

Mustang Minute: August 4, 2017

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We are getting close to the start of the school year. Mustang Minutes will now come weekly with important information as we get to the first day on August 24.

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 each student's strengths. 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 them 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.

New Millburn Families: New Families to Millburn are invited to an orientation at both the Elementary and Middle Schools on Thursday, August 10th. This orientation will consist of informative presentation about the school and a tour. Students are welcome to attend! Each building will have two sessions for you to choose from:

Elementary: 9:00AM, 5:30PM

Middle: 10:30AM, 7:00PM

Supply Drop Off/ Pictures: On August 23th we invite families 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. Picture order forms can be found in the [Virtual Backpack](#).

***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 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 take time for our staff to implement using the devices within our lessons. Teachers will be learning throughout the year on how to use iPADS 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: Come join the Millburn Community on Wednesday, August 16th from 6:30-7:30 as we spend a relaxing evening reading in the Millburn Garden. Bring a book or use one of ours as we unwind under the canopy and out among the gardens. Students may craft a butterfly from wool as well. Hope to see you there.

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.

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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Millburn Elementary Principal

August

8/7-8/8- Kindergarten Screening

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

8/16- Read and Craft in the Garden Even

8/22- Kindergarten Parent Night @ 6PM

8/23- Supply Drop Off/ Pictures (4-6PM)

8/24- First Day of School

Virtual Backpack

Picture Order Form

Link= <http://www.millburn24.net/parents.cfm?subpage=1225444>