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Topics for this week:

- Muffins for Moms
- Student Council Food Drive
- Millburn Garden
- 5th Grade MMS Night (Revised)
- Moving Away?
- Class Placements
- Warren Arts Festival
- PTO News
- Important Dates
- Virtual Backpack Items

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.

Student Council Food Drive: Next week Student Council will be hosting a Food Drive. Please bring any non-perishable food items and drop them off in one of the bins located in the front of the school or by the cafeteria. You could bring cans of soup, veggies, even fruit, breakfast items like cereal, oatmeal or muffin mix! We have set a goal of one item for each student in this school! Please help us reach our goal by bringing at least one item next week. Thanks for helping us help others.

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 **6:30pm** (correction from last week) 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.

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.

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 **TONIGHT** from 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!

ATTENTION 7th GRADE PARENTS!! Each 7th grader is responsible for bringing in a specific beverage starting May 7th for the 8th Grade Farewell Celebration. The letter with details was emailed and a copy is in Virtual Backpack. Student volunteer spots are almost full but we need many adults still! Here is where you can sign up to volunteer: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2292477/true#/invitation>

BOX TOPS!! 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.

FUN RUN!! Ready. Set. Go!! We are all set for the 6th Annual Family Fun Run scheduled for tomorrow - Rain or Shine!

- Check-in: 8:30 am
- Warm-ups lead by MR. Walshire: 9:15 am
- Run start time: 9:30 am
- Prizes awarded for Fastest Boy and Fastest Girl (5K only) and the student participant displaying the most school spirit
- \$15 for individual runners or \$40 for family registration

We kindly welcome walk-in registration as well. So, feel free to stop over at the middle school, activity entrance in the cafeteria. Sponsor t-shirts are guaranteed to the first 200 participants! I 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!! Teacher Appreciation Week is approaching fast! We are about $\frac{1}{2}$ way to our goal of sponsoring a chocolate bouquet for EVERY Teacher and Staff Member (over 200 bouquets). Sponsorship is being extended to May 4th. Sponsor online at millburnpto.com or send in a check (made out to Millburn PTO) or cash in an envelope marked PTO Teacher Appreciation. We will add a message of thanks for everything the Teachers and Staff do for our children. Forms can be found in the virtual backpack.

Thanks for helping us acknowledge all the great things Millburn does for our students!

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!

PTO DINNER at CHIPOTLE!! Join us at CHIPOTLE this 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!

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.

KIDS RESALE!! As we are wrapping up the final numbers for the sale from last weekend, we wanted to send out a BIG THANK YOU to our sellers, volunteers and administrative support from last weekend's sale. We had another successful sale and we are so very thankful for you!

Upcoming Events: 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

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

May

1st- 5th Grade Parent Night at MMS (6:30)

9th- Spring Band Concert

17th- 3rd Grade Musical

24th- Art Night

31st- KDG Musical

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Lakes Community Summer Sports Camps