



Cougar Catch: October 2nd, 2015

Calendar Link:

Backpack:

Haunted Trail flyer
Hastings Lake Y Halloween flyer
1:1 Technology Pilot at Millburn
Kids Resale Documents

End of the Day Dismissal: At school we like to have system in place so that dismissal runs smoothly and that kids, parents and staff know how it works. Here are some reminders:

1. Parents are not allowed to pick up students from the bus loading area. You must arrange in advance with the office for alternate pick up plans. Do not try to pick up students from the bus loading area as this would be a security breach and will cause a difficult situation.
2. Remind students to get out to the bus asap at the end of the day. The bell rings at 3:02 and we want to send the busses by 3:10.
3. Parents are not allowed to enter the building at the East Entrance during dismissal. Please use the Main Entrance.
4. Student pick up is limited to our drive up lane and the Main Entrance parking lot. If you are parking, please get out and pick up your child from the Main Entrance canopy. You can also park and then wait until the pick up lane gets shorter.
5. Walkers need to leave school and report home promptly. They can come back to school around 4:15 for most after school sporting events.
6. Bikes, skateboards, roller blades need to be walked while on school grounds at drop off and pick up times due to the pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

Camp Timberlee: The 6th grade class will be leaving on Monday and returning on Wednesday. This is a great trip that the 6th grade teachers organize. It takes a ton of prep

work and on the site work. The reward is to see how much fun the kids have with each other at Camp Timberlee. Rest up over the weekend so you have energy for camp!

Mid Quarter Grades: Today marks the middle of the 1st quarter! Can you believe that? Grades are current in Powerschool for any parents or students that want to check on progress. Late work may not be updated yet depending on when it was turned in.

NWEA Testing:

*7th Grade (and Watters 8th Grade ELA class) on Friday and Monday

*Make up testing on Monday and Tuesday

1:1 Technology Plan: This year we have a 6th grade class and 3rd grade class that will be piloting the iPad as a learning tool. Piloting the program with a small group of students will help determine the best path forward. Data will be collected during the pilot, and the sustainability of the program will be examined. This pilot was made possible by the generous contributions of parents through the Millburn Education Foundation.

East Entrance Locked in Mornings: This year we are going to keep the East Entrance doors locked in the mornings. This will impact Band and Choir and other periodic morning activities. I want to encourage students in Band and Choir to arrive on time so that they can get into the building. The directors will check the doors leading up to rehearsal and a final time right before rehearsal starts. Students that arrive late will be able to get into the building at the Main Entrance at 7:30 when the office opens.

PTO NEWS!!

PTO DIRECTORY!! Please register at www.MillburnPTO.com. The first edition of the PTO Directory will be published to PTO members by the end of October. Don't be left out! Register today! Our PAPERLESS PTO system is where all signups, calendars, eblasts, membership directory and purchases can take place in one centralized location. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the PTO Board Members at www.MillburnPTO.com.

KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!! Thanks so much to all the Millburn Families and staff who participated in the Kidstuff Coupon Book Sale. We have raised over \$5000 for the PTO with your help! We still have over 120 coupon books not returned or paid for at this time. If you would like to keep the book and haven't paid for it yet, please submit payment of 25\$ in cash or check made out to MILLBURN PTO and send into school. You can also pay online at www.millburnpto.com. If you do not want to keep the book, please return it to your homeroom ASAP. Happy shopping!

FALL FEST!! A HUGE thanks to our Fall Festival Chairpersons Julie Murray and Heather Chorazy for organizing a highly successful Fall Fest 2015! Your hard work and dedication is appreciated! Thank you to all the teachers who participated in the power shower. And, of course, all this would not have been possible without our parent volunteers. Thank you! Millburn rocks!

KIDS RESALE!! "Think Fall" and start collecting the clothes and toys your kids have outgrown from last fall and winter - then turn your collections into cash by selling them at the Millburn Kids Resale! It's a great way for you - and your kids - to clean out the closet, garage, basement, and attic! **All registrations are automatically entered into a drawing to win 75% of your proceeds - last drawing on October 9th.** Registration forms can be found on the PTO website and in the virtual

backpack. Don't have time to price your items but still want them out of your house? Contact the committee at millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com to schedule a time to drop off your donations.

BOX TOP CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Please remember to turn in your Box Tops collection sheets on Monday, October 5. For every Box Tops collection sheet (complete with 25 Box Tops) that you send in, your child will be entered into a September drawing for a \$25 Visa Gift card. If you don't have enough to fill a sheet please send what you can - every Box Top helps! If you need extra collection sheets they can be printed out from www.millburnpto.com

We still need Box Tops classroom volunteers, as there are quite a few classrooms that do not have one. We hope you can find a small amount of time to help us out with this important resource for our schools. The volunteer is responsible for collecting, counting and sorting the labels. This can be done in the convenience of your home and then handed over to the Committee Chair, Janis Moore. This would be the perfect job for a parent who would like to help out but does not have a lot of time to spare. Please consider helping us out. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at www.millburnpto.com. Any questions please email Janis Moore at ltwmoore@comcast.net

WENDY'S NIGHTS!! An EASY way to support the Millburn PTO is to eat at the Lindenhurst Wendy's (corner of Route 45 and Sand Lake Road). Please dine in or drive through between 5pm and 8pm. Wendy's will donate 15% of all sales back to Millburn PTO. No flyers necessary! NEW THIS YEAR... our Wendy's Nights will be the 1st and 2nd TUESDAYS of the month!!! We used to be Wednesdays, so PLEASE make note that TUESDAYS are your night off in the kitchen!

Upcoming Events: WENDY'S NIGHTS 10/6 & 10/13, KIDS RESALE 10/23 & 10/24

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