

Cougar Catch: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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**PARCC:** All middle school students <u>should bring earbuds or headphones, pencils, and</u> <u>a book to read</u> with them to the testing session each day. 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.

## From the Health Office:

 $6^{th}$  Grade: Dental form reminder letters were given to students who have not yet turned them in. They are due on or before May 15th.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Don't overlook the Springfield Medical Form. This has to be completed and turned in by each student. Any child that is taking over-the-counter medicine or prescription medicine MUST have a doctor's signature. Do not delay in getting doctor signatures on this form. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade forms are in the virtual backpack.

**Warren Live the Arts:** Congratulations to Millburn students who were chosen to participate in Warren's "Live the Arts" Celebration at Warren High School on Friday,

April 1<sup>st</sup>. Eighth grader Ashlyn Bledsoe was recognized for her outstanding work and we are so proud of all of our Millburn artists!

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Invite to Millburn Middle School: Attention all 5th grade parents and students!! On Tuesday, May 3rd, you are invited to come to the Middle School to see the building, meet some of the teachers, and find out about a few things that will be happening next year when you are a 6th grader. The program starts at 6:30 pm and will last about an hour. We would love to see all of you that night if possible. The PTO Bookfair will be open! Any questions, please contact Mrs. Jacobs. (sjacobs@millburn24.net)

**Millburn School and Community Garden:** Gardening season is right around the corner, and Millburn 4th graders, teachers, and farmers at Tempel Farms Organics have been hard at work preparing for our Annual Organic Plant Sale. More varieties than ever are being offered this year! Our Plant Sale will take place May 21st from 9am-1pm at MES. Reserve your plants by ordering via the pink form in your child's backpack, and pick them up at the sale. Extra forms and plant descriptions may be found in the Virtual Backpack. *Orders are due April 26th.* As always, we will have many additional plants available for purchase at the Plant Sale. Quantities of some items will be limited, so the best bet for your "must haves" is to use the order form. ALL PLANTS ARE ORGANIC. All proceeds go to the Millburn School and Community Garden.

**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 - 9:00pm. Plan ahead so you do not miss this wonderful art show with such talented students.

**Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)-** The state will begin a new science assessment, administered to students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isa.htm</u>

PTO NEWS!!

<u>MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!!</u> Time to kick off Spring with the Millburn Family Fun Run 1M/5K this Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 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. <u>Free race t-shirts to the first 200</u> <u>registrants</u>. 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. Don't miss out on the fun warm-up by Mr. Walshire, a chance to meet the Millburn Mascots, the great sponsor giveaways and a chance to win gift card prizes awarded to the 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.

<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>

<u>MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!</u> Our Spring Resale was a HUGE success!! Thank you to all the sellers and volunteers! The Resale Team is working hard sorting and adding tags and should have the sale wrapped by end of month! Checks to sellers will come directly from Chase. See you at the Fall Resale October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>!

<u>WENDY'S NIGHT!</u> Please join us next Tuesday, April 12, 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!

<u>MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!</u> WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT THIS LAST ACTIVITY NIGHT OF THE YEAR! Contact Tracy Dwyer at <u>tudwyer@comcast.net</u>. Please join us for <u>AWESOME</u> 80's at MMS, Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing face paint, and or hair paint. Masks can be worn, but cannot cover more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the face. This is a chance for them to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change. <u>THE</u> <u>DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE IS VERY IMPORTANT!</u>

DROP OFF 6<sup>th</sup> grade- 6pm, MAIN entrance 7th/8<sup>th</sup> grade- 6:30pm, MAIN entrance

PICK UP 6<sup>th</sup> grade- 8:30, MAIN entrance 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade- 9:00 ACTIVITY entrance

For pick up, please pull in and find a parking spot. You can meet your child at the canopy area. You can also use the pickup lane but if everyone does this, the line of traffic will stretch out to ROUTE 45! No student will be allowed to walk or ride a bike home. Admission to the event is \$2.00. Drinks, candy, and pizza will be available for purchase.

All students attending MUST have a current student ID to show at the door. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. Students CANNOT go to their lockers to retrieve forgotten ID's, as the hallway doors are locked. If you need to leave before the Activity Night is over, YOUR parent must sign you out! These rules are NOT negotiable! Interested in volunteering? Contact Tracy Dwyer at tudwyer@comcast.net.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>: Family Fun Run 4/9, MMS Activity Night 4/15

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