

Mustang Minute: September 8, 2017
Wear Red, White, and Blue on Monday- September 11 Anniversary

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Parent Night on September 12th: 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:

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)

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 next week and let's see if we can get into the top five in Lake County!

iPAD Take Home Rights- Students in grades 3rd-5th will be able to take iPads home in the coming weeks. In order for students to have this option, parents must complete the following forms.

- Account Creation Consent
- User Agreement
- Accident Protection Plan (\$30 fee)

Forms will be available at Parent Night, but you are welcome to complete the forms ahead of time. Forms are in the Virtual Backpack and can be turned into your child's homeroom teacher.

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!

Choir: All 4th and 5th 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 12th. 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. 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 4th and 5th 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 13th 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 11th.

Millburn Education Foundation's 10th Annual Millburn Cup - September 15 at Brae Loch Golf Club

We hope you will come out on September 15th 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 8th so sign up today for golfing or just the dinner at www.mef24.schoolauction.net/2017millburncup or email us at 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

New Fun Fluency Immersion Spanish- Join Fun Fluency on an after school *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 and registration closes September 14th.

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! 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!

MILLBURN KIDS RESALE! Millburn Kids Resale Donation Drive is **TOMORROW, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH from 9am-11am at the Middle School Main Entrance!**

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. 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!

We need many volunteers to help make this event a success! We have numerous openings if you haven't already signed up. Please follow this link to view opportunities:

[Millburn Kids Resale Volunteers-Fall 2017](#)

As a volunteer, you are eligible to shop the private presale at 3:15pm before it opens to the public at 4pm. Since we need the volunteers to successfully run this event, we ask that you volunteer for at least one shift before, during or after the sale. See the site for all available spots. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks again for your support! We look forward to another successful sale!

KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!! Coupon books were distributed at Millburn Elementary School to the youngest child in each family. If you no longer have children at MES and would like to purchase a coupon book please send in \$25 in cash or check made payable to "Millburn PTO" in an envelope addressed to "Kidstuff PTO" to the school by 9/22 and we'll see that your child receives one. Please remember to indicate your child's full name and homeroom. You may order additional copies for friends or family as well. For every 5 books you sell, you earn one free. KidStuff Coupon Books are filled with hundreds of national, regional and local coupons for all ages! The KidStuff Book is conveniently organized, offers incredible savings and is sold exclusively through schools! Our school earns 50% or more profit for every book we sell! Use just a few coupons and easily save more than the \$25 cost of the book...Remember to keep KidStuff in your car! Most coupons are long-term and valid for 16 months! You will enjoy fabulous savings from: Toys R Us, Macy's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Disney Store, Michaels, LEGOLAND, Charming Charlie, Claire's, Clarks, Payless, Cheddars, Denny's + more! There are 24 editions for areas throughout the country. See all 24 editions at <http://www.kidstuffcb.com/kidstuff-coupon-book-editions>

This is a **NO OBLIGATION** fundraiser.

PTO Buyout Participants - If you participated in our Buyout Program please don't feel obligated to purchase one. Thank you for your support. Questions? Contact us at www.millburnpto.com or email kidstuff@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!!**

-VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP - Please sign up to volunteer at: [Fall Fest Volunteers 2017](#)

-ADVANCE SALE TICKETS - Please see the virtual backpack for flyer. Advance sale tickets will be picked up at Fall Fest.

-50/50 RAFFLE - Please see the virtual backpack for flyer.

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](#)

LOCKERWORKS! A final order was placed and we will contact all of those who ordered as soon as our shipment arrives. Any questions please email presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com

Upcoming Events: Kids Resale Donation Drive 9/9, Fall Fest Advance Ticket Sales Due 9/13, 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 or (847) 356-8331.

Mr. Ben Walshire
Millburn Elementary Principal

September

11th-15th- Attendance Week

12th - Parent Night 1st-5th

15th - MEF Golf Outing

16th - PTO Fall Fest

20th - PTO Meeting @ 7PM (MMS)

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

Virtual Backpack

Online Account Consent Form (K-5)

iPAd User Agreement (3rd-5th)

Protection Plan (3rd-5th)

Fall Fest Advanced Ticket Sales

Fall Fest Pot of Gold

Fall Fest Volunteers Needed

Art Club Interest

Updated Young Rembrandts Information

Lakes Basketball

Fun Fluency

Cub Scout Recruitment Night

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