

Mustang Minute: May 11, 2018

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Teacher Appreciation Week: A huge *Thank You* to the PTO for all the fun activities and creative gifts they provided this week for our AWESOME staff. From the fabulous Taco Lunch, to raffles and surprise treats in our mailboxes each day. Thank you for appreciating our staff during this wonderful week.

End of Year Activities: On Monday, June 4, we have a lot going on all day. Kindergarten will be at Heritage Trails Park all day for a picnic. It should be a great time for them. 1st -5th grade will have Field Day in the morning at MES, then dance to a DJ in the afternoon. We will also be providing popsicles in the afternoon. If you would like to know the nutritional information and ingredients, please see the Virtual Backpack for information on the product. If you do not wish to have your child have a popsicle, please let the homeroom teacher know.

We will conclude the day by wishing our 5th grade farewell as students in K-4th Grade line the hallways and sidewalks to wish them luck as they leave for dismissal.

On the last day of school, Tuesday, June 5, we will do an end of the year PBIS assembly filled with Staff Challenge(s) and raffle prizes to students. We will end the day with a picnic-style lunch where all students will have a chance to eat outside (for those who take hot lunch it will be a bag lunch). We will dismiss at 1:00, which will be the start of summer break!

Field Day: Field Day is approaching fast! We can't make Field Day GREAT without the help of fantastic volunteers. We would love for anyone that would like to help, to join us. Due to the large numbers we will be working with, please don't bring any extra children under age 16. If you are interested in helping please click on the link below and add your name and email address to the list.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1P6fyLJ1lSG3ohVc8dUET7AXujXuNLtet2wLnLsPw-Tw/edit?usp=sharing>

Please note that 1st and 2nd Grade sign ups are on the left side of the sheet, and 3rd-5th Grade sign-ups are to the right of those. If you can't get it to work or just want us to plug your name in, simply email Erin Michel at emichel@millburn24.net.

Thank you so much! We couldn't do it without you!

Art Night: Mr. Lacey would like to invite everyone to join us in our celebration of the visual arts, by attending the 2018 Millburn Elementary Art Night held on **Thursday, May 24, from 5:30-7:30!** The young artists at Millburn have been eager to share their hard work with their family and friends. This is your chance to see the artwork created by our talented and creative students. In addition to the art show, we will have a wide variety of hands on art and craft activities for all ages. There will also be delicious ice cream sundaes available to purchase and enjoy while you browse the artwork.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering for the event, there are a number of opportunities for additional help. Please click on the link below if you are interested in helping out. I will get in touch with you shortly after. Thanks in advance.

Link: [Art Night Volunteer Sign Up](#)

- Ice cream Sundaes \$3
- Tickets for hands on art and craft stations 25¢ each

We look forward to seeing you there!

Recess Volunteers: Millburn Elementary School is looking for outdoor recess volunteers for the additional supervision of all students on both playgrounds. Recess volunteers can choose 11AM-1220PM on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday based on his/her schedule. Recess volunteers can select 1 day each week, once every other week or even 1 day a month. Advance sign up is required. Please contact Tracy Behnke at recessvolunteer@millburnpto.com for additional information.

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.

Moving from Millburn?: We are already gearing for next school year and have sent home registration packets. If you and your family are planning on moving before next school year, please let us know.

PTO NEWS!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! The PTO, along with 7th grade student and parent volunteers, is proud to host the 8th Grade Farewell Celebration tonight at 5:30pm! The 8FC committee has been working hard to create a memorable event and we look forward to showing you that LIFE IS A TICKET TO THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH!

STAFF APPRECIATION!! The PTO and Staff Appreciation Committee had so much fun treating our teachers and staff all week! We hosted a Taco Lunch on Tuesday at both schools, every mailbox was filled with a special gift on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and every day two special raffle prizes were gifted at each school! See our Facebook page for all details, pictures and videos! We LOVE our staff!!

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!! Our last Family Fun Night is May 18 from 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. Dinner Pre-Order Forms can be found in the virtual backpack and are due TODAY! Volunteer opportunities available : www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E4DAEAC23A5FE3-ptofamily Any questions please contact us at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com.

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

PTO MEETING/VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT!! Our last general meeting has been rescheduled to May 30th at 7pm at MMS. We will be accepting nominations and electing a new MMS President, Vice President and Secretary. If you are interested please reach out to any current PTO Board members, we would be happy to answer any questions. We will also be celebrating all of our AMAZING chairpersons and volunteers who have contributed to our success. More details to come!

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!

NEW PTO WEBSITE!! We are currently adding the finishing touches to the new PTO website. Stay tuned for the rollout of our new website coming soon!

Upcoming Events: 8th Grade Farewell Celebration 5/11, School Supply Kit Orders Due 5/15, Family Fun Night 5/18, Box Tops Due 5/21, PTO Meeting 5/30

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

May

17th- 3rd Grade Musical
24th- Art Night
31st- KDG Musical

June

4th- Field Day (1st-5th), KDG Picnic
5th-Last Day of School, 1:00 Release

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

Virtual Backpack- LINK

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