

*Mustang Minute: September 15, 2017*

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**Parent Night on September 12th:** Thank you to everyone who came to Parent Night on Tuesday. I know a lot of information was presented, but we hope that you walked away with an overview of what your child will experience this year. If you have any feedback on how the night went or how we can improve things, please let me know.

**Attendance Week:** We had a great week of attendance. Our average this week was about 97%. We have submitted our attendance rate to the Lake County ROE and will wait to see if we made the top ten, or even better the top 5! Will we need to get the hair trimmers ready???

**Math Club:** Math Club will be starting on Monday, October 2nd. The purpose of the math club is to engage students in activities they most likely would not experience in their regular math class. There will be opportunities for higher-level thinking problems, enrichment, and team problem solving.

This section will be open to 4th and 5th grade students. A section for 2nd and 3rd graders will be open after Winter Break.

You can find the registration form on the Millburn website under Elementary and Extra Curricular activities. Registration needs to be received no later than September 22nd.

**Mustang Highlight:** We have a great staff at MES who do amazing things each and every day. At our monthly Staff Meetings, we recognize staff who have gone above and beyond through a Mustang Highlight. We would like to extend the opportunity to recognize our staff to our Millburn families. Anytime you want to recognize staff, please complete the Mustang Highlight Form found on our website in the Elementary drop down menu. Each month we will share these highlights with staff. We hope you can find time once each month to fill out a Mustang Highlight (or two) so we can acknowledge our hard working staff!

[Mustang Highlight Link](#)

**District Assessments:** As we begin the school year we take time to look at our students' skill levels. Different approaches are utilized in this process including the tool of assessment. The first assessment is the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). This computer-based assessment is given to students in 2nd-8th grade in the areas of Reading and Math.

Another assessment we give is the STAR assessment in 1st-8th Grade. This is also computer-based and assesses Reading and Math. We take this assessment three times a year (Fall, Winter, Spring).

Finally, our Kindergarteners will be using the AIMSweb assessment. This individualized assessment focuses on areas of early literacy and numeracy skills.

Although all three assessments provide achievement information on each child and enable us to measure growth, our primary purpose is to plan our instruction for the year. More information on these assessments can be found on our website: <https://www.millburn24.net/Page/4387>

**How do I report my child's absence?** Our Attendance Line is available 24/7. Dial the building number and follow 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)

**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!

### **PTO NEWS!**

**PTO MEETING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!** Please join us Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at MMS at 7pm in the Media Center for our first PTO Meeting of the year. We will enjoy some ice cream and get to know each other and kick off the 2017-18 school year! We are also looking forward to meeting with all of our chairpersons at 6:15pm! A HUGE thanks for all that you do!

**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! Deadline for inclusion in the PTO Directory is 9-30-17!** Thank you to the families who have already participated in the Buyout. We will still have a couple of fundraisers this year to fill the gap with this new program but please don't feel obligated to participate! We appreciate your support and look forward to funding our programs simply with the Buyout!

**FALL FEST!** Come join us and kick off the school year at Fall Fest, Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 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!! VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP** - Please sign up to volunteer at: Fall Fest Volunteers 2017 or <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1942946/false#/invitation>

**LOCKERWORKS!** Our Final Order for the school year was delivered yesterday and we distributed them today! Any questions please email [presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com](mailto:presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com)

**KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!!** The youngest at Millburn Elementary School (MES) should have brought home a Kidstuff Coupon book last week. The PTO is selling these valuable coupon books for \$25 and we get to keep \$12.50 in profit for each one we sell. There are great coupons to save you tons of money at great local retailers such as: Toys R Us, Macy's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Sears, Michaels, LEGOLAND, Charming Charlie, Claire's, Clarks, Payless, Cheddars, Cold Stone, Denny's and more! Payments can be returned to the school in cash, by check made out to Millburn PTO, or payments can be made on-line at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com). If you are not interested in purchasing the book, simply have your child return it to their teacher they received it from. Thanks for your support of Millburn PTO!! Questions? E-mail us at [kidstuff@millburnpto.com](mailto:kidstuff@millburnpto.com). Thanks for your support! **PTO Buyout Participants - If you participated in our Buyout Program please don't feel obligated to purchase one. Please return it to the school. Thank you for your support!**

**MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!!** Our Resale Donation Drive was a huge success last weekend! We collected twice as much as the last donation drive!!! Thank you all for your support!

**Now Seeking:** Additional sellers for our upcoming MILLBURN KIDS RESALE! Feel like earning some extra money? Start collecting the clothes and toys your kids have outgrown - then turn your collections into cash by selling them at the Millburn Kids Resale! It's a great way for you - and your kids - to clean out the closet, garage, basement, and attic! All early registrations received are automatically entered into a drawing to win 75% of your proceeds instead of the standard 50%. Drawings will be starting the first Friday in October!! Registration forms can be found in the virtual backpack and at both school offices. We are also happy to send you the registration form if that is easier.

Would you like to come early and shop the Millburn Kids Resale **BEFORE** the doors open to the public? Make your selection from great name brand items at fantastic prices from 3:15pm to 4pm on Opening Day of the sale! **The PRESALE is an invite only event for volunteers that help out either before, during or after the sale. We are very flexible with the hours and opportunities to volunteer. If there isn't a time or date that works for your schedule, please contact us to make arrangements.**

Please follow this link to view opportunities: [Volunteer Link - Fall 2017 Millburn Kids Resale](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-millburn2) or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-millburn2>

If your availability is different than the suggested times, please let us know. We are happy to help!  
Contact us at: [MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com](mailto:MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com)

Upcoming Events: Fall Fest 9/16, PTO Meeting 9/20, KidStuff Coupon Books due 9/22

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**

16th - PTO Fall Fest

20th - PTO Meeting @ 7PM (MMS)

### **October**

4th- 1:00 Dismissal

6th- No School- Teacher Institute Day

9th- No School- Columbus Day

18th- MES Math Night (New Family Event...more info coming soon!)

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

### **Virtual Backpack**

Lakes Basketball

Fun Fluency

Cub Scout Recruitment Night

Gurnee Lacrosse

Illinois Junior Volleyball

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