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Lockdown Drill: Today we conducted a lockdown drill with our students. This drill is designed to secure our students and staff in a safe location in the event of an intruder coming into the building. We emphasized with students to always follow the direction of their teacher and, when a lockdown drill is called, to locate the first available classroom to go into. Students did a great job with this drill.

We understand this is a difficult topic to discuss. Our number one goal is the safety of our students and we always want to be prepared for situations, no matter how small the probability may be.

Water Issues: Millburn Elementary have been dealing with water issues. Over Spring Break, we had work done on our well to help improve sediment that was coming in with the water. We still continue to battle sediment coming in. These issues are only occurring on the west side of the building (Grades KDG, 1st, 4th, and 5th). Our maintenance staff flushed out the pipes in the sinks to eliminate the occasional grayish appearance.. The drinking water has been tested and it is safe to drink, but it does smell bad. Water stations have been setup to provide drinking water for students

The lunch changes this week were not due to this issues. The water heated in our kitchen went out and our food management couldn't make their scheduled meals due to this issue.

If you have any further questions, please let us know.

Millburn Garden: It is that time of year to request a plot in the Millburn School and Community Garden. Requests for plots can be made by emailing the membership coordinator, Samantha Hutchinson at samanthakayhutchinson@gmail.com no later than May 15th. There are large plots (12X20) for a \$50 fee and small plots (5X20) for a \$25 fee. Plots are based on availability and garden participation. The goal of the garden is to provide an area where citizens, students, faculty and families can grow fresh produce, flowers and herbs for their enjoyment.

5th Grade Invited to Millburn Middle School: Attention all 5th grade parents and students!!

On Tuesday, May 1st, you are invited to come to the Middle School to see the building, meet some of the teachers, and find out a few exciting things to look forward to when you are a 6th grader. The program starts at 6:00 pm and will last about an hour. We would love to see all of you that night.

Moving from Millburn?: We are already gearing for next school year. Currently, we are preparing registration packets to send home to families. If you and your family are planning on moving before next school year, please let us know so we know not to send home a packet.

Illinois Science Assessment: All fifth- and eighth-graders and some high school students will begin taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) next Wednesday. 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 25th. The assessment should last about 45 minutes. You will find a parent letter about this assessment in this week's virtual backpack.

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.

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!! Be sure to LIKE our Facebook page before school is out for quick updates and to see what other restaurant promotions we will have scheduled throughout the Summer months.

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

KIDS RESALE!! TODAY is the Day! Kids Resale volunteer only invite presale begins at 3:15pm. If you have volunteered for the sale or will be and you're on the list, check in at the door at 3:15 for entry.

Please come shop today from 4-8pm and tomorrow 8am-12pm!

We are excited for another great sale! Thanks to all parents and administration for your support! Please join us in congratulating Alison Caswick for winning the last drawing receiving 75% of her sales proceeds. A huge thank you again, to all of the supporters of our sale! We cannot make this a success without your support! Happy Friday!! Contact us at: MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com

ATTENTION 7th GRADE PARENTS!! Please be on the lookout for an email from Mr. Jorgenson today with volunteer information for the 8th grade Farewell Celebration. Each 7th grader is responsible for bringing in a specific beverage and here is where you can sign up to volunteer:
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2292477/true#/invitation>

BOX TOPS!! Mrs. Tuley's class won the Holiday Box Top Drive class contest for submitting almost 900 box tops! The class is having a party TODAY 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.

8TH GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Our next meeting is Monday, April 23rd 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.

MMS BOOK FAIR!! Please visit us at the MMS PTO Book Fair! We will be open during the school day Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2nd. We will also be open both evenings. The 5th graders can choose their Caudill book to read over the summer during the 5th Grade Scavenger Hunt Tuesday evening. Band families can browse before and/or after the band concert on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing you! Our PTO events are successful because of our awesome volunteers! If you would like to help out with our book fair, please click on this link. <http://signup.com/go/eNWDOLc> Thank you for considering!

SPIRIT WEAR!! PTO's Spring Spirit Wear sale was a success! If you placed an order, items will be sent home with your student next week. If you have another preference for delivery, please contact us at spiritwear@millburnpto.com to make arrangements. Thank you all for your support during this sale! We can't wait to see everyone showing their Millburn pride this Spring and Summer!

FUN RUN!! The countdown is on!! We are one week away from the end of April and our 6th Annual Family Fun Run! It is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th with check-in beginning at 8:30 am and warm ups starting at 9:15 am lead by none other than Mr. Walshire! We would love to see more families sign-up for this fun filled event!

Registration is still open and sponsor t-shirts are guaranteed to the first 200 participants! We hope you will consider registering your family either by completing the form located in the virtual backpack or online

at www.millburnpto.com under the "For Sale" header. We are also accepting walk-in registration day of race as well. **Optional Student Sponsorship** -Students who obtain \$50 in sponsorships will receive an exclusive PTO drawstring bag. The sponsorship forms are located in the virtual backpack. Please bring completed sponsorship forms to registration on 4/28. A HUGE THANK YOU to our generous corporate sponsors: Goshgarian Orthodontics, FitNation - Gurnee Park District, TC Kelly Construction, Mathnasium, PCA (Packaging Corporation of America), Margaret Muscia - Rodan & Fields. We could NOT do this without your support! Any questions, please contact us at millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com.

WFC/STAFF APPRECIATION!! We would like to give EVERY teacher and staff member (over 200 bouquets) a chocolate bouquet during Teacher Appreciation Week, starting May 7th! Please consider sponsoring a bouquet. Order forms will be in Virtual Backpack or pay online at www.millburnpto.com. Thanks for helping us celebrate our teachers and staff during this special week!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! Save the date for Family Fun Night May 18 6-8pm! Get your Hawaiian clothes and grass skirts and come to our end of the year Luau. We'll have lessons from professional Hula Dancers, crafts and games for the whole family. Snacks and World's Finest Chocolates will be available for purchase or families can pre-order dinner. Forms will go out in virtual backpack and home with your child soon. Any questions please contact us at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com.

PTO DAY at MOD PIZZA!! Thanks so much to all who supported Millburn PTO last week at MOD PIZZA in Gurnee. It was wonderful to see all of the Millburn pride!!

PTO DINNER at CHIPOTLE!! Join us on Tuesday, May 1st anytime between 5pm - 9pm for your next opportunity to not cook! Enjoy "Millburn PTO's - Family Dinner Out" at the Chipotle in Gurnee! Just show the flyer in virtual backpack or visit our Facebook Page for the flyer as well as frequent PTO updates! Keep in mind, ordering online will not work for this fundraiser. Chipotle does offer the largest payout of proceeds - 50% of Millburn sales - so if you're hungry, let's make this one count!!

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS!! Don't feel like racing around from store-to-store to find your child's school supplies? Simplify your life, order through Schoolkidz Supply Kits and help the PTO give back to the school! Orders will be accepted through May 15th and will be available for pick-up at MES East Gym on August 8th from 3-6pm. See Virtual Backpack for more info!

Upcoming Events: Kids Resale 4/20 & 4/21, Family Fun Night Pulled Meat Contest Registration Due 4/20, 8FC Meeting 4/23, Fun Run 4/28, Chipotle Night 5/1, MMS Book Fair 5/1 & 5/2, 8th Grade Farewell Celebration 5/11, School Supply Kit Orders Due 5/15, Family Fun Night 5/18

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

April

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

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Kick it up Blue Soccer Clinic for Autistic Students

FCLC Tryouts

Girls Iceless Hockey

Wildwood Park District Walking Club