

Mustang Minute: **September 22, 2017**

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Website Translation: One of the features of our new website is the translation option found in the upper left corner of the screen. By clicking on your language of choice, the site translates most of the content into that selected language. Although not everything can be translated, it can do most of the content.

Attendance Week: Area schools were to report their attendance rate by September 21. We found out this afternoon that we did get into the top 10 schools out of 142 schools who participated. We have been invited to a recognition ceremony next Friday. I personally reached out and we in fact made the top five. Yes, that means, I will shave my head and Mr. Rowlands will shave his facial hair. Great job to all our Millburn Mustangs!

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 25th.

Blue Shirt Day- The first Monday of October is Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention™ which signifies the importance of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. We would love to fill MES with blue on Monday, October 2nd. Please have your students wear blue on that day as we unify to STOMP OUT Bullying in our community and world.

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](#)

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!

Halloween Celebration: Halloween celebrations will occur on Friday, October 27 from 1:00-2:00PM. All students are allowed to wear costumes during the celebrations. Costumes should not have weapons associated with them and we would appreciate no makeup because we don't want students wearing it all day long. Students must bring their costumes in and not wear them to school. They will change into them before the parties. Costumes need to be easily put on and not require a lot of help from an adult.

******Students are not to bring in "goodie" bags and food items for their class.** Our celebrations are food free due to the many allergies we have in the building. We need to be considerate of those health issues. Although goodie bags can be non-edible, our PTO provides all of our materials for students for our celebrations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Math Night: You may have seen that we are planning a Math Night this Fall. We are changing the date to Wednesday, November 8 from 5:30-7:30. This event is centered around the world math and we will have a variety of math activities for families to enjoy. Mark your calendars for November 8th!

PTO NEWS!

PTO MEETING!! Thanks to all who came out to our Ice Cream Social Back-To-School PTO Meeting!

FUNDRAISER BUY OUT!! One more week to be included in the PTO Paper Directory! Please consider our Buyout Program. It includes this year's PTO fees plus a case of chocolate if you choose. Help us to fundraise smarter and continue to offer fun and exciting things for our students. **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!

BOX TOPS!! **CALLING ALL BOX TOPS!** The Millburn PTO is so excited to have our first Box Tops collection date for the 2017-2018 school year! Please send in the box tops that you have collected from the summer to your child's class by **Friday, October 13**. For every 25 box tops submitted, your child will have a chance to win a **\$25 Target Gift Card!** The process is easy - count them up and place them in a baggie with your child's name and class labeled on there or attach them to the Box Top sheet that is posted in Virtual Backpack. For questions, please contact boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com

FALL FEST! The PTO would like to send a big THANK YOU to all of the teachers, staff, parents, middle school and high school students who volunteered at Fall Fest last Saturday. The weather was beautiful and this community event would not have been possible without the donation of your time. The Board would like to give a huge shout out to Catherine Kelly, first time chairperson, you knocked it out of the park! And to Julie Murray and Heather Chorazy for your support, guidance and time!!

KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!! **KidStuff Coupon Savings Book Fundraiser ENDS ON 9-22-17!!** We hope you are enjoying browsing your Kidstuff book. It's easy to use just a few great coupons from retailers like Toys R Us, Dick's Sporting Goods, Jewel-Osco or Macy's and save more than the \$25 cost of the book! Most coupons are long-term and valid for 16 months. AND...our school earns 50% or more profit for every book we sell. This is a NO OBLIGATION fundraiser, but it is the sale DEADLINE TODAY! Please return your envelope with payment of 25\$ (cash, check made out to Millburn PTO or online at www.millburnpto.com) OR return the unused book to school to your child's homeroom ASAP if you have not done so already. You can also order more books for family and friends, which is a great gift idea for the holidays. Sell 5 books and get 1 FREE.

Thanks for your support of Millburn PTO!! Questions? E-mail us at 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!! **THE SALE IS ONE MONTH AWAY!!!**

NOW SEEKING SELLERS & VOLUNTEERS

Next Friday 9/29 is our first registration drawing giving anyone who has sent their form into our mailbox or email. If you haven't registered yet but you intend to, please find the registration form in the backpack so that you don't miss out on the opportunity to receive 75% of your sales proceeds.

We are also still seeking volunteers for various times. Volunteers are able to shop the presale at 3:15pm on October 20th before we open to the public.

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

Upcoming Events: KidStuff Coupon Books due 9/22, Box Tops Due 10/13, Kids Resale 10/20 & 10/21

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

Mr. Ben Walshire
Millburn Elementary Principal

October

2nd- National Bullying Prevention Day- Wear Blue

4th- 1:00 Dismissal

6th- No School- Teacher Institute Day

9th- No School- Columbus Day

11th- Picture Retakes

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

Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)

Picture Retake Order Form

ICE Basketball

Lakes Jr. Eagles Girls Basketball

High Five Hoops

High Five Little Ballers

High Five Flag Football

Millburn Federation of Teachers Blood Drive