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Lockdown Drill: Earlier today, we did our first Lockdown Drill, in coordination with the Lake County Sheriff's Department. This drill is designed in the event we have an intruder on school grounds. During today's drill, Lieutenant Andrea Usry spoke on our loudspeaker to all students and staff. She began by introducing herself and sharing that we would be doing a lockdown drill. She informed everyone what a lockdown was and that for today's drill, we would pretend to have a "bad guy" in a certain area of the school. It was communicated that the pretend 'bad guy' was someone on staff, it was Ms. Hoeszter a gym teacher all students are familiar with.

Lt. Usry began the drill by announcing where the pretend "bad guy" was in the building. Teachers then made the choice to either remain in their classrooms or evacuate the building depending on the intruder's location. Many classrooms did choose to evacuate because they were on the opposite side of the building from where the intruder was. Based on feedback from the deputies assisting with us, Millburn Elementary did a great job with this first drill. Students followed the directions of their teachers, classrooms who evacuated were quick and quiet, classes that remained in their classrooms were out of sight and quiet.

We will continue to practice a few more times over the course of the year, but this was a great way to start out. This is never an easy topic to discuss or practice, but we always need to be prepared. Millburn Elementary is committed to student/staff safety and these drills only make us safer. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Parent Night: We have moved our Parent Night for 1st-5th Grade. The 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:

1st-3rd Grade: ***September 17, 5:00- 6:15 (Meet in West Gym)
4th/5th Grade: ***September 17, 6:30-7:45 (Meet in West Gym)

School Picture Orders- This week students brought home their Picture Proof Order form. Orders can be made online or by returning the form with a check made out to Color Portraits Inc. All orders are due Thursday, September 13th. Color Portraits will charge online orders made after the 13th with shipping and handling fees. We had communicated that you would have a choice between two images, however, that is not the case. We do apologize for the error. Picture retakes and makeups are scheduled for Wednesday October 10th. If you would like a retake please write 'RETAKE' on top of your order form and return. If you need a makeup please email vboss@millburn24.net. Any questions or concerns please reach out to vboss@millburn24.net.

Student Council - Sign-ups for student council were due on **Sept. 5th** to be able to attend the **Sept. 14th**. If your child missed that deadline, but is interested in 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 **by Sept. 14th** for Student Council. They will be able to attend the **Sept. 21st meeting and thereafter**.

The activity form can be found on Mrs. Cipolla's website under Student Council or under the extracurricular activities. Looking forward to a great year!

STEP RIGHT UP!!! Come out to Fall Fest and show the Student Council your throwing arm. We will have a carnival style throwing game where you can show your stuff! While throws are free of charge we will be collecting monetary donations to help us offset the costs of making lunches for the PADS shelter. Last year were able to supply over 50 days worth of lunches for the homeless and less fortunate in the area. Please come out and see us!

Choir Begins: The Choir Trial Practices Start Next Week! Choir practices every Tuesday and Thursday after school from 2:30 to 3:45 and all 4th and 5th grade students are welcome to join. For the first two weeks, students are allowed to come to choir and "try-it-out" as long as they submit an activity form by the day before. You can find the activity form and answers to many questions about choir my website: <https://www.millburn24.net/Page/6687>

If your student is interested please bring the signed form to school by the day before practice. If you have any questions you can also email me at cgorr@millburn24.net. Hope to see you there!

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: Next week is Attendance Week! 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 due to those observed days, that will not count towards our overall attendance for the challenge.

New Fun Fluency Immersion Spanish- Join Fun Fluency on an afterschool *aventura* of learning a new language—the way your brain was meant to learn it! Don't miss out on your child's window of opportunity to learn a language with ease at a young age. Classes are taught by native speakers and experienced/certified Spanish teachers.

Students learn Spanish naturally through immersion, movement, games, songs, rhythm, reading, and acting out/listening to stories. Our storytelling-based method focuses on long-term retention, not just memorization. Students will quickly see how fun and easy it is to understand, read, and write in Spanish while being immersed in language, play, and laughter. This opportunity introduces your student to the many advantages of becoming bilingual and culturally aware at a young age. Check out all the fun we're having with fluency at www.funfluency.com.

Class tuition includes a workbook, take-home and online activities for continued practice at home. Class size is limited!

Fun Fluency Promo Video- Click [HERE](#)

PTO News

PTO Registration: We are still accepting registrations for this school year. Please go to millburnpto.com to register.

Website – 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 do so 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: FALL IS COMING and so is our resale!

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 8th 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 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:

[VolunteerLink - Fall Millburn Kids Resale](#)

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 12th**. See your child's backpack, the virtual backpack or visit 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, any help is appreciated! High School and Middle School students may volunteer as well! Any questions, please contact Catherine Kelly - fallfestival@millburnpto.com.

Box Tops: Our first Box Top Collection will be on September 14th – gather all of the Box Tops that you saved over the summer and send them into your child's classroom by **Friday September 14th**! 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 limited quantity of Lockerworks for sale. They are \$20 each and come in 5 colors. Contact presidentelementary@millburnpto.com if you are interested in purchasing one.

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

September

15th- PTO Fall Fest 12-4

17th- Parent Night

1st-3rd @ 5:00

4th-5th @ 6:30

18th- PTO Meeting

October

5th- No School- Teacher Inservice Day

8th- No School- Columbus Day

10th- Picture Retake Day

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)

Virtual Backpack- [LINK](#)

Millburn Federation of Teachers Blood Drive

Warren Township Youth Programs and Groups

Warren-Newport Library Newsletter