

Cougar Catch: November 6th, 2015

Calendar Link:

Backpack:

Lake Forest Symphony – Sounds of the Seasons concert
Lakes "Mary Poppins" musical auditions
Millburn Theater – Big Bad and Bippity Boppity Boo Law Offices
Centre Club: Great Lakes Martial Arts, Swim Lessons, Turkey Camp
MMS Media Center: Audio Books, Caudill Contest
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Flyer and Order Form
Fun Box Top Collection Form

Student Led Conference Sign Ups: If you have not signed up yet for a conference, please check the virtual backpack for sign up details. They are specific by grade level. There is also a not in there that describes the format and purpose of the conferences.

Veteran's Day: The middle school will conduct grade level lessons to recognize our Veterans on Wednesday the 11th.

6th Grade will write letters to Veterans who went on the Honor Flight in October or a family member who is a Veteran.

7th **Grade** will have a lesson during Social Studies and then write a letter to a Veteran.

8th Grade will learn the origin and meaning of Veteran's Day. They will see a Veteran's Day Tribute video and they will learn how to properly display and fold the American flag. They will be encouraged to thank a veteran.

Winter Sports: We have officially started several sports for our winter season. This includes: Cheer, Dance, 6th Boys Basketball, 7th and 8th Boys and Girls Basketball. The gyms are very busy this time of year! Best of luck to each team this year.

Candy Donation: Final collection effort is Tuesday. We will announce the number of pounds collected on Wednesday of next week. If you find that you have too much candy after trick-or-treating this weekend, please bring any excess candy to school. It will be donated to Pads and the USO. 6th grade collection will be in Mrs. Jacobs room. 7th grade collection will be in Miss Berg's room. 8th grade collection will be in Mr. Schroeder's room.

Theater Performance: Theater has been practicing all quarter long for their upcoming performance on November 13th. The "Big Bad" and "Lunch at Bippity Boppity Boo Law Offices" will start at 7pm in the Middle School Cafeteria on the Stage! There is no admission for this performance. We encourage you to attend and see our students in action!

PTO NEWS!!

PTO DIRECTORY!! Some completed PTO registration forms included in last years' registration packets were located late last week. We apologize that these forms were moved over the summer and therefore the PTO Board did not receive them in their usual timeframe. Unfortunately, this will cause a delay in finalizing the PTO Directory. We will get these registrations processed as quickly as possible and you should expect the Directory by mid-November, hopefully by the week of conferences. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

<u>HALLOWEEN FUNII</u> Thanks to all of the chairpersons and volunteers who gave their personal time to our students last Friday! MES students had awesome in classroom parties and a Family Fun Night in the evening! MMS students enjoyed a Halloween DJ during their recess and a fun Activity Night in the evening! It was a crazy busy day of events that was ONLY made possible by the volunteers who donated their time and talents! Volunteers are truly the heart of PTO.

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATES!! As many of you know, Market Day was acquired by World's Finest Chocolate this past summer, and they are committed to helping us reach our fundraising goals. The holiday brochure was sent home on Monday, November 2 with your youngest student and the sale is ending next Friday, November 13⁻ If each family in the District purchases just 3 items, we will reach our goal of \$10,000! This profit is invested right back into the District and funds events and purchases for both schools all year long. FYI...there is NO TAX!!! Each item is \$8 total!

<u>SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE SALE!!</u> The PTO will be offering a **limited edition - online only** sale for spirit wear from 11/9-11/29. All of these limited edition items will only be available during that time period. Follow the link below for our online store. All items will be delivered before winter break. This is a great way to get some of your holiday shopping out of the way! You may contact Melissa Giametta with any questions at spiritwear@millburnpto.com

Mustangs http://americanoutfittersltd.com/Millburn-Mustangs-ORDER-BY-11-29-15_c369.htm

Cougars http://americanoutfittersltd.com/Millburn-Cougars-ORDER-BY-11-29-15_c370.htm

<u>WENDY'S NIGHT!!</u> Join us next Tuesday, November 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. 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.

MES BOOK FAIR!! Visit us in the East Gym on Parent Conference days Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will feature a variety of books from preschool to middle school, including grownup titles, holiday books, cookbooks, entertainment books and more. All proceeds from the book fair go directly to our Media Center and our classrooms AND benefit all of our students. We hope to see you there! This event can only be successful with our wonderful volunteers. Please email bookfairelementary@millburnpto.com to volunteer. Our online book fair will open on November 16 and run through December 6. Feel free to browse the thousands of books in the Scholastic Online Catalog. Find titles you don't see at the fair, or create a wish list for out-of-town family.

MMS BOOK FAIR!! Visit us in the Media Center on Friday, November 20, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ELA classes will preview the fair on Thursday, November 19, and Friday, November 20. Students will be able to purchase items at this time. Be sure to check for teacher wish lists. This is a great way to fill classroom libraries with new material or to find the perfect gift for your favorite teacher. This year, we will have a new display to hold the lists. It's bright yellow and red - you can't miss it! An online fair will run November 16 to December 6. This is a great way to shop for Christmas or to purchase the books that Scholastic feels are a little too edgy to put at the fair, such as some of the John Greene titles. You can also send wish lists to relatives from the site. All orders ship for free to the school and should be in before Christmas break. They will be delivered to your child at school. If your order contains a gift, please let us know and we will make other arrangements to get the items to you

<u>Upcoming Events</u>: WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATES SALE 11/2-11/13, MILLBURN SPIRIT WEAR SALE 11/9-11/29, WENDY'S NIGHT 11/10, MES BOOK FAIR 11/23 & 11/24, MMS BOOK FAIR 11/20 & 11/24

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