



Cougar Catch: February 5th, 2016

Calendar Link:

Millburn Madness:

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

Backpack:

Talent Show Flyer and Permission Slip

Spring Break Camp

Warren Youth Baseball

Middle School Yearbook Final Call – Closes February 6th!!!

Millburn Madness Invitation, Donation/Sponsor, Online Item List

8th Grade: Springfield Required Medical, Graduation Pictures

Timberwolves Lacrosse

IJV Winter Volleyball

Yearbook: This year the yearbook has gone to an online ordering format. These directions were shared earlier this year. Attached in the backpack are the directions once again to place an order. Also, if you don't remember if you ordered, there are directions for that too. The ordering will close on February 6th.

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.

Cross Culture Skills Presenter: Each year, our students are presented with curriculum

on the history of our country and the cultures of the world. This year, I have invited a guest speaker that will present to our students on cross culture skills and stereotypes. The presenter is an Associate Professor at CLC in the areas of ELI (English Language Immersion), Communication Arts, Humanities, and Fine Arts. We are going to provide this presentation to each grade level this year. Today the 8th grade students learned more about cross culture skills and stereotypes.

Millburn Madness is Just THREE Weeks Away!

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 (*buy your tickets before the price goes up to \$50 each on 2/20!*).

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

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.

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!

The Millburn Education Foundation Board Members

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.

PTO NEWS!!

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! As many of you know, Market Day was acquired by World's Finest Chocolate last summer. Millburn District 24 PTO sold World's Finest Chocolate this past fall and it was a HUGE success! For that reason, we will be running a Spring Sale! The spring brochure will be coming home on Friday, February 5 with your youngest student and the sale will run for two weeks, ending Friday, February 19. Delivery will be Wednesday, March 16. Think Easter, Mother's Day, Graduations and more! 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. THANKS for your support!

WENDY'S NIGHT!! Join us next Tuesday, February 9, from 5 to 8pm 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.

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!

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! **Millburn PTO and Ceramics For You present:** Crazy With Creativity Family Fun Night TONIGHT, February 5, 2016 from 6 to 8 pm. Come join us for some creative painting fun! Choose a blank canvas and make a masterpiece to give as a gift or keep for yourself. Perfect for Valentine's Day! Canvas options: 8x10 for \$12.50 or 16x20 for \$25. Supplies, project ideas and guidance will be provided by the experts at Ceramics For You. **Please dress for a mess!** It is highly recommended that you **RSVP by January 29** for this event at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com to ensure we have sufficient supplies and materials to make this night awesome! Please provide number of attendees as well as the quantity and choice of canvas size. Payment will be accepted at the door. Hope to see you there!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Thank you so much to all the 7th grade parents who attended our 1st meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting and are interested in being part of the planning process, please contact us at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com. We are still looking for the following committee chair:

Memory CD, Chair 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.

If your schedule doesn't allow you help in the pre-event activities, we also need lots of help the week of the event with set up, running the event, and clean up. More information will become available when we are closer to the date of the celebration.

MILLBURN PTO PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!! That's right. It's our turn. An adult-only event designed from member feedback! Join us on Thursday, February 18, at Chances Bar in Lindenhurst (455 S. Route 45) from 7 to 9 p.m. Leave the kiddos at home and come mix, mingle and find your creative side at a Private Millburn PTO Art Rave night. Nothing to volunteer for - no fundraiser - just a night to

socialize. [Click here to order tickets at Art Rave Inc.](#) Tickets are \$40 (+ \$3.00 ticket fee). Space is limited to 30 painters.

MMS STAFF APPRECIATION!! We are planning for our Annual "Souper Bowl" Luncheon on Wednesday, February 10th at MMS. If you can make a soup or dessert please contact Melissa Hyde at hydemyself@hotmail.com. We are very grateful for everything that you do!

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.](#)

Upcoming Events: MES Family Fun Night 2/5, Wendy's Night 2/9, MMS Staff Appreciation 2/10, PTO Parent's Night Out 2/18, District Talent Show 3/9

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