



Cougar Catch: February 19th, 2016

Calendar Link:

Millburn Madness:

<http://millburnmadness.schoolauction.net/millburnmadness/homepages/show>

Backpack:

Kids Resale – Donation Drive

Honor Roll – Way to go Millburn students!

Jazz Band Dinner Ticket Order Form

Talent Show Flyer and Permission Slip

Lakes High School Math Fair

Spring Break Camp

Warren Youth Baseball

Millburn Madness Invitation, Donation/Sponsor, Online Item List

8th Grade: Springfield Required Medical, Graduation Pictures

Lunch/Recess: You may recall that we adjusted our lunch recess groupings in October/November. We are doing this again. We find that adjusting the groups is helpful. We will likely do a new grouping again in April.

NJHS Ceremony: Students that met the criteria for NJHS are invited to the NJHS Induction Ceremony next week Wednesday. You should have received information on this in the mail.

Assembly on Friday: Next Friday we will host an assembly for our students provided by the PTO. The assembly will involve comedy and acting provided by a group called Comedy Sportz. Thank you PTO for setting up this fun even for our students.

Student Council: Our group of students who serve on the Student Council have been

volunteering their time and help around the school for various projects. Most recently this group of students went to Victory Lakes to visit with the residents. This was a community outreach event for our students. At the conclusion of their time at Victory Lakes, they were applauded by the residents and invited back! Nice job Student Council!

6th Grade Read to Succeed: Monday is the last day for our 6th graders to turn in their log sheet documenting 360 minutes of reading for a free ticket to Great America! Forms need to be turned in to the ELA teacher by Monday, February 22nd.

Choir and Band IGSM Festival: 14 members of the Millburn Middle School Choir will be participating in the IGSM Solo and Ensemble Festival at McHenry Middle School this weekend. 7 choir members have prepared solos that they will be doing for a judge; 13 choir members will be singing in an ensemble. They have spent several months in preparation. We wish them the best as they perform and look forward to hearing how they do.

We also have a group of students from the band that will be going to the festival this weekend. Like the choir students, these students have put in a lot of time and energy to enhance their talents. This is a great way to show off their accomplishments. Good luck to you as well!

Jazz Band Dinner Performance: Jazz Ensemble will be performing on March 4th at the Middle School. Our Symphonic Band members will be the waiters and waitresses and all ticket holders will receive a wonderful dinner while enjoying some great music. Please make the effort to attend even if you are not involved. This is a great event for all to attend. Please read the form carefully. If you are a band student you go free with 2 paying adults. Symphonic band members must pay \$5.00 for food. Jazz band members are free.

Drop and Pick Up: I have mentioned this before and we still have parents that are violating this procedure. Do not drop or pick up students on the road that leads to the cafeteria doors. This is not a designated drop or pick up location.

Save the Date: The annual art show that our students participate in will be held on Friday, April 29th at Lakes High School. Each year we have many middle school students represented at this event. Please save the date in your calendars.

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!

Kindergarten Registration: Millburn will host a Kindergarten Registration event on April 6th from 4pm to 6pm. All of the details can be found in the flyer on the Virtual Backpack. If you have a neighbor with young children please feel free to mention this or print the flyer for them.

Millburn Madness is NEXT SATURDAY! Ticket prices go up TOMORROW so

buy your ticket today!

The Millburn Education Foundation invites you to join us at Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville on Saturday, February 27th for a fun parent's night out featuring local band Charlie Foxtrot. Tickets are on sale now at www.schoolauction.net/marchmadness for \$40 each and include delicious Austin's appetizers and a free drink. Get your tickets today – ticket prices will be \$50 each starting Saturday, February 20.

The Millburn Madness Online Auction for all Teacher/Staff Donated Items is OPEN for one more week!

We are so thrilled to be able to offer free access to bid on these one-of-a-kind experiences for your child(ren) to everyone. Just create your free account at www.schoolauction.net/marchmadness and view the items that are available by clicking on the Online Auction tab. We have seen quite a bit of action on some items but there are some others that need some bids! If you are having any issues accessing the site please contact Valerie at Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net. Thank you to all the teachers and staff members for donating their time to create these fun auction items – we know that there will be many happy winners! For the full list of items in the auction please check the virtual backpack. *The auction will close on Friday, February 26th at NOON and winners will be notified that day.* Please contact Valerie at Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net if you are having trouble accessing the online auction.

