the MMS Faculty Lounge. This is our FINAL committee as a whole meeting before the event! Any questions please email [presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com](mailto:presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com).

**FUN RUN!!** Mark your calendars for this year's Family Fun Run on Saturday, 4/28, check-in is at 8:30 am. We are starting at the middle school and running (or walking) through McDonald Woods. Registration details are available in the virtual backpack. T-shirts are available for the first 200 participants! Thank you to all of our wonderful corporate sponsors! Any questions, please contact us at [millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com](mailto:millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com).

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! NOW SEEKING CONTESTANTS!**

Calling all meat smokers/grillers...enter the pulled meat contest at Family Fun Night on 5/18. The PTO is hosting a luau and a pulled meat "cook-off" as a great way to accompany this end of the school year event! All contestants will receive a free meal ticket at the event.

To make sure we have enough food, please be sure to register by 4/20 by clicking here:

[Family Fun Night \\_entry for pulled meat contest](#) or copy and paste this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4daeac23a5fe3-ptofamily>

or contact us at [familyfunnight@millburnpto.com](mailto:familyfunnight@millburnpto.com) directly.

**Upcoming Events:** MMS Activity Night 4/13, Box Tops Due 4/13, Kids Resale 4/20 & 4/21, Family Fun Night Pulled Meat Contest Registration Due 4/20, 8FC Meeting 4/23, Fun Run 4/28

If I can be of any assistance or if you have questions, please contact me at [bwalshire@millburn24.net](mailto:bwalshire@millburn24.net) or (847) 356-8331.

Mr. Ben Walshire  
Millburn Elementary Principal

#### **April**

20th- Lockdown Drill

25th- ISA Assessment- 5th Grade

27th- PARTy Day

30th- MAP Testing Begins (2nd-5th Grade)

#### **May**

9th- Spring Band Concert

17th- 3rd Grade Musical

24th- Art Night

31st- KDG Musical

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

#### **Virtual Backpack- LINK**

Muffins for Moms

Warren Live Arts Festival

Go Gurnee

Cub Scout Pack 187 Welcome Night

Cub Scout 84 Potluck

Girl Scout Interest Night

Wildwood Park District Info

Gurnee Park District Events

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