



Cougar Catch: April 1st, 2016

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Warren Live the Arts Invitation- Tonight!

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Cross Cultural 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 cultural diversity and stereotypes. The presenter is an Associate Professor at CLC in the areas of ELI (English Language Immersion), Communication Arts, Humanities, and Fine Arts. Our 8th graders have had the presentation earlier this year and today our 7th grade students were presented with Cross Cultural skills.

Bully Awareness Plays: The last couple years, Lakes High School has conducted an outreach service for our students. They produce and perform Bully Plays for our students. This year they will perform for our 7th and 8th grade students on Monday, April 4th. After the performances, there is a question and answer discussion. This is facilitated by the students, director and counselors.

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 29th from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Plan ahead so you do not miss this wonderful art show with such talented students.

PARCC: This testing will start on Monday, April 11th. 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 11th Math Unit 1

Tuesday, April 12th Math Unit 2

Wednesday, April 13th Math Unit 3

Thursday, April 14th ELA Unit 1

Friday, April 15th ELA Unit 2

Monday, April 18th ELA Unit 3a

Tuesday, April 19th ELA Unit 3b

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)- The state will begin a new science assessment, administered to students in 5th and 8th grade. Information about this assessment has been vague over the last several months, but the state is following through with having schools give the tests to students. Testing will begin in May for our 8th graders and will involve one 55 min test, which covers areas aligned to the Illinois Science Standards. I have included "Frequently Asked Questions on the ISA" from the Illinois State Board of Education in the virtual backpack.

More information on this new assessment can be found at

<http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isa.htm>

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 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!!

MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!! It has arrived!! Come shop the Millburn Kids Resale for a HUGE selection - items from over 100 families! Clothing, toys, furniture, accessories, etc. for kids of all ages; infant through teens. ***Cash Only***

Friday, April 1st 4-8pm

Saturday, April 2nd 8am-12pm

BOOK FAIR AT MMS!! When you come to shop the resale, be sure to stop by our **BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE** Book Fair in Room 1022.

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MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!! Join us on Saturday, 4/9 at Millburn Middle School for the 4th Annual Millburn Family Fun Run/Walk 5K!! Registration is open and ***race t-shirts are guaranteed for the first 200 registrants!*** Paper forms can be found in the virtual back pack and sent in with cash/check (made out to Millburn PTO) to the school office. Online registration is also available at <http://www.millburnpto.com/mi4/index.cfm> Walk-in registration will also be accepted on race day, \$15 per individual and \$40 per family. Check-in begins at 9AM, Warm-ups with the wild and wacky, Mr. Walshire at 9:40AM and the race steps off at 10AM. Prizes will be awarded for Fastest Boy, Fastest Girl and Best Millburn Spirit. Email millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com with any questions.

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

[Click here for the Race Information Flyer.](#)

[Click here for the Registration Form.](#)

[Click here for the Sponsor Form.](#)

BOX TOPS!! Please don't forget to turn in your Box Tops next Monday, April 4th. Students will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Visa Gift Card for every 10 box tops returned. Every Box Top Counts!!

8th 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 7th grade parents attend.

Email farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com with any questions.

Attention Parents of 8th graders: Please remember to submit photos for the 8th grade slideshow by **Sunday, April 3**. We're excited to create a slideshow of Millburn memories for you, and we want to ensure every 8th grader is included.

To submit your photos, go to www.dropbox.com and sign in with 8thgradefc@gmail.com (email was created specifically for this project and is not associated with the school in any way) and password Farewell2016.

Once you log in, you'll see folders for each 8th grader. Double-click on your son's or daughter's folder and drag the photos from your hard drive into the folder. If you have trouble, or you do not want your photos on the Drop Box page (the page is password protected, but individual folders can be viewed by those with the password), you can email your photos to Kristin Kao at kbkao@comcast.net (please type "Farewell Photos" in the subject line). In order to provide plenty of time to compile the slideshow, please **upload your photos by April 3.**

WENDY'S NIGHTS!! Please join us next Tuesday, April 5, 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!

Upcoming Events: Kids Resale 4/1 & 4/2, MMS Book Fair 4/1 & 4/2, 8th Grade Slideshow Photos Due 4/3, 8th 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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