

**Mustang Minute: August 31, 2018**

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No School on Monday- Labor Day

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**Bus Evacuation Drill:** Earlier today, all of our students completed a bus evacuation drill. Just like any of our drills, we want students to know the procedure of how to evacuate the bus in a safe manner. Although many of our students do not ride a bus, it was still important to have them go through the drill because at some point, they will be going on buses for field trips.

Students did a great job with following the directions and helping each other out during the drill.

**Parent Night:** We have moved our Parent Night for 1st-5th Grade. The new date will be MONDAY, September 17. 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:

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: \*\*\*September 17, 5:00- 6:15 (Meet in West Gym)

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade: \*\*\*September 17, 6:30-7:45 (Meet in West Gym)

**Pictures:** You probably saw, while taking student pictures and Supply Drop Off Night, that we did not have picture order forms this year. You will soon receive an order form with a proof of two images to choose from. The order form will have directions on how to order packages online.

If you missed pictures, we will have makeups on October 10th.

**Beginning Band Participation:** This is an open invitation for 4th and 5th grade students to join the Millburn Elementary School Beginning Band. Please look in the Virtual Backpack for documents needed for you child to become a band member. The Millburn Elementary and Middle School Bands continue to be an outstanding program with remarkable performances, an excellent reputation, and great numbers of students who join and continue to be members of our fantastic band program. Now's the time to sign up and have your child become a proud member of the Millburn Beginning Band program. Take care.

**Student Council** - If your child is interested being a part of a program that supports school events through school wide awareness, plans drives that would support those in need in our community, creates ideas for school spirit, and willing to help to maintain a positive and upbeat attitude in our school, then please be sure to sign up for Student Council. The activity form can be found on Mrs. Cipolla's website under Student Council or under the extracurricular activities. Please be sure to have your activity form in to Mrs. Cipolla by Weds. Sept. 5th in order to be able to attend our first meeting on Sept 14th. Looking forward to a great year!

**Yearbooks:** **ORDER YOUR 2018-2019 YEARBOOK TODAY!!** This year is going to be great and a MES Yearbook is a perfect way to remember your friends, classmates, and fun times. Why wait until the last minute to get your yearbook. Order now and get your yearbook for an all time low of \$12.25. The prices will increase soon, so don't wait. Get your orders in now. Yearbooks will be delivered to students before school lets out in June. Please find ordering information in the Virtual Backpack.

**Attendance Week 2018:** We have officially signed-up for the Regional Office of Education's Attendance Week competition where Lake County Schools compete for the highest attendance rate the week of September 10th. Last year, Millburn Elementary placed 2nd, this meant that Mr. Rowlands had to shave his beard and Mr. Walshire had to shave his head. This year, if we make the top five, Mr. Rowlands and I will sing karaoke during lunch time. If we get first place, we will have a surprise for our students!!! All we told them was that it will be scary for us to do!

\*\*Please note that we understand there are religious observations during that week. If a child is not in attendance do to those observe days, that will not count towards our overall attendance for the challenge.

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#### PTO News

PTO Registration: We are still accepting registrations for this school year. Please go to [millburnpto.com](http://millburnpto.com) to register.

Website - [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com) School CODE: 5SRAMT

Our new PTO website this year will have a ton of information available and all at your fingertips. If you haven't had a chance yet to view it, please so do and set up a login and password, so you don't miss out on any PTO related communications. Also, new this year, ALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES will also be on the PTO website and housed under "Volunteer Sign-up." You do not have to be a PTO paid-member to volunteer.

Millburn Kids Resale: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!! The forms are in the virtual backpack if you are interested in selling or email us at [millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com](mailto:millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com)

Our donation drive is a week away if you are interested in donating to the school meet us at Millburn Middle School from 9-11 on Saturday September 8th. We will have a tax donation form to give you.

Thank you for your continued support.

PTO Fall Fest: The Millburn Fall Fest is a fun way to kick off the school year, hang out with friends and meet other parents. Please join us at the Millburn Elementary School on September 15th, 12pm - 4pm. We have pony rides, inflatables, food, 50/50 raffle, teacher/student activity, games and prizes!

*Advance Ticket Sales* are now open! Buy 40 or more tickets get 10 FREE or buy a wristband at a discount. Advanced ticket purchase is due Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. See your child's backpack, the virtual backpack or visit [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com) for more information.

*Pot of Gold* our 50/50 Raffle Tickets can be found in the virtual backpack. Try your luck - one lucky winner will receive half of the money collected.

*Fall Fest* is sponsored by the PTO and volunteers are needed to help make this event happen. Please sign up to volunteer on the PTO website at [millburnpto.com](http://millburnpto.com), any help is appreciated! High School and Middle School students may volunteer as well! Any questions, please contact Catherine Kelly - [fallfestival@millburnpto.com](mailto:fallfestival@millburnpto.com).

Box Tops: Our first Box Top Collection will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> - gather all of the Box Tops that you saved over the summer and send them into your child's classroom by Friday September 14<sup>th</sup>! Collection sheets will be sent home soon - you can glue them on or put them all in a baggie or envelope. Please discard any expired Box Tops.

The classroom with the most submitted will win a classroom party (after the final counts). For every 25 (non expired) box tops your child submits, they will be entered in a raffle for \$25 *Target Gift Card* (this is a random raffle). For every 200 (non expired) box tops submitted get an exclusive *PTO drawstring bag*.

Lockerworks: We have a limit quantity of Lockerworks for sale. They are \$20 each and come in 5 colors. Contact [presidentelementary@millburnpto.com](mailto:presidentelementary@millburnpto.com) if you are interested in purchasing one.

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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**

3rd- No School (Labor Day)  
5th- Early Release @ 1:00PM  
17th- Parent Night  
    1st-3rd @ 5:00  
    4th-5th @ 6:30

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

**Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)**

Young Rembrandts  
HWY 45 Project Community Meeting  
Wildwood Chess Club  
Wildwood Yoga  
Wildwood RoboThink Workshops