



Cougar Catch: January 15th, 2016

Calendar Link:

Millburn Madness:

<http://millburnmadness.schoolauction.net/millburnmadness/homepages/show>

Backpack:

Middle School Yearbook Final Call for Ordering
Wilmot Ski Trip
Cyber Bullying Presentation at Lakes H.S.
Millburn Madness Invitation
Wisconsin JR's. Volleyball

Report Cards: It is official. We have completed Quarter 2! Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday. Students will change specials classes when we return to school this Tuesday to start Quarter 3.

Spelling Bee: The middle school spelling bee will be on January 28th in the afternoon. Each homeroom conducted a mini spelling bee in order to select winners to participate in the building wide spelling bee on the 28th. Good luck spellers!

Cyber Bullying: There is a flyer in the backpack with all the details on this. Antioch HS and Lakes HS are hosting the presentation by The Lake County State's Attorney's Office. This event is February 1st at 6:30 pm. Check out the flyer for more details.

Yearbook: This year the yearbook has gone to an online ordering format. These directions were shared earlier this year. Attached in the backpack are the directions once again to place an order. Also, if you don't remember if you ordered, there are directions for that too. The ordering will close on February 6th.

Wilmot Ski Trip: The PE teachers organize a field trip to Wilmot Mountain each year. This year it is scheduled for February 3rd. Students will organize in the gym at dismissal. This is an Early Dismissal day. Students return to school at 9:30 pm.

Sportsmanship: The IESA has shared an email with administrators and athletic directors about the importance of good sportsmanship. As parents, coaches and fans it is critical that we model good sportsmanship. Our students are looking at us to be the adults in these situations. IESA explains that we have to understand that there will be missed calls periodically. Abusive behavior towards referees, coaches, parents and students is unacceptable. I want to use this opportunity to share with you that our school has a language in our handbook prohibiting poor sportsmanship. It is our responsibility as adults to support our student athletes and represent our school with good sportsmanship at all events.

Washington D.C. Trip: Shortly after school lets out in June, Mr. Schroeder (8th Grade Social Studies), chaperones a voluntary trip for 8th grade students to Washington D.C. I have attached the registration form for this event to the virtual backpack.

Millburn Education Foundation Scholarship: In the backpack, you will find all the details for 2016 High School Seniors to apply for one of three \$1,000 scholarships! Applications are due by March 1st. Good luck to our alumni!

Kindergarten Registration: Millburn will host a Kindergarten Registration event on April 6th from 4pm to 6pm. All of the details can be found in the flyer on the Virtual Backpack. If you have a neighbor with young children please feel free to mention this or print the flyer for them.

PTO NEWS!!

PTO MEETING!! Our next PTO meeting is Wednesday, January 27th at 9am at Millburn Elementary School in Room 102. We hope to see you there!

PTO SURVEY!! HURRY TO PARTICIPATE ...MILLBURN PTO 2015-2016 SURVEY CLOSING SOON:

The PTO wants to hear from you! We are conducting a quick 10 question survey about our communication, activities and membership options. Please take a few moments to fill the survey out via the link. This information will help us with future strategic planning. The survey will be open [through Jan 17th at 10 PM](#). Thanks for your time.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LKC76L5>

RECESS VOLUNTEERS!! MES is looking for Recess Volunteers to help on the playground from 11am-12:20pm, Monday through Friday. Recess volunteers can choose to help one day a week, one day every other week or even one day each month. Any recess volunteer help is welcomed and appreciated. Please contact Tracy Behnke at tracybehnke@hotmail.com with any questions or sign-up information. Thanks!

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! Millburn PTO and Ceramics For You present: Crazy With Creativity Family Fun Night on February 5, 2016 from 6 to 8 pm. Come join us for some creative painting fun! Choose a blank canvas and make a masterpiece to give as a gift or keep for yourself. Perfect for Valentine's Day! Canvas options: 8x10 for \$12.50 or 16x20 for \$25. Supplies, project ideas and guidance will be provided by the experts at Ceramics For You. **Please dress for a mess!** It is highly recommended that you **RSVP by January 29** for this event at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com to ensure we have sufficient supplies and materials to make this night awesome! Please provide number of attendees as well as the quantity and choice of canvas size. Payment will be accepted at the door. Hope to see you there!

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The THIRD Middle School Activity Night is Friday, January 29th. Please join us for HAWAIIAN NIGHT!! 6th grade is 6pm-8:30pm and 7th/8th grade is 6:30pm-9pm. Entrance requires \$2 and your Student ID.

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! The Millburn School District has a long-standing tradition of the 7th grade students and their parents hosting a Farewell Celebration for the 8th grade students and their parents. At this time, we are looking for 7th grade parents to volunteer for this event. Examples of committee work may include food, decorations, iMovie, memory book, coordinating volunteers, invitations and many more. In January we will schedule our first meeting and we will outline the different opportunities available. In the mean time, please reach out to Deb Pineau at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com if you are interested in learning more or if you know there is a committee you would love to work on. Looking forward to working with a great group of our 7th grade parents!!

Upcoming Events: PTO Meeting 1/27, MES Family Fun Night 1/29, MMS Activity Night 1/29

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