Need a Sitter?

The Millburn Before and After School Club (MBAC) is once again offering a childcare option for Millburn Madness. Kids will get dinner and a snack and have lots of fun at the elementary school having their own fun while you attend Millburn Madness. The childcare program will start at 5:30 pm and end at 12:15 am. The cost for the childcare will be \$20 per child or \$30 per family. Such a great deal – thank you to Jimichael and the MBAC for offering this option to our district families. A childcare form can be found on the virtual backpack.

Thanks for your support of the Millburn Education Foundation and we hope to see you at Austin's Fuel Room on February 27th!

PTO NEWS!!

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! The Spring Sale is wrapping up and will EXTEND until Monday, February 22.

Please turn in all orders by Monday! Delivery will be Wednesday, March 16. If each family in the District purchases just 3 items, we will reach our goal of \$10,000! THANKS for your support! Email worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com with any questions.

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Please join us for the next planning meeting on Monday, February 22, at 8pm at the Middle School in Room 1114. We are still looking for a 7th grade parent to volunteer to create the **Memory CD**. *Responsibilities include making sure each 8th grader completes a memory page during class, obtain congratulatory letters from the superintendent, principals, mayor, governor, etc., make / complete CD's.* This is a project that can be done at home. Any questions please contact us at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com.

SARPINO'S PIZZERIA FUNDRAISER!! Help support the Millburn PTO by ordering delicious pizza from Sarpino's Pizzeria, located at 34484 Route 45, Third Lake. *Just place an order between 5 and 8 p.m.* on Thursday, February 25, and 10% of the sales will go to support the Millburn PTO. Free delivery up to 7 miles. Call Sarpino's at 847-223-5000 and *mention the code "Millburn School"* to the cashier.

DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!! Millburn's Got Talent! Save the date! Talent Show Rehearsal Wednesday, March 2
6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. Talent Show Wednesday, March 9 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. [Click here for the permission slip due February 24.](#)

MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!! Spring is around the corner and so is the Millburn Kids Resale! A HUGE thanks to Margaret Muscia and Dani Krieschen, who will be co-chairing this big fundraiser. Mark your calendar for Saturday March 5th from 8-10am for our DONATION DRIVE DROP OFF!! More details to come!

We are now seeking volunteers to lead the following functions for the sale. We would love to have you join the fun!

- **Volunteer Coordination** - manage volunteer spot
- **Marketing/Communications** - act as media relations, posts to social media, ensure communications go out to potential shoppers, etc.

- **Pre-sale** - participate and help oversee the pre-sale process and set-up
- **Post-sale** - assist with complete breakdown of space and donation efforts

Mark your calendar now for [on Friday, 4/1](#) and [Saturday, 4/2](#) at Millburn Middle School. Feel free to contact us directly at Millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com with any questions or visit the Millburn PTO website for additional information: www.millburnpto.com.

RECESS VOLUNTEERS!! MES is looking for Recess Volunteers to help on the playground from 11am-12:20pm, Monday through Friday. Recess volunteers can choose to help one day a week, one day every other week or even one day each month. Any recess volunteer help is welcomed and appreciated. Please contact Tracy Behnke at tracybehnke@hotmail.com with any questions or sign-up information. Thanks!

MILLBURN PTO PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!! Sending a huge THANKS to the ladies that joined us for painting at Chance's. We had a wonderful evening painting and laughing. Please see pictures on Facebook at Millburn PTO. Those who attended are interested in a quarterly night out...please share your feedback! PTO also earned a \$40 Gift Certificate from Art Rave for booking a Private Event! We have donated it to the auction for Millburn Madness!!

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!!

THANKS to all of our volunteers for taking the time to plan our Holiday Celebrations festivities! These events are only possible with the help of our awesome volunteers!

Upcoming Events: WFC Sale ends 2/22, 8th Grade Farewell Celebration Meeting 2/22, Sarpino's Fundraiser 2/25, Kids Resale Donation Drive Drop Off 3/5, District Talent Show 3/9

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