



Cougar Catch: January 22nd, 2016

Calendar Link:

Millburn Madness:

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

Backpack:

Middle School Yearbook Final Call for Ordering

Wilmot Ski Trip

Millburn Madness Invitation, Donation/Sponsor, Online Auction

Timberwolves Football Cheer

Lake Villa Township Baseball Registration – last call

Millburn Madness is Just Five Weeks Away!

The Millburn Education Foundation invites you to join us at Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville on Saturday, February 27th for a fun parent's night out featuring local band Charlie Foxtrot. Tickets are on sale now at www.schoolauction.net/marchmadness for \$40 each and include delicious Austin's appetizers and a free drink (buy your tickets before the price goes up to \$50 each on 2/20!).

Need a Sitter?

The Millburn Before and After School Club (MBAC) is once again offering a childcare option for Millburn Madness. Kids will get dinner and a snack and have lots of fun at the elementary school having their own fun while you attend Millburn Madness. The childcare program will start at 5:30 pm and end at 12:15 am. The cost for the childcare will be \$20 per child or \$30 per family. Such a great deal – thank you to Jimichael and the MBAC for offering this option to our district families. A childcare form can be found on the virtual backpack.

NEW THIS YEAR – Millburn Madness Online Auction for all Teacher/Staff

Donated Items open to EVERYONE!

We are so thrilled to be able to offer free access to bid on these one-of-a-kind experiences for your child(ren) to everyone. Just create your free account at www.schoolauction.net/marchmadness and view the items that are available by clicking on the Online Auction tab. *The bidding will open on February 1 at 6:00 a.m. and close on Friday, February 26 at Noon.* There is more information on the online auction in the electronic backpack. Thank you to all the teachers and staff members for donating their time to create these fun auction items – we know that there will be many happy winners!

Donations Still Accepted and Sponsorships Still Available!

To donate an item or service to the live or silent auction or to sponsor Millburn Madness, please contact Valerie at valerie.powley@sbcglobal.net. You can also download the Millburn Madness Donation-Sponsor letter from the virtual backpack for more information.

We hope to see you all on Saturday, February 27th!
The Millburn Education Foundation Board

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!

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. Permission slip is in backpack.

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!

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!! Please join us for HAWAIIAN NIGHT at MMS, Friday, January 29th. *New socks will be collected this night, with donations being given to Open Arms Mission in Antioch. The mission provides food and other services for residents of Lake Villa, Lindenhurst and Antioch. The greatest need at this time is for men's and women's socks. All who donate will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 VISA gift card.*

Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing face paint, and or hair paint. Masks can be worn, but cannot cover more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the face. This is a chance for them to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change. **THE DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

DROP OFF

6th grade- 6pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade- 6:30pm, MAIN entrance

PICK UP

6th grade- 8:30, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade- 9:00 ACTIVITY entrance

For pick up, please pull in and find a parking spot. You can meet your child at the canopy area. You can also use the pickup lane but if everyone does this, the line of traffic will stretch out to ROUTE 45! No student will be allowed to walk or ride a bike home. Admission to the event is \$2.00. Drinks, candy, and pizza will be available for purchase.

All students attending **MUST** have a current student ID to show at the door. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.** Students **CANNOT** go to their lockers to retrieve forgotten ID's, as the hallway doors are locked. If you need to leave before the Activity Night is over, **YOUR** parent must sign you out! These rules are **NOT** negotiable! Interested in volunteering? Contact Tracy Dwyer at tudwyer@comcast.net.

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! **ATTENTION 7th Grade Parents Only:** The 8th Grade Farewell Celebration planning meeting is set for Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. in Millburn Middle

School Room 1114. We will be voting on the theme and assigning planning committees.
Email farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com with any questions.

BOX TOPS!! January box tops collection sheets were sent home this week with your student. Please remember to return them to school on February 1. Every box top counts! [Click here for extra sheets.](#)

Upcoming Events: 8FC Meeting 1/26, PTO Meeting 1/27, MES Family Fun Night 1/29, MMS Activity Night 1/29

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