



*Cougar Catch: February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

**Calendar Link:**

**Millburn Madness:**

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

**Backpack:**

**Fun Fluency – (Spanish program after school)**

**Kids Resale – Donation Drive**

**Honor Roll – Way to go Millburn students!**

**Jazz Band Dinner Ticket Order Form**

**Talent Show Flyer and Permission Slip**

**Spring Break Camp**

**Millburn Madness Invitation, Donation/Sponsor, Online Item List**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Springfield Required Medical, Graduation Pictures**

**Spanish at MMS:** You may have heard that MES has an outside group called Fun Fluency providing Spanish after school for students that are interested. There is a fee associated with this. The flyer with all the details located in the virtual backpack. Check it out!

**Millburn Education Foundation Scholarship:** The Millburn Education Foundation is proud to offer three \$1,000 scholarships to three 2016 high school seniors. A completed application must be delivered to Millburn School District 24 Office at 18550 Millburn Road, Wadsworth, IL 60083 by 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Konicki at [mkonicki@millburn24.net](mailto:mkonicki@millburn24.net).

**Assembly on Friday:** Thank you PTO for the fun assembly for our students. The Comedy Sportz group was great!

**Choir and Band IGSMA Festival:** Last weekend, 12 members of the Millburn Middle School Choir participated in the IGSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival. Millburn Choir members came away with 5 level I ratings and 2 level II ratings in their solos and ensemble pieces. Congratulations to the Millburn Choir IGSMA participants! Allisyn Baker, Alexandra Bryant, Sharon Dhali, Samantha Drake, Laura Gundlach, Ava Harding, Ally Lynch, Emma Jacobson, Jamie McCormick, Grace Old, Julia Seider, and Jordan Twadell

**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.

**Kindergarten Registration:** Millburn will host a Kindergarten Registration event on April 6<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> for a fun parent's night out featuring local band Charlie Foxtrot. Tickets are on sale now at [www.schoolauction.net/marchmadness](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> at NOON and winners will be notified that day.*** Please contact Valerie at [Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup>!

PTO NEWS!!

PTO SURVEY RESULTS!! Thanks to those who took the time to complete our PTO Survey. PTO members may log in and review the results at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com).

DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!! Next week!! **Talent Show Rehearsal Wednesday, March 2 from 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. Please email [districttalentshow@millburnpto.com](mailto:districttalentshow@millburnpto.com) with any questions.

MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!! **Millburn Kid's Resale:** It's that time of year again! The Spring Millburn Kids Resale is just around the corner on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>! This is a great opportunity to clean out those overstuffed basements and closets and earn some money! Any district parent, student, or employee can register to be a seller. The registration form and spring guidelines can be found on the PTO website and in the virtual backpack.

**Donation Drop Off** - The PTO is offering an *EASY* way to pay it forward! We are hosting a **Donation Drop Off Saturday, March 5th from 8AM-10AM at the Middle School**. If you have yard toys, bikes, dollhouses, other toys or baby equipment in good working condition that your house has outgrown, come drop it off!  
Pay It Forward X2 = Kids will get great deals on your good toys *AND* Millburn PTO will make money for your child's schools. It's easy.... Just drop it off at Millburn Middle School by the office doors Sat March 5 from 8AM-10AM.  
We will take all toys for kids ages Infant to Teen in good working condition. We will also take baby equipment, sports equipment and room furniture. Thanks for your support. This event is a success for our students each sale because of the families that sell, the families that donate and the families that shop the sale.

WENDY'S NIGHTS!! Please join us next Tuesday, March 1, between 5-8pm for Wendy's Night. Dine in or drive thru at the Wendy's on Route 45 & Sand Lake Rd in Lindenhurst. Wendy's will donate 15% of all sales back to the Millburn PTO!

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](mailto:tracybehnke@hotmail.com) with any questions or sign-up information. Thanks!

MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!! Time to break out your running shoes and plan to join us for the 4th Annual Millburn Family Fun Run/Walk on April 9th. The day will be full of healthy fun for the whole family. Come watch Mr. Walshire lead warm-ups, get your daily workout in and collect your Fun Run t-

shirt. Registration paperwork is coming soon. The Fun Run Committee is still looking for a few Corporate Sponsors. Support your school by promoting your business on our t-shirts and registrations materials for a small donation. Contact us at [millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com](mailto:millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com) if you are interested or with any questions.

*Upcoming Events: Wendy's Night 3/1 & 3/9, Kids Resale Donation Drive Drop Off 3/5, District Talent Show Rehearsal 3/2 & District Talent Show 3/9*

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