

Mustang Minute: July 21, 2017

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Happy Summer! I just wanted to send out a quick note as we start looking ahead to the start of the school year. Don't worry, still plenty of time to have fun!

KDG Screening: All registered Kindergarten students will be screened on August 7th and 8th. If you have not signed up for a time, please contact the main office. Screening will last about 20-25 minutes. The purpose of screening is to see where each student's skill levels are at. All of our students come in with different levels and we just want to see where students are starting from prior to the first day of school.

Supply Lists: Don't forget to check out the supply lists for the upcoming school year. There are lots of deals out there right now and I know many are eager to get supplies bought now. Follow the link below to see our district-wide list.

[Supply List](#)

PowerSchool/ Homeroom Teacher: You will be able to view your child's homeroom teacher through the parent portal of PowerSchool starting on Monday, August 14th. Kindergarten parents will receive their login information at Kindergarten Screening on August 7th and 8th. All other new families will have theirs sent to you in the mail. If you encounter any problems with logging in, please contact the school office.

***Please note, parents and students cannot access Powerschool at this time. If you do not know your login prior to PowerSchool going live on August 14, contact the main office.

Supply Drop Off/ Pictures: On August 23th we invite families to come to MES to drop supplies off in classrooms, get school pictures taken and enjoy a PTO Ice Cream Social. All events start at 4:00 and run until 6pm. Pictures will be in the East and West Gyms and the PTO will be set up in the Cafeteria. We will open doors to the building at 4:00 and you can choose what event you and your child would like to do first. Student with last names from A-L will take their picture in the East Gym. Last names from M-Z will be in the West Gym.

***Early Childhood and SEDOL pictures will NOT be taken on August 23. EC/SEDOL pictures will be taken Thursday, August 31 during the school day.

iPAD update: We are working diligently on getting all the iPADS ready for students as we begin our 1:1 initiative. Although the middle school will be having students take the devices home right away, we have elected for our elementary students to keep them at school for the time being. It will also take time for our staff to implement using the devices within our lessons. Teachers will be learning throughout the year, as well, on how to use them to enhance their instruction. In time, iPADS will be a common tool used by our students.

Parent Night: Parent Night is an event that we hold for parents that allows teachers to discuss the curriculum for the year and classroom expectations. Here are the dates for Parent Night:

Kindergarten- August 22, 6:00-7:30 (Meet in Cafeteria)

1st-3rd Grade: September 12, 5:00- 6:15 (Meet in West Gym)

4th/5th Grade: September 12, 6:30-7:45 (Meet in West Gym)

Millburn Garden: Attached you will find a special event on August 16 from 6:30-7:30 for your family to come out to our Millburn Garden. Bring a book or use one of ours as we relax under the canopy and out among the gardens. Students will also get to craft a butterfly from wool to take home. Hope to see you

there.

MES Clubs/Activities: We will have an assortment of clubs and extra-curricular activities run by the school this year. We understand that families are juggling many different events with their child and knowing when things are occurring upfront is helpful for planning purposes. We are currently working on and finalizing all of the activities that will take place this school year. Once finalized, parents will be able to see a list of all activities, when they will occur, and a brief overview of what the activity is. These will be listed on our website.

2017 Cross Country Season: All 5th through 8th graders interested in running cross country this fall should have their parents/guardians email Coach Perusich at dperusich@millburn24.net. When emailing Coach Perusich, please include your son's/daughter's name, his/her grade this fall, and your email contact information. Coach Perusich will be emailing information regarding August workouts, spirit wear, and the upcoming 2017 cross country season. Expect to receive an email by the end of July.

Additionally, if you would like to receive 2017 Millburn XC information via your smartphone, please see the document in the backpack for instructions on how to download the Remind App.

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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Dates to Note for Summer

8/7-8/8- Kindergarten Screening

8/8- Supply Kit Pick Up (MES East Gym)

8/16- Read and Craft in the Garden Even

8/23- Supply Drop Off

8/24- First Day of School