



Cougar Catch: January 29th, 2016

Calendar Link:

Millburn Madness:

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

Backpack:

Talent Show Flyer and Permission Slip

Park District Babysitter Training

Spring Break Camp

Warren Youth Baseball

Middle School Yearbook Final Call – Closes February 6th!!!

Millburn Madness Invitation, Donation/Sponsor, Online Auction

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 ½ 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.

Save the Date: The annual art show that our students participate in will be held on Friday, April 29th at Lakes High School. Each year we have many middle school students represented at this event. Please save the date in your calendars.

Talent Show: The Millburn District Talent Show plans are underway. Please visit the backpack for all the details and permission.

Cultural Awareness Presenter: Each year, our students are presented with curriculum on the history of our country and the cultures of the world. This year, I have invited a guest speaker that will present to our students on cultural diversity and stereotypes. The presenter is an Associate Professor at CLC in the areas of ELI (English Language Immersion), Communication Arts, Humanities, and Fine Arts. We are going to provide this presentation to each grade level this year. The 8th grade date has been set for February 5th.

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

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.

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!! Sending a big thanks to those who attended our PTO Meeting on Wednesday. We appreciate your support and value your feedback! Great ideas were shared...THANK YOU!!

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

WENDY'S NIGHT!! Join us next Tuesday, February 2, from 5 to 8pm at the Lindenhurst Wendy's located at the intersection of Rt. 45 and Sand Lake. Dine in or carry out! Wendy's will donate 15% of all sales back to Millburn PTO.

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Thank you so much to all the 7th grade parents who attended our 1st meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting and are interested in being part of the planning process, please contact us at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com. We are still looking for the following committee chairs:

Memory Wall, Chair is responsible for collecting the necessary pictures of our 8th graders, working with decorations committee to incorporate memory wall into the theme of the event, set up wall with parent volunteers.

Memory CD, Chair responsibilities include making sure each 8th grader completes a memory page during class, obtain congratulatory letters from the superintendent, principals, mayor, governor, etc., make / complete CD's.

If your schedule doesn't allow you help in the pre-event activities, we also need lots of help the week of the event with set up, running the event, and clean up. More information will become available when we are closer to the date of the celebration.

MILLBURN PTO PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!! That's right. It's our turn. An adult-only event designed from member feedback! Join us on Thursday, February 18, at Chances Bar in Lindenhurst (455 S. Route 45) from 7 to 9 p.m. Leave the kiddos at home and come mix, mingle and find your creative side at a Private Millburn PTO Art Rave night. Nothing to volunteer for - no fundraiser - just a night to socialize. [Click here to order tickets at Art Rave Inc.](#) Tickets are \$40 (+ \$3.00 ticket fee). Space is limited to 30 painters.

MMS STAFF APPRECIATION!! We are planning for our Annual "Souper Bowl" Luncheon on Wednesday, February 10th at MMS. If you can make a soup or dessert please contact Melissa Hyde at hydemyself@hotmail.com. We are very grateful for everything that you do!

Upcoming Events: *MES Family Fun Night 1/29, MMS Activity Night 1/29, Wendy's Night 2/2 & 2/9*

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