

*Mustang Minute: August 25, 2017*

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**First Days of School:** Our first days of school have been great! We are looking forward to a fantastic year with our students! Today our students reviewed playground expectations. Next week we will be conducting our safety drills and then kicking off our PBIS program with a Kick-Off Assembly on Friday!

**Kindergarten Lunch Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to come in daily to help with Kindergarten lunchtime from 11:20-11:50. This is a new arena for our kindergarten students and we want to provide them as much support as we can with getting through the lunch line, choosing their side dishes, or even poking that straw through their Capri-Sun. If you are interested, please contact the office.

**Parent Night:** Parent Night is an event for parents that allows teachers to discuss the curriculum and classroom expectations. We have extended our time this year to allow more time in the classrooms. Here are the dates for Parent Night:

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

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

**Attendance Week:** The Lake County Regional Office of Education is holding a competition for area schools that have the highest attendance rates during the week of September 11-15. The top ten schools will receive recognition with a certificate and name posted in the media. As an added incentive, if Millburn Elementary gets into the top five, Mr. Rowlands would shave his beard and Mr. Walshire will shave his head! Mark your calendars down for that week and let's see if we can get into the top five in Lake County!

**MES Clubs/Activities:** A number of exciting after school clubs and extracurricular activities run by Millburn are available to our students. We look forward to sharing the many opportunities provided by Millburn on our website as the year begins.

**Writing Club:** Mrs. Lafferty is hosting a fall session of The Creative Writing Club for Millburn's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! Students meet once a week for ten sessions, participating in writing activities and forums which push them outside constricting boundaries of technical forms of writing. Students also learn how to combat writer's block while participating in fun, exciting and unusual techniques.

Creative Writing Club will be held after school from 2:40-3:45 on Wednesdays in Mrs. Lafferty's classroom. Session begins September 13th and club is NOT held on early release days. If interested, please complete the activity form found on the Millburn website. Return it to your child's Homeroom teacher by September 9th!

**Millburn Education Foundation's 10th Annual Millburn Cup** - September 15 at Brae Loch Golf Club

We hope you will come out on September 15<sup>th</sup> for a fun day of golf to benefit the students of Millburn Elementary and Middle Schools. This event is open to all. This year we are offering a chance to win \$10,000, a \$500 Visa gift card, a 50 Inch smart flat screen TV and Callaway golf equipment. If you are not a golfer, please join us at 6:00 pm for a BBQ Productions pig roast dinner. Sign up today at [www.mef24.schoolauction.net/2017millburncup](http://www.mef24.schoolauction.net/2017millburncup) or email us at [MillburnEducationFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:MillburnEducationFoundation@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you to our platinum sponsor Comprehensive Orthopaedics and to Only Child Brewery for donating a free beverage for all our golfers! Sponsorships are still available (\$100 - 1,000) and if you sign up/pay by September 1 we will include you on the golf shirt!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September!

Millburn Education Foundation Board Members

**PTO NEWS!**

**FUNDRAISER BUY OUT!** We all want our students to enjoy field trips, assemblies, activity nights, family fun nights, holiday parties, and more! But most of us don't have the time or inclination to participate in fundraisers. Help the PTO fundraise smarter by participating in our brand new buyout! We are hoping this option will become our future and we can eliminate fundraisers while still achieving our goals to support our students and staff! Please see the flyer in virtual backpack!

**LOCKERWORKS!** We had a huge demand for these locker organizers at Supply Drop Off and SOLD OUT of our in-stock inventory. We will collect paid orders through 9/1 and place a final order for the school year. We won't be stocking these items, only purchasing them for paid orders. Please complete the Order Form found in Virtual Backpack and send it in to the Main Office with a check for \$20 made payable to Millburn PTO. Any questions please email [presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com](mailto:presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com)

**FALL FEST!** Come join us and kick off the school year at Fall Fest, Saturday, September 16th from 12pm - 4pm at Millburn Elementary. There will be food, games, prizes, inflatables, pony rides and a balloon twister!! **NEW this year is an INFLATABLE HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPO GAME TO PLAY AGAINST YOUR TEACHERS!!**

Please sign up to volunteer at: [Fall Fest Volunteers 2017](#)

**MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!** FALL IS COMING and so is our resale! Please save the dates of Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> for the sale. Seller guidelines and registration forms are now available in print at both schools and in the virtual backpack.

**Have a donation for the sale?** We are hosting an EASY donation drop off if you aren't planning to be a seller but still want to contribute to this great cause. Bring your donated items to the Middle school main entrance on **Saturday, September 9th from 9AM-11AM**. If you have yard toys, Fall/Winter clothing, shoes, bikes, dollhouses, other toys or baby equipment in good working condition that your house has outgrown, come drop it off!

We will take all toys for kids (infant to teen) in good working condition. We will also take baby equipment, sports equipment and room furniture. This event is a success for our students because of the families that sell, the families that donate and the families that shop the sale. Thanks so much for your support!!

Keep in mind, if you have items to donate and this donation drive time is not convenient for you, please contact us at [millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com](mailto:millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com) so we can make arrangements. We LOVE donations!

Also, we are now seeking volunteers to help out at the donation drive. Feel like getting your volunteer hours out of the way early? Click here to visit our site and volunteer today:  
[Millburn Kids Resale Volunteers-Fall 2017](#)

Upcoming Events: LockerWorks Orders Due 9/1, Kids Resale Donation Drive 9/9, Fall Fest 9/16, PTO Meeting 9/20

If I can be of any assistance or if you have questions, please contact me at [bwalshire@millburn24.net](mailto:bwalshire@millburn24.net) or (847) 356-8331.

Mr. Ben Walshire  
Millburn Elementary Principal

### **September**

4<sup>th</sup>- No School (Labor Day)

6<sup>th</sup> - Early Release at 1:00

12<sup>th</sup> - Parent Night 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

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

**Virtual Backpack**

LockerWorks Order Form

Millburn Resale

PTO Fall Fest

Lakes Girls Basketball

Grayslake North Basketball

Young Rembrandts Flyer

Chess Scholars

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