

*Mustang Minute: July 20, 2018*

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Happy Summer! I just wanted to send out a quick note as we begin looking ahead to the start of the 2018-19 school year. Don't worry, still plenty of time to have fun in the sun!

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**KDG Screening:** All registered Kindergarten students will be screened on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have not signed up for a time, please contact the main office. Screening will last about 20-25 minutes. The purpose of screening is to see each student's skill levels. All of our students come in with different skill sets and we just want to know where students are starting from prior to the first day of school.

**Supply Lists:** Don't forget to check out the supply lists for the upcoming school year. There are lots of deals out there and I know many are eager to get supplies bought now. Follow the link below to see our district-wide list.

[Supply List](#)

**PowerSchool/ Homeroom Teacher:** You will be able to view your child's homeroom teacher through the parent portal of PowerSchool starting on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. Kindergarten parents will receive their login information at Kindergarten Screening on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. All other new families will have theirs sent home in the mail. If you encounter any problems with logging in, please contact the school office.

\*\*\*Please note, parents and students cannot access Powerschool at this time. If you do not know your login prior to PowerSchool going live on August 10, contact the main office.\*\*\*

**Physicals:** If you are missing a physical for your child, please make sure to schedule it before the start of the school year. Once school begins, it will be hard to find time to schedule an appointment.

**Supply Drop Off/ Pictures:** On August 22<sup>th</sup> we invite families to come to MES to drop supplies off in classrooms, get school pictures taken and enjoy a PTO Ice Cream Social. All events start at 4:00 and run until 6pm. Pictures will be in the East and West Gyms and the PTO will be set up in the Cafeteria. We will open doors to the building at 4:00 and you can choose what event you and your child would like to do first. Student with last names from A-L will take their picture in the East Gym. Last names from M-Z will be in the West Gym.

\*\*\*Early Childhood and SEDOL pictures will NOT be taken on August 23. EC/SEDOL pictures will be taken on September 6 during the school day.

**Attendance Week 2018:** We have officially signed-up for the Regional Office of Education's Attendance Week competition where Lake County Schools compete for the highest attendance rate the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>. Last year, Millburn Elementary placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, this meant that Mr. Rowlands had to shave his beard and Mr. Walshire had to shave his head. Although we have yet to decide on what our challenge will be this year, we are looking for fun ideas. Someone at school mentioned that we would have to Skydive!!! Let me know if you have any ideas.

**Parent Night:** 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:

Kindergarten- August 21, 6:00-7:30 (Meet in Cafeteria)

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: September 11, 5:00- 6:15 (Meet in West Gym)

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade: September 11, 6:30-7:45 (Meet in West Gym)

**MES Clubs/Activities:** We will have an assortment of clubs and extra-curricular activities run by the school this year. We understand that families are juggling many different events with their child and knowing when things are occurring upfront is helpful for planning purposes. We are currently working on and finalizing all of the activities that will take place this school year. Once finalized, parents will be able to see a list of all activities, when they will occur, and a brief overview of what the activity is. These will be listed on our website.

**2018 Cross Country Season:** All 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in running cross country this fall should have their parents/guardians email Coach Perusich at [dperusich@millburn24.net](mailto:dperusich@millburn24.net). When emailing Coach Perusich, please include your son's/daughter's name, his/her grade this fall, and your email contact information. Coach Perusich will be emailing information regarding August workouts, spirit wear, and the upcoming 2017 cross country season. Expect to receive an email by the end of July.

Additionally, if you would like to receive 2018 Millburn XC information via your smartphone, please see the document in the backpack for instructions on how to download the Remind App.

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.

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Millburn Elementary Principal

**Dates to Note for Summer**

8/6-8/7- Kindergarten Screening

8/8- Supply Kit Pick Up (MES East Gym)

8/9- New Family Orientation (New families to the district)

8/22- Supply Drop Off

8/23- First Day of School

Link to [Parent Calendar](#)