

Mustang Minute: March 23, 2018

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

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Kindergarten Registration: If you have a child who will turn five years old on or before September 1, 2018, please take note of the following information. Millburn District will be accepting registration for kindergarten on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Millburn Elementary School, 18550 Millburn Road, Wadsworth. ALL registrations will be accepted at Millburn Elementary School. You must call the school to request a registration packet. Millburn Elementary main office phone number is 847-356-8331.

If you know anyone in our district who may not receive this notification, please ask them to contact the school. We appreciate your help as we prepare for the next school year!

FIRST GRADE - if you have a child enrolled in a kindergarten program other than the Millburn District, please notify the office if you intend on registering your child for First Grade in Millburn. Your child must be six years old on or before September 1, 2018 to register for the first grade in this district.

PARCC Testing: PARCC, our state assessment, is approaching, it is roughly 2 weeks away. This assessment will be administered to students in grades 3rd-5th. Students will be taking 7 tests total (4 Math, 3 English/Language Arts). This year, students will be taking **two tests in a day** to decrease our number of testing days and minimise impact on instruction. Testing will take place April 9th-12th. If you would like to learn more about this assessment, visit the website below:

<http://www.parcconline.org/about/the-parcc-tests>

Since students will be taking the assessments on their iPads, it is very important that they bring them each day, *fully charged*. If students do forget their device or do not have a fully charged device, they may need to make-up a test another day.

Illinois Science Assessment: All fifth- and eighth-graders and some high school students will begin taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) THIS SPRING. The ISA aligns with our new [Illinois Learning Standards](#) in science. This assessment helps families understand how well students are performing academically and see whether they are on track to succeed in college. The ISA represents Illinois' commitment to preparing all students for college and careers, including in the high-demand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The assessment also satisfies federal accountability requirements. 5TH Graders at MES will take their assessment on Wednesday, April 25. The assessment should last about 45 minutes.. You will find a parent letter about this assessment in this week's virtual backpack.

2018-2019 Class Placements: We are currently in the process of planning and placing students into homerooms for next year. Please find a letter in the Virtual Backpack with some information on how this process works. As a reminder, class lists WILL NOT be sent via email over the summer. Parents will need to log into PowerSchool to see their child's homeroom teacher once it goes live in August. Parents are encouraged to set up their accounts ASAP to access before the next school year begins. If you need assistance with getting your account set-up, there is a help sheet in the Virtual Backpack.

PBIS Fundraisers Coming Up: We have a couple of fundraisers coming in to help our PBIS program. Check them out!

On April 7 is **Millburn Elementary Family Day with the Chicago Wolves!** The Wolves take on the Milwaukee Admirals on St. Baldrick's Night at Allstate Arena. There is a Wolves trading card giveaway and a sale on merchandise. A portion of the ticket proceeds purchased by Millburn families will be donated to our PBIS program! See the flyer in the Virtual BackPack for additional information including pricing for tickets and food vouchers.

Come out to Portillos on April 18th from 5-8PM and 20% of proceeds will go to our PBIS program. Funds will be used to help purchase activities and rewards for our outstanding Mustangs throughout the year. Present the flyer to show you are from Millburn (hard copy or on your phone). The flyer is in the Virtual Backpack.

CAPS AND LIDS Update: Please join us tomorrow, March 24 at 1:00 pm (in the east gym) to see 1600 pounds of caps and lids before we load them on the truck that will take them to Evansville, Indiana on Monday, March 26th. Thank you to Kevin Stone who has volunteered to take them for us and bring back 4 benches for the school.

Thanks again for all your support in this project!

The Garden Committee and Ecology Club

PARTy Day (PBIS): Throughout the year, we have planned celebrations for our students known as PARTy Days (play on words....Do Your PART). These days are designed to celebrate the positive choices our students make throughout the year. Each grade level plans fun activities for students as part of the celebration. The grade level with the lowest percentage of students with minors/majors get PARTy Day with Mr. Rowlands and I. We are very proud of our students as currently over 90% have received 0-1 minor/major this school year. There are times that some students make a bad choice, but learn from the mistake. On rare occasions, students may repeat behaviors or chronically display inappropriate choices over the course of time. We plan to use PARTy Days as a reteaching opportunity for these students that need more support. They will get to participate in our school-wide celebration, but we want to use part of the time to reinforce skills.

Our next PARTy Day will be Friday, April 27 from 1-2. Great job to our Millburn Mustangs for DOING THEIR PART!

PTO NEWS!

FACEBOOK!! Please "LIKE" our Facebook page at Millburn PTO for daily updates and fun news!

