



Cougar Catch: January 20th, 2017

Backpack Items:

March Madness: Parent Letter, Save the Date
Millburn Foundation – Scholarship
“Screenagers” screening at District 117
PE Ski Field Trip Forms
MFT Scholarship Application
7th Grade: Farewell Celebration Note
Wendy’s Night – Flyer needed (take a pic with your phone)

Calendar Link:

STAR Winter Benchmark: You may recall that we took the STAR Benchmark in the Fall earlier this year. We are ready to do the same next week. The kids will take this assessment during their Math classes. There are two parts: Math and Reading. Here are the dates for each grade:

7th on Monday and Tuesday

6th on Tuesday and Wednesday

8th on Thursday and Friday

PBIS Team: We are looking for a parent to serve as a representative on our PBIS Team at Millburn Middle School. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. This person would help the PBIS Team understand perspectives and perceptions on PBIS from the parent view. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please email me and I will share any interest with the PBIS Team.

PBIS Update: This week we conducted our “Mid Month Mystery” raffle. Kids use their tickets to enter into a drawing to win a mystery prize at the end of the school day. The theme for this mystery gift was Fitness. The prizes were either a weighted jump rope or a squeezable hand-grip along with a coupon for a free sub at Penn Station. The following students won the mid month raffle: *Joe Kass, Chase Dolphin, Adrian Demos, Lusas*

Miller, Jacob Mueller and Kylie Deacetis. Nice job “Doing your PART!”

Spelