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Kindergarten Registration: Did you miss Kindergarten registration on Wednesday? Don't worry, you can still come in and turn in your paperwork. If you still need a registration packet, you must call the school to request a packet. Millburn Elementary main office phone number is 847-356-8331. Our office hours are from 8-3:30 Monday-Friday.

PARCC Testing: PARCC, our state assessment, is NEXT WEEK. 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>

Since students will be taking the assessments on their iPads, it is very important that they bring them each day, *fully charged*. If students do forget their device or do not have a fully charged device, they may need to make-up a test another day.

Headphones are needed for all ELA units. Students are required to have headphones at school. The headphone plug-in must be checked in advance to fit into the ipad through the opening of the ipad case. To help ensure assessment security guidelines are met, *wireless headphones* are not permitted.

Students are urged to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast prior to testing. If students arrive late to school, they will not be allowed in their classrooms until the testing session is completed. Additionally, a make-up session would be required.

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.

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.

PBIS Fundraisers Coming Up: We have a couple of fundraisers coming in to help our PBIS program. Check them out!

TOMORROW Millburn Elementary Family Day with the Chicago Wolves! The Wolves take on the Milwaukee Admirals on St. Baldrick's Night at Allstate Arena. There is a Wolves trading card giveaway and a sale on merchandise. A portion of the ticket proceeds purchased by Millburn families will be donated to our PBIS program! See the flyer in the Virtual Backpack for additional information including pricing for tickets and food vouchers.

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!

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!

8TH GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Our next meeting is Monday, April 9th at 7pm at the MMS Faculty Lounge. At this meeting, we will be finalizing food, decorations and more! Any questions please email presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com.

SPIRIT WEAR!! PTO's Spring Spirit Wear sale is still open but only until this Sunday, April 8th. We have items available for both the elementary and middle schools. The links below will take you directly to the site(s). Don't miss out on your chance order!

<https://millburnmustangs.itemorder.com/>

<https://millburncougars.itemorder.com/>

PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS!! Photos of your student are due no later than April 13th! Please see your email for instructions on uploading your photos to our dropbox. Any questions please email Denise and Kristin at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com.

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

6th grade-6pm, MAIN entrance

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

PICK UP

6th grade-8:30pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th 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) 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 first drawing winner -Rachel Sooley** Our next drawing is Friday, 4/6. Send in your registration in as soon as possible so you don't miss getting into the next drawing.

Donations: If you find that you still have items you wish to donate, please contact us at our email.

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.

BOX TOPS!! There are 2 more chances during this school year to win the random gift card drawing -

April and May. The next Box Top collection is due on Friday, April 13. Send in your box tops in a baggie, envelope or on the collection sheets sent home. Any questions – please reach out to boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com. Thanks!

PTO DAY at MOD PIZZA!! Feeling hungry but don't feel like cooking lunch or dinner? Check out MOD pizza on Thursday, 4/12 and PTO gets 20% of the proceeds from your meal. Please be sure to show them the flyer (in Virtual Backpack) so we get the proceeds. It can be used at the MOD pizza in Gurnee for the entire day!

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.

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 directly.

Upcoming Events: Spirit Wear Orders Due 4/8, 8FC Meeting 4/9, 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, Fun Run 4/28

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

9th- PARCC Testing Begins 3rd-5th Grade
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

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Grayslake Recreational Softball