

Mustang Minute: May 18, 2018

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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 are eager to share their hard work with 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.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, there are a number of opportunities for additional help. Please click on the link below and I will get in touch with you shortly. 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!

Millburn Garden: Tomorrow, Saturday May 19th, from 9am-1pm we are holding our Annual Plant Sale featuring plants cultivated by our amazing 4th grade classes. The sale is located at MES at the front entrance. From beets to sunflower, tomatoes to kale, Cantaloupe and herbs the variety is fantastic! Hope to see you there.

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.

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 our end of the year PBIS assembly filled with Staff Challenge(s) and raffle prizes to students. We will enjoy 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/1P6fyLJ1ISG3ohVc8dUET7AXujXuNLtet2wLnLsPw-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!

Coins for the Community: The Millburn Elementary Student Council would like to thank all the Millburn families and students who donated for Coins for the Community project. This week we delivered lunches to both the Lindenhurst Police Department and the Newport Fire Department to thank them for their service in helping our community.

This week, between the students' and faculty's help, we made over 80 lunches and 230 sandwiches to donate to PADS of Lake County homeless shelter. The shelter very much appreciated Millburn's generosity. Thank you!

Read to Succeed: MES had 171 students participate in the Six Flags Read to Succeed program this year! All the participants will receive a free ticket to Great America, which will be included with their report card and sent home on the last day of school. Please note the dates on the ticket as they are valid for a short period of time between June and August. If there are any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or Renee Marasco at rmarasco@millburn24.net.

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-12:20PM on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday based on their 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.

PTO NEWS!

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS!! Orders deadline extended through TODAY, May 18th, at 11:59pm! Orders 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 TONIGHT, 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. Any questions please

contact us at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com.

BOX TOPS!! Next due date is Monday, May 21. 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. Questions? Please reach out to boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com

PTO MEETING!! Our last general meeting is **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.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT!! It's time to celebrate all that we've accomplished this year for the students and staff in Millburn District 24! **ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS and TEACHERS** are invited to our Volunteer Appreciation Mixer 5/30 at 8pm (following the PTO meeting at MMS LRC). Join us for light hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and gifts for recognition of service. Please RSVP by 5/25 to Margaret at presidentelementary@millburnpto.com

KIDS RESALE!! Attention Spring Sellers, **THANK YOU** for being part of our recent Millburn Kids Resale. This past sale, we sold over **4,300** items! We would not be successful without you, our sellers, our volunteers and our customers. So, again, many thanks to you! Also, we wanted to let you know that all of the final tallying has been completed. Checks are scheduled to go out from Chase and be delivered in the next 7-10 days so watch your mailbox.

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! **THANK YOU** to all of our **AMAZING** volunteers for your hard work hosting this year's celebration, **LIFE IS A TICKET TO THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH!!** **ATTENTION 8th GRADE PARENTS;** The Memory Wall pages will be sent home with your student on 5/23 during Advisory!

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. **Next up is Chik-Fil-A!!**

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: School Supply Kit Orders Due 5/18, Family Fun Night 5/18, Box Tops Due 5/21, PTO Meeting 5/30, Volunteer Appreciation Mixer 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

19th Plant Sale (9AM-1PM)
24th- Art Night
31st- KDG Musical

June

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

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Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)

Wildwood Kickball Tournament

Revolutionary War Reenactment

Gurnee Park District Summer Events

Gurnee Park District NFL Combine