

Cougar Catch: December 4th, 2015

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Triple Play Special Guest Event Activity Night Theme, Details, Rules March Madness Save the Date Game Club at MMS Tree Lighting Gingerbread Event MMS Wrestling Information

Activity Night: Check out the flyer in the backpack with the special theme planned for the next activity night. December 11th is the date! 6th Graders enter at Main Entrance at 6pm. 7th and 8th Graders enter at Main Entrance at 6:30pm. The cost is 2 dollars. Students must have student ID's to enter! All of the details, rules and special theme can be found in the backpack!

Mitten Tree: The Millburn Middle School Student Council is once again sponsoring their annual Mitten Tree. Please donate new hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens and even gently-used coats and snow pants. When you give to others, you receive the gift of knowing they will have a warmer winter!

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!

Millburn School and Community Garden: This time of year is a time of joyful celebration, yet also a time of reflection. As the holidays approach, those of us involved

with the Millburn School and Community Garden (MSCG) have been reflecting with gratitude on the blessings that we've received. We are tremendously grateful for the many hours of volunteer work and financial support provided by our school families, staff, and community members. These have allowed us to improve and grow our space for hands-on learning, community gathering, and growing fresh produce. In 2015, we were honored to donate over 100 pounds of fresh produce to the Open Arms Mission in Antioch!

The MSCG is committed to providing educational, community and charitable experiences each year, and we are dependent on the generosity of donors to do so. During this season of giving, we are asking you to consider making a tax-deductible donation to support our work. Donating is easy. You can donate on our crowd-funding site at www.greenourplanet.org/millburn, through December 31st, 2015, or by sending a check to school with your child to the attention of Regina Reynolds. Checks should be made payable to Millburn District 24; memo: garden. Find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/MillburnSchoolAndCommunityGarden

PTO NEWS!!

<u>PTO DIRECTORY!!</u> The first edition of the PTO Directory is available at <u>www.millburnpto.com</u> for PTO members!

<u>BOX TOPS!!</u> Please don't forget to send in your November Box Tops Collection sheet this Monday to be entered into our drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card. Every box top counts even if you don't have enough to fill a sheet. Thank you!!

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The SECOND Middle School Activity Night is Friday, December 11^{th} . The theme is "CRAZY HOLIDAY ATTIRE" Contest. 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.

<u>WENDY'S NIGHT!!</u> Join us next Tuesday, December 8, 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! Thanks so much to all of the volunteers and patrons for another successful elementary school book fair. We were able to raise over \$7000 for Mrs. Dekorsi to spend with Scholastic.

MMS BOOK FAIR!! Thanks so much to all of the volunteers and patrons for another successful middle school book fair. We were able to raise almost \$5000 for Mrs. Lancaster and Mrs. Riss to spend with Scholastic.

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! The Millburn School District has a long standing tradition of the 7th grade students and their parents hosting a Farewell Celebration for the 8th grade students and their parents. At this time, we are looking for 7th grade parents to volunteer for this event. Examples of committee work may include food, decorations, iMovie, memory book, coordinating volunteers, invitations and many more. In January we will schedule our first meeting and we will outline the different opportunities available. In the mean time, please reach out to Deb Pineau at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com if you are interested in learning more or if you know there is a committee you would love to work on. Looking forward to working with a great group of our 7th grade parents!!

<u>SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE SALE!!</u> Thanks to all of the families who purchased Spirit Wear during our Fall Online Sale. Delivery will be December 15th at Millburn Elementary School. More details to come! Any questions please contact Melissa Giametta at <u>spiritwear@millburnpto.com</u>.

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATES!! Thanks to all of the families who supported the PTO with a WFC purchase. Please pick up your order on 12/11 at Millburn Middle School from 4:30-6pm at the Main Entrance. Our Middle School Activity Night starts at 6pm, so come early to avoid the traffic!!! Any questions please contact Debbie St. John at worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com.

Upcoming Events: Wendy's Night 12/8, WFC Pick-Up 12/11, MMS Activity Night 12/11

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