

Cougar Catch: March 18th, 2016

## **Calendar Link:**

## **Backpack:**

Wisconsin Juniors Volleyball Warren Live the Arts Invitation Ceramics For You: School Fundraiser Millburn Track PARCC – Fact Sheet and Letter from the State Millburn Family Fun Run – Information, Sponsorship and Registration WTHS Cheerleading Tryouts Fun Fluency – (Spanish program after school) Still time to sign up! Kids Resale – Donation Drive, Guidelines, Hints, Registration Form Carmel High School Summer Camps: Academic, Athletic, H.S Credit 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Springfield Required Medical, End of Year Events, Springfield Permission and Money Collection, Farewell Celebration, etc.

**End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:** Wow! We are now moving into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the 15/16 school year! If you think time is flying just check in with an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent! There is so much going on for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade families during 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. We encourage all of our students to finish out the year strong academically behaviorally.

**PBIS Update:** As you know from previous newsletters, our students have been doing great with earning significantly fewer referrals than previous years. We have been recognizing this achievement with them during the year. Recently we noticed an increase when comparing the first 4 months of the school year with the last two months. We set a goal last week to reduce the number of overall referrals in each of the coming months. Our kids are very well behaved and I am confident that they can meet or exceed this expectation!

**Boy's Volleyball:** Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boy's Volleyball team on winning their Conference Championship! They had a great season and capped it off with a big conference victory. Way to go team!

**Warren's Live Arts Festival:** Warren Township High School is pleased to invite all students, parents, teachers and administrators to the 5th Annual Live Arts Festival at the Almond Campus on Friday, April 1, 2016, 6 to 9:45 PM. This free event is put on by the Warren Fine Arts Department to showcase the exceptional programs and talented students within these areas. There will be interactive workshops, demonstrations and displays, along with Variety Show format performances and an acapella singing group headliner. There is something for all, including free food and drink, along with fun activities for kids of all ages. See the attached flyer for more information. Please join us for this exciting night!

**Lakes High School's Art Festival:** This event will also showcase many of our student's work. This event is scheduled for Friday, April  $29^{th}$  from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Plan ahead so you do not miss this wonderful art show with such talented students.

**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!

**PARCC:** We are now just a few short weeks away until PARCC testing starts at Millburn Middle School for students in grades  $6^{th}-8^{th}$ . Students will take one test per day, for a total of 7 tests (3 math, 4 ELA). The students will have a regular schedule outside of their testing session during the day. The schedule for testing will be as follows:

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> Math Unit 1

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Math Unit 2

Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Math Unit 3

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> ELA Unit 1

Friday, April 15th ELA Unit 2

Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> ELA Unit 3a

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> ELA Unit 3b

**Millburn Federation of Teachers:** The Millburn Federation of Teachers is offering a \$500 Scholarship for a former Millburn student getting ready to go to college this fall.

Information is available at your high school or from Mrs. Jacobs at the Middle School. If you know any high school seniors, please let them know to apply.

**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.

## PTO NEWS!!

<u>PTO MEETING!</u> Thanks to all of the parents who attended our PTO meeting. We are lucky to have such awesome volunteers and supporters! Our LAST PTO Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation will be May 18<sup>th</sup>! Please mark your calendars. We have a BUSY April!!! Please see all activities below! Wishing you a safe and relaxing Spring Break!

<u>MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!</u> The Spring Kids Resale will be here the weekend after Spring Break. If you're enjoying a STAYCATION, why not tag some items to sell and turn them into cash?

Volunteers: We still need volunteers to help run the sale.

- Many shifts open on Fri. April 1<sup>st</sup> and Sat. April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Please go to <u>http://vols.pt/xvYL9u</u> for available times.
- All volunteers have the privilege to shop the sale before it opens to the public! Pre-sale hours: 3 to 4pm on Fri. April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- If you have any questions or your availability is different than the suggested times, please call Margaret Muscia 630-885-8855 or email MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com

**Seller Registration:** All registration forms will be accepted until March 29<sup>th</sup>. All previous sellers must register for each sale, but your ID # will remain the same.

<u>Click here for the registration form.</u> <u>Click here for guidelines and helpful hints.</u> <u>Click here for the full flyer.</u>

Email millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com with any questions.

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! We have our next planning meeting on Monday, April 4, at 8:00 p.m. in MMS Room 1114. We would love to see all of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents attend. Email <u>farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com</u> with any questions.

<u>MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!</u> Millburn Family Fun Run registration is open! Time to lace up your shoes and sign up for the 4th Annual Millburn Family Fun Run. Join us on April 9 for a 1M or 5K walk/run at Millburn Middle School. Registration/check-in opens at 9 a.m. Pre-race warm ups with Mr. Walshire begin at 9:40 a.m. Race steps off at 10 a.m.

Free race t-shirts to the first 200 registrants. Entry fee is \$15 per individual or \$40 per family (children 4 and under free, strollers welcome). Race registration is available online

at <u>www.millburnpto.com</u> or via paper form (click below to download). Please make checks payable to Millburn PTO and return form/payment to school. Credit/debit card payment accepted online. Don't forget to encourage your family and friends to support your run with a donation to the PTO. All race proceeds will go to support Millburn health/wellness programs and playground equipment. Donations also accepted online or via paper sponsor form. Gift card prizes awarded to the fastest boy, fastest girl and best Millburn spirit.

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS: FITNATION, GOSHGARIAN ORTHODONTICS, THE THERAPY TREE, ANITA SPISAK - @PROPERTIES AND BUTERA MARKET.

<u>Click here for the Race Information Flyer.</u> <u>Click here for the Registration Form.</u> <u>Click here for the Sponsor Form.</u>

Email <u>millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com</u> with any questions.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>: Kids Resale 4/1 & 4/2, MM5 Book Fair 4/1 & 4/2, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Celebration Planning Meeting 4/4, March Box Tops Due 4/4, Wendy's Night 4/5, Family Fun Run 4/9

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