



*Cougar Catch: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

**Backpack Items:**

**March Madness: Parent Letter, Save the Date**  
**Millburn Foundation – Scholarship**  
**“Screenagers” screening at District 117**  
**PE Ski Field Trip Form**  
**MFT Scholarship Application**  
**Lakes H.S. Open House**  
**Gurnee Park District Dance**  
**Students Involved in Technology**  
**Warren Township Girl’s Softball**

**Calendar Link:**

**Teacher In Service:** Today was a great day for our staff to network with teachers at a neighboring school. We toured classrooms at Gurnee District 56. They are in their 5<sup>th</sup> year of iPad use 1:1 with students. It was great to articulate with their teachers and students this morning.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the in service we were updated on new laws regarding school discipline and restorative practices. We also used some time to learn how PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) is linked and supports the new laws on discipline.

**Spelling Bee:** We have 18 students that will compete in the spelling bee this coming week Thursday at MMS. The student body will assemble towards the end of the day to see the final 10 spellers compete. This is an exciting event for our students. The winner out of this group will move on to the next round and compete against students from other schools. Good luck to our spellers. *Here is a list of students in the Spelling Bee: Tyler Ziolko, Asritha Bodepudi, Avin Naik, Colin Lee, Brooke Sturt, Kaitlann Silagan, Aiden Fendel, Joseph Jorgenson, Parker Martin, Sophia Barszcz, Sophia Iaconis, Amber Campbell, Luke Etienne, Madeline Barrie, Julia Grubb, Madilyn Bystrek, Grace Liu, and Patrick Kilcullen*

**Ellis Island 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Also next week Thursday our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are going to be re-enacting the immigration process in an interdisciplinary unit called “Ellis Island”. This is a fun and educational event for our students. They get assigned a “character” who is trying to immigrate into America.

**Community High School District 117** invites the Millburn Middle School Families to a screening of SCREENAGERS at Antioch Community High School on February 2, 2016, at 3:30 PM or 6:30 PM. Screenager is a documentary film explores the adolescent use of electronics. It depicts the struggles over social media, video games, academics, and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids’ development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance. We are excited to offer the opportunity for parents and students to view SCREENAGERS together and start a dialogue within their households on this important digital age topic.

**Millburn Education Foundation Scholarship:** The Millburn Education Foundation will be offering three scholarships again this school year. Please see the backpack for more information regarding the scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Konicki at [mkonicki@millburn24.net](mailto:mkonicki@millburn24.net).

Take care, Jake Jorgenson

PTO NEWS!!

**PTO MEETING!!** Our third PTO Meeting for this school year is next Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at MMS LRC. We hope to see you there!

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** All 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents please save the date for our KICK OFF MEETING, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at MMS. The 8FC is a treasured Millburn tradition when the 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students plan a celebration for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents.

**BOX TOPS!!** We are off to a great start with our Box Tops program! Thank you so much for taking the time to clip those Box Tops! They really do make a difference. So far, we have collected **14,933 Box Tops** which means **\$1,489.30** in **FREE** money for Millburn! Congratulations to **Ella Newsom** from **Mrs. Stolzer's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**. Ella was the winner of our first \$25 Target gift card drawing.

Please keep on clipping! Our next Box Tops Collection Sheet will be going home later this week. The November Box Tops are due back **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

**Check out the Box Tops App!** It's a great way to earn extra Box Tops (and money) for the school. If you use the Box Tops app and want your student to get credit for the Box Tops

earned, please take a screen shot of your activity on the app and email it to Denise Ide at [boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com](mailto:boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com)

For every Box Tops collection sheet (complete with 25 Box Tops) that you send in, your child will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Target gift card. If you don't have enough to fill a sheet, please send in what you can in a baggie with your child's name on it. Every Box Top helps! If you need extra collection sheets, they can be printed out from the virtual backpack. If you have Campbell's Labels 4 Education labels, please put those in a separate baggie with your child's name on it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Denise Ide at [boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com](mailto:boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com)

**MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!!** The next **Middle School Activity Night** of the year is **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. The theme is "**Luau**". Students may choose to dress in hopes of bringing on warmer weather with their finest beach party gear. This is a chance for them to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, no masks, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change.

**Back by popular demand: NITRO BALL!!!**

**Activity Night Volunteers Needed!** Have you ever wondered what your middle schooler could possibly be thinking? Are you having a hard time remembering what it was like to be in middle school? Let us bring you back to the good old days (without any weird Freaky Friday moments)! Join us, **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** for a night of crazy, chaotic fun (without phones or electronics)! We can use all the help we can get: serving up food & drinks to the masses, and just watching all the rooms of activity. Are you brave enough? If so, contact Denise Ide at [activitynight@millburnpto.com](mailto:activitynight@millburnpto.com)

**MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!** The Family Fun Night has been **RESCHEDULED** to Thursday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm at Bella's Bouncies Skate On Grand! Flyer with all details in virtual backpack!! Any questions, please contact Kandi Silk at [familyfunnight@millburnpto.com](mailto:familyfunnight@millburnpto.com)

*Upcoming Events: PTO MEETING 1/18, BOX TOPS DUE 1/20, MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT 1/27, MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT 2/9, WENDY'S NIGHTS 2/7 & 2/14*