



*Cougar Catch: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

**Calendar Link:**

**Backpack:**

**Lakes High School – Family and Consumer Science Preview Day 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Triple Play Special Guest Event  
Activity Night Theme, Details, Rules  
Millburn Madness Save the Date**

**Activity Night:** Check out the flyer in the backpack with the special theme planned for the next activity night. December 11<sup>th</sup> is the date! 6<sup>th</sup> Graders enter at Main Entrance at 6pm. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Mid Quarter:** I forgot to tell you in the last newsletter that Wednesday of last week marked the mid-point of quarter 2. It is weird because some days it feels like this quarter is speeding by and other times it is hard to believe it is still 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter! Either way, I like to remind families to check Powerschool at mid-quarter to just get a check on grades.

**Choir Concert:** Next week, Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> will be our Winter Choir Concert! The performance starts at 7pm and is located at Millburn Middle School in the Cafeteria. The choir will perform songs from classical, folk, jazz, pop, and “broadway” styles as well as a couple seasonal songs. Our students are very excited to show off their talents to their families, friends and neighbors!

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. Good luck to our alumni!

PTO NEWS!!

**PTO DIRECTORY!!** The first edition of the PTO Directory is available at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com) for PTO members!

**WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATES ORDER PICK-UP!!** Please pick up your order TODAY 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](mailto:worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com). CONGRATS to our grade level gift card sellers: Lasso-Liam Arnott, EC-Preston Baird, 1-Dylan McCann, 2-Madison Elders, 3-Nathan Behnke, 4-Morgan Hyde, 5-Lindsay Mueller, 6-Sean Hurst, 7-John & James Reda, 8- Renee Gilliland AND Hannah Shubin! Top Sellers in each building are Dylan McCann at MES and Sean Hurst at MMS!! Congrats and a huge THANKS from the PTO!!

**SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE SALE ORDER PICK-UP!!** Thanks to all of the families who purchased Spirit Wear during our Fall Online Sale. Pick-up will be December 15<sup>th</sup> at Millburn Elementary School between 2:15pm and 4:15pm in the front lobby. Any questions please contact Melissa Giametta at [spiritwear@millburnpto.com](mailto:spiritwear@millburnpto.com).

**BOX TOPS!!** Thank you so much to everyone who turned in their Box tops this week. We are going to take a little break for this month, but watch out for your collection sheet in January. The next turn in date will be February 1, 2016. Happy Holidays and thank you for all your support this year!

**MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!!** The SECOND Middle School Activity Night is TONIGHT, December 11<sup>th</sup>. 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

6<sup>th</sup> grade- 6pm, MAIN entrance

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade- 6:30pm, MAIN entrance

PICK UP

6<sup>th</sup> grade- 8:30, MAIN entrance

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tudwyer@comcast.net).

**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 \$7884 for Mrs. Dekorsi to spend with Scholastic. Through our change wars we raised \$1,600. In addition to our teachers using their Change Wars money to purchase books for their classrooms, Scholastic will be donating 1,600 books to their charities on behalf of our efforts.

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**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** The Millburn School District has a long standing tradition of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents hosting a Farewell Celebration for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. At this time, we are looking for 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents!!

*Upcoming Events: WFC Pick-Up 12/11, MMS Activity Night 12/11, Spirit Wear Pick-Up 12/15*

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