



Cougar Catch: July 31st, 2015

Calendar Link:

Attachments:

LPD: Romeo and Juliet, Touch a Truck Event

August Update: It is our custom to update the Millburn families on school information at the start of August. I am sure you have not missed getting our weekly emails! This is one newsletter that will offer a few updates on school information. Please continue to enjoy the summer break with your families. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year at Millburn Middle School.

New Middle School Sign: You will notice later in August that the sign on Freedom and Independence will be removed and a new sign will be installed. The current sign is showing more signs of wear and tear and is out of date. The new sign is very similar to the sign at MES and will be titled with "Millburn Middle School". Thank you to the Millburn PTO for purchasing the sign for the school.

Millburn Garage Sale: As most of you have experienced, after many years collecting materials such as furniture, sometimes you just run out of room to store things or things get too old to use. So, we are having a "garage sale" this weekend at MES in the East Gym. There, you will find used student desks, chairs, computer tables, box TV's, and ever retro...overhead projectors (you know, the long-necked device that mirrored what the teacher wrote on a transparency!!) All of these discounted items will be available to purchase. If you are interested please come out!

Sunday, August 2nd 1:00 to 5:00pm

Monday, August 3rd 1:00 to 6:00pm

Proof of Residency: You may have noticed in the district newsletter that Proof of

Residency is being restructured. Parents do not need to come in during the summer to prove residency. However, if you are not the owner of the home you live in, please contact the school office at 847-245-1600 to update your residency information.

Supply Kit Pick Up: Please plan to pick up your purchased Supply Kits on Tuesday, August 11th from 4pm to 6pm at Millburn Elementary in the East Gym.

Student Schedules: We are working behind the scenes to get student schedules ready to go live on Powerschool. We have a hard date of August 18th for the schedules to be complete. You will be able to log into Powerschool from home and view your child's schedule on the 18th. I will send more information specific to schedules and accessing them through Powerschool during the week of August 10th.

Bus Schedules: The bus route information will be shared with parents closer to the start of school. I will add details about this to future emails about student schedules.

Supply Drop Off/ Pictures/ PTO Ice Cream Social: On August 25th we invite families to come to MMS to drop supplies off in lockers, get school pictures taken and enjoy a PTO Ice Cream Social. The picture order form for Color Portraits will be posted to the virtual backpack next week. All events start at 3:30 and run until 6pm. Pictures will be in the East Gym and the PTO will be set up in the Cafeteria. We will open doors to the building at 3:30 and you can choose what event you and your child would like to do first.

Student / Parent Handbook Adjustments: In June, the Handbook Committee met to review the Student / Parent Handbook. The Committee had representation from staff, parents, students and administration. Some adjustments to note include:

Dress Code: In this area we adjusted language on short length to a 4" inseam. We are also specifying that Yoga pants / Leggings can be worn along with a top that covers the front and back areas of the pants. The group also decided to add that "Spanx"-like shorts are not considered acceptable attire.

Cell Phones: The rule on phones is the same as in past years. Cell phones are to be turned off and out of site during the school day. Teachers can allow use at times. The consequence for having a device out without permission is that the phone is taken away from the student and a parent must pick it up after school. A referral for detention is also issued. The adjustment to this procedure is that detentions will not be issued for violations until after October 16th.

Extracurricular Fees: For athletics, there will be no refund after the first practice or meeting. For Band or Choir, half of the fee will be refunded if requested before the midpoint of the season.

*Joining an extracurricular event after the season has started will be at the discretion of the coach or instructor.

First Day of School: The first day of attendance for middle school students is August 27th. This is a half-day of attendance. The hours are from 8:30 to 11:30.

Parent Night: We are looking at final details on dates for this and I can update you asap.

We try to schedule in conjunction with Millburn Elementary and the high schools.

Cross Country: All 5th through 8th graders interested in running cross country this fall should have their parents/guardians email Coach Perusich at dperusich@millburn24.net. When emailing Coach Perusich, please include your son's/daughter's name, his/her grade this fall, and your email contact information. Coach Perusich will be emailing information regarding August workouts, spirit-wear, and the upcoming 2015 Cross Country season.

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