

Mustang Minute: May 4, 2018

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Topics for this week:

- Art Night
- Millburn Garden
- Moving Away?
- Class Placements
- PTO News
- Important Dates
- Virtual Backpack Items

Art Night: Mr. Lacey would like to invite you to join us in our celebration of the visual arts, by attending the 2018 Millburn Elementary's Arts Night, being 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. 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.

PTO NEWS!

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>

STAFF APPRECIATION!! Next week is National Teacher Appreciation Week! Our district committee has been working hard to treat our teachers and staff to special mailbox surprises and a fabulous lunch! Don't forget to THANK your teachers next week for all that they do for our students!

WFC!! Thank you to everyone who sponsored the teacher and staff appreciation bouquets. We will be able to give everyone a bouquet. The LAST CALL for sponsors is Monday, May 7th! We are wrapping up the year for chocolate- if you are looking for some -maybe to add to any spring gifts - please contact us. We still have assorted bars, mint melt aways, caramel whirls and chocolate covered almonds. Quantities are limited. worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Next Friday, May 11th, is our cherished Millburn tradition where 7th graders and their parents host a farewell party for the 8th graders and their parents! 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!

PTO DINNER at CHIPOTLE!! Thank you to all who supported the Family Dinner out this past Tuesday at CHIPOTLE. [We made over \\$450 from this event which will directly benefit the schools!](#)

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.

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!

FUN RUN!! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Fun Run last weekend! It was a chilly morning, but we made the most of it! We had over 100 runners/walkers last weekend and the fantastic support of our volunteers, administration and generous corporate sponsors which include: Goshgarian Orthodontics, FitNation - Gurnee Park District, TC Kelly Construction, Mathnasium, PCA (Packaging Corporation of America), Margaret Muscia - Rodan & Fields.

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: Teacher Appreciation Week 5/7-5/11, 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.

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Millburn Elementary Principal

May

7th- MEF Portillos Night 5-8PM
9th- Spring Band Concert
17th- 3rd Grade Musical
24th- Art Night
31st- KDG Musical

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

Virtual Backpack- LINK

MEF Portillos Night Flyer
Millburn Garden
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