



Cougar Catch: October 9th, 2015

Calendar Link:

Backpack:

Millburn Dance Team Informational Flyer
Winiewicz Fundraiser
Eagles Boys Basketball Tryouts
Youth Basketball Leagues at Grayslake PD
Haunted Trail flyer
Hastings Lake Y Halloween flyer
Kids Resale Documents

MES Staff Member Support: As many of you know, one of our staff members, Gina Winiewicz, lost her husband and daughter in a tragic car accident in August. To support the family, Rocky's Pizza in Lindenhurst is donating 25% of all sales on Sunday, October 18 to go directly to the family. More information on this fundraiser is in the Virtual Backpack.

PBIS Referral Data: We are seeing very positive results from one of our school initiatives, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Our goal is to reduce discipline issues through the year and acknowledge students when they are following expectations. The intent of PBIS is to **focus our time on teaching and learning**. Here is a breakdown of one area of improvement over the last three years:

- 2012/2013 – 460 Student Referrals
- 2013/2014 – 415 Student Referrals
- 2014/2015 – 280 Student Referrals

Look forward to our Student/Citizen Recognition events that take place each month to celebrate students that are recognized by peers and teachers for their positive behaviors.

Millburn Dance Team: There is an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 14th

for students interested in the Millburn Dance Team. We will use this meeting to determine interest level and plan tryouts for the following week. See the flyer in the backpack for more details.

8th Grade Ceiling Tiles: The 8th grade class got to paint ceiling tiles on Wednesday of this week. This event allows our students to literally leave their mark on Millburn Middle School! The weather was fantastic but the students were even better! The teachers and I noticed how this group of students treated each other so well and completed their tile without getting off task.

Teacher In-Service: Our teachers were busy today during in-service time. Here is a list of focus areas for our staff during this time:

- Strategic Planning
- Writing Curriculum Training
- Curriculum and Standard Alignment in Science and Social Studies
- Student Growth Target Setting

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!! Thank you to all who participated in the Kidstuff coupon book sale. With your help we raised over \$5000 for Millburn PTO. **If you have not responded to the sale by either turning in your 25\$ payment for the book (checks made out to Millburn PTO or pay online at www.millburnpto.com) or by returning your book to your child's homeroom, please do ASAP.** We are getting final numbers for our sale and returning our remaining inventory to the Kidstuff company. If you purchased any additional books and have not received them yet, please contact us at vicepresidentelementary@millburnpto.com. Thanks for your patience and support.

MMS STAFF APPRECIATION!! The MMS Staff Appreciation and Baking Committees are busy planning a Welcome Back Luncheon for our teachers and staff on Thursday, Oct 15. We will be catering in a hot sandwich/pasta lunch and will offer some delicious sides and desserts to finish it off. We're excited to have the opportunity to help start their school year off on the right foot and show them just how much we appreciate all they do for our kids! Look for more updates from our committee as the year rolls along.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! Millburn PTO Presents: Halloween Bingo Family Fun Night on October 30 from 6 to 8 pm in the MES Cafeteria. Please join us for a night of bingo with family and friends! There will be fun prizes, a costume contest for adults and kids, and treats to purchase while you play. Cost of admission will be non-perishable food items to be donated to the Lake Villa Food Pantry. One bingo card is \$1 per person. Additional cards are 25 cents each. All proceeds for bingo card purchases and treats will go to the PTO to support MES. Come support our school and community while having fun! Hope to see you there!

KIDS RESALE!! **Volunteers:** We still need volunteers to help run the sale. There are several shifts open on Fri. October 23rd and Sat. October 24th. Please follow this link to find a time that fits best into your schedule: <http://vols.pt/L5v71Z>. All volunteers have the privilege to shop the sale before it opens from 3 to 4pm on Fri. October 23rd. If you have any questions or your availability is different than the suggested times, email us at MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com. **Seller Registration:** All registration forms are due October 16. All previous sellers must register for each sale, but your ID # will remain the same. Registration forms can be found on the PTO website and in the virtual backpack.

BOX TOP CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Thank you to all of our students who submitted their Box Tops. We are in the process of counting and sorting them right now and will have the drawing for the \$25 Visa Gift card before the end of October. Watch out for the new Box Tops collection sheet in your student's folder on October 16, the next turn in date will be November 2. If you need more collection sheets they will be available on our website www.millburnpto.com. Please remember, every Box Top counts!

We still need Box Tops classroom volunteers, for the following classrooms:

K4 Frank, 1E Mitchell, 2C Laughman, 3D Tuley, 3E Rodewald, 4E Walsh, 5A Lafferty. If your student is in one of these classes we would love it if you could help us out. The volunteer would be 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. 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 10/13, MMS STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON 10/15, KIDS RESALE 10/23 & 10/24, MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT & MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT 10/30

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