

*Mustang Minute: September 1, 2017*

**Reminder- Early Release Next Wednesday at 1:00**

**MES Website:** [Link](#)

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**Online Accounts:** With the deployment of the iPads this year, there will be opportunities to use online educational resources that require individual student accounts. Please take a moment to print and complete the consent form and return it to your child's teacher ASAP. Consent forms can be downloaded in the Virtual Backpack.

**How do I report my child's absence?** Our Attendance Line is available 24/7. Dial the building number and listen for the prompt for the Attendance Line. The following information should be included in your message: your child's name, grade or homeroom, and the reason for the absence. NOTE: You must report the absence to the school office, not your child's teacher.

If a child's absence is unreported, the school will call contact numbers by 10:00 a.m.

Millburn Elementary School Main Office - [847-356-8331](tel:847-356-8331)

**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!

**SAVE CAPS AND LIDS!** The Garden Committee and the Ecology Club are collecting 500 lbs. of plastic caps and lids to purchase a rainbow bench. Watch for the flyer coming home soon about this project and send to school ACCEPTABLE CLEAN caps and lids. Thanks for your help with this project!

**Choir:** All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Millburn are welcome and are encouraged to participate in Millburn's after-school choir. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday after school until 3:45 beginning on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup>. During our first week, we allow a trial period. Please sign up to try out choir before committing for the entire year! I'm sure that any student who decides to try it will want to join! Sign-ups can be found outside the music room or you can email Mr. Gorr at [cgorr@Millburn24.net](mailto:cgorr@Millburn24.net). Let's get ready for another great choir season!

**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 13<sup>th</sup> and club is NOT held on early release days. If interested, please complete the activity form found on the Millburn Elementary website under Extra Curricular Activities. Return it to your child's Homeroom teacher by September 9<sup>th</sup>!

**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 everyone, so invite your family and friends to join you - it is an excellent excuse to spend the day on the golf course for a great cause.

This year we are offering golfers 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. PRICES WILL INCREASE NEXT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> so sign up today for golfing or just the dinner 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, gold sponsors One Twenty Inc., SMR Consulting and the Vawter Family and to Grand Appliance and Only Child Brewery for their generous donations to the event.

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! Extended!** *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 9/5** 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](#)*

**SPIRIT WEAR!** *We will be selling spirit wear at Fall Fest and we are looking for volunteers to help us sell. Please sign up at [Spirit Wear Sales 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 9/5, 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**

Online Account Consent Form

Updated Young Rembrandts Information

<https://il02218195.schoolwires.net/Page/96>