8TH GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Our next meeting is Monday, April 9th at 7pm at the MMS Faculty

Lounge. At this meeting, we will be finalizing food, decorations and more! Any questions please email presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com.

PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS!! The 7th graders and their parents are busy planning the 8th Grade Farewell Celebration for you. One of the highlights of the evening is a SLIDESHOW of the graduates. Please see your email for instructions on uploading your photos to our dropbox. In order to provide plenty of time to compile the slideshow, **please upload your photos by April 6th**. Any questions please email Denise and Kristin at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com.

PARENTS OF 7TH GRADERS!! Attention 7th graders, a theme has been selected and plans are well underway for this year's 8th Grade Farewell Celebration. Compete for the chance to have YOUR ARTWORK selected and represented on the event's programs and DVDs. Please see Ms. Reu TODAY for the competition details as **submissions are due April 3rd**. The 8FC Committee is looking forward to seeing the theme come alive in your artwork!

KIDS RESALE!! THE SALE IS A MONTH AWAY!!! NOW SEEKING SELLERS & VOLUNTEERS!!

Next Friday 3/30/18 is our first registration drawing for 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. Here is the volunteer link if you want to sign up and help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-millburn3>

Volunteers are able to shop the presale at 3:15pm on April 20th before we open to the public.

Also let us know if you have older kids that would like to volunteer for the sale!!! We have SERVICE HOURS letters we can provide! Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks again for your support! We look forward to another successful sale! Contact us with any questions at millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com.

STAFF APPRECIATION!! We really want to continue this committee next school year, but we need a chairperson for the Middle School. We have two chairpeople for Elementary but we need BOTH schools covered to continue this committee at BOTH schools. If you're interested, please email Melissa Hyde at vicepresident@millburnpto.com and she can answer any questions you may have. Our joint committee is meeting the week after Spring Break to plan Teacher Appreciation Week and we would love to have a new Middle School shadow help us facilitate this last event of the year!

BOX TOPS!! There are 2 more chances during this school year to win the random gift card drawing - April and May. The next Box Top collection is due on Friday, April 13. Send in your box tops in a baggie, envelope or on the collection sheets sent home. Any questions - please reach out to boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com. Thanks!

SPIRIT WEAR!! PTO's Spring Spirit Wear sale is now open online for both the elementary and the middle school. The links below will take you directly to the site and we have items such as shorts, tank tops, t-shirts as well as glitter t-shirts and the Millburn combined logo design is back too! Our sale will be open until 4/8 so don't miss out on your chance to order!

<https://millburnmustangs.itemorder.com/>
<https://millburncougars.itemorder.com/>

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The LAST Middle School Activity Night of the year is Friday, April 13th. The theme for the night is *Under the Sea*. Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing their most creative interpretation of the theme. This is a chance for them to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, no masks, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change.

There will be a DJ & NITRO BALL!!!!

We are looking for volunteers to help chaperone this fun-filled evening! Please contact Denise Ide or Sarah Moore Primack at activitynight@millburnpto.com if you'd like to join us!

FUN RUN!! The Millburn PTO Family Fun Run is rescheduled for Saturday 4/28; 8:30 am check-in! Mark your calendars for this fun family event! We are now accepting corporate sponsors! If you have a business that would like to sponsor our event or have any questions, please contact us at millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com. We appreciate any and all contributions to this great cause.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! NOW SEEKING CONTESTANTS!

Calling all meat smokers/grillers...enter the pulled meat contest at Family Fun Night on 5/18. The PTO is

hosting a luau and a pulled meat "cook-off" as a great way to accompany this end of the school year event! All contestants will receive a free meal ticket at the event.

To make sure we have enough food, please be sure to register by 4/20 by clicking here:

[Family Fun NIght _entry for pulled meat contest](#) or

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4daeac23a5fe3-ptofamily>

or contact us at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com directly.

Upcoming Events: Spirit Wear Orders Due 4/8, 8FC Meeting 4/9, MMS Activity Night 4/13, Box Tops Due 4/13, Kids Resale 4/20 & 4/21, Family Fun Night Pulled Meat Contest Registration Due 4/20, Fun Run 4/28

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

Spring Break March 26-30

April

2nd- No School- Easter Holiday

3rd- School Resumes

4th- Early Release @ 1:00, KDG Registration Night 4-6PM

9th- PARCC Testing Begins 3rd-5th

25th- ISA Assessment- 5th Grade

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PTO MES Family Fun Night Flyer

Gurnee Park District Spring Programs