



Cougar Catch: September 18th, 2015

Calendar Link:

Backpack:

Yearbook Ordering Directions
24-Hour Challenge Information Packet
LVTB – Movie Night 9/19 at 8:00pm

Student Achievement: We conduct Fall and Spring testing using NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). When looking at proficiency levels, schools want to see 80% or more students responding to the curriculum and meeting the testing standards set by NWEA. For Math in the middle school, we had 83% of students meeting or exceeding this standard in the Fall and then 84% in the Spring. Looking at Reading, we had 90% of students in the Fall and then 90% again in the Spring.

The middle school will begin the MAP testing the following week, September 28th during the ELA class blocks.

East Entrance Locked in Mornings: This year we are going to keep the East Entrance doors locked in the mornings. This will impact Band and Choir and other periodic morning activities. I want to encourage students in Band and Choir to arrive on time so that they can get into the building. The directors will check the doors leading up to rehearsal and a final time right before rehearsal starts. Students that arrive late will be able to get into the building at the Main Entrance at 7:30 when the office opens.

Middle School Volunteers for Fall Fest: Many of our elementary students also have middle school brothers and sisters. Here is a great idea: Sign your child up to volunteer for an hour since your family will be there anyway! Click the link to sign up:
<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/1087156794054>

Yearbook Orders: The yearbook staff is trying something new this year. Yearbook orders will be placed and paid for online with the company. Please take a moment to open the instructions in the virtual backpack to place your order.

Apple Sale: Get a healthy, locally grown, seasonal treat for your family while supporting the Millburn School & Community Garden! It's not too late to order your 8 pound bags of Apples from Royal Oak Farm Orchard! Bags are \$16 each and can be picked up near the garden on September 26th from 9-4, or other arrangements can be made. Order forms are in the Virtual Backpack. Don't delay--orders are due Monday, September 21st.

PTO NEWS!!

PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!! In order to continue our investment in the district and to our students, we need your support and membership. Please consider joining us to help keep all of our fabulous programs alive for the 2015-16 year. Please register at www.MillburnPTO.com. Our PAPERLESS PTO system is where all signups, calendars, eblasts, membership directory and purchases can take place in one centralized location. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the PTO Board Members at www.MillburnPTO.com.

SUCCESSFUL PTO MEETING!! A huge THANKS to all who attended our first PTO Meeting! It was wonderful to meet some new parents! We got a lot done! We got some valuable feedback on PTO activities and several new parents stepped up to help chair events!! We also voted in our new Vice President of the Middle School. A warm welcome to Alicia Keys, who will make a wonderful addition to the PTO Board!

KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!! KidStuff Coupon Savings Book Fundraiser ENDS ON 9-18-15!! We hope you are enjoying browsing your Kidstuff book. Spend 25\$ and Save at Macy's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Sears, Loft, Aéro, Payless, Outback and MORE. Use just a few coupons and easily save more than the cost of the book. Most coupons are long-term and valid for 16 months. AND...our school earns 50% or more profit for every book we sell. This is a NO

OBLIGATION fundraiser, but it is the sale DEADLINE TODAY!

Please return your envelope with payment of 25\$ (cash, check made out to Millburn PTO or online at www.millburnpto.com) OR return the unused book to school to your child's homeroom. You can also order more books for family and friends, which is a great gift idea for the holidays. Sell 5 books and get 1 FREE.

Questions? Contact us at www.millburnpto.com or email vicepresidentelementary@millburnpto.com.

FALL FEST!! Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 26th from 12:00-4:00pm at Millburn Elementary for this year's Fall Festival! It will be fun for the whole family. Events include: pony rides, 18 foot inflatable slide, inflatable obstacle course, games and new, bigger prizes! Also, get ready to get some of Millburn's teachers wet in a power shower! Hit a target and see your teacher get soaked! Tickets for the fest will become available starting next week. We need volunteers for the event! Go to <http://vols.pt/xkpTHC> to sign up.

KIDS RESALE!! It's that time of year again! The Fall Millburn Kids Resale is on October 23rd & 24th!
Donation Drive: Do you have any kid's items lying around collecting dust? Donate them to the Millburn Kids Resale (any donation receives a tax donation letter). We are having a donation drive on Saturday, September 26th from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Middle School (front entrance). 100% of sold donated items go to the PTO.

Be a Seller: This is a great opportunity to clean out those overstuffed basements and closets and earn

some money for the holidays! Any district parent, student, or employee can register to be a seller. You earn 50% and the PTO earns 50%. Register early and be entered into a raffle to earn 75% of your items sold. The registration form and fall guidelines can be found on the PTO website and in the virtual backpack.

BOX TOP CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Box Tops classroom volunteers needed! The PTO has kicked off our General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Label for Education programs for the 2015-2016 school year. Thank you so much to the parents who volunteered to be coordinators at Curriculum night. Unfortunately, there were quite a few classrooms that did not have anyone sign up. We hope you can find a small amount of time to help us out with this important resource for our schools. The volunteer is responsible for collecting, counting and sorting the labels. This can be done in the convenience of your home and then handed over to the Committee Chair, Janis Moore. This would be the perfect job for a parent who would like to help out but does not have a lot of time to spare. Please consider helping us out. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at www.millburnpto.com. Any questions please email Janis Moore at ltwmoore@comcast.net

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS SIGN UP!! The Holiday Celebrations Committee is looking for parent volunteers for the PTO Halloween class party scheduled for the afternoon of October 30. If you would like to volunteer, please register for PTO membership at the Millburn PTO website: www.millburnpto.com. Once you are a member, you can sign up for the Halloween room party. The PTO will contact you if you have been selected.

Upcoming Events: KIDSTUFF FUNDRAISER ENDS 9/18, FALL FEST 9/26, KIDS RESALE DONATION DRIVE 9/26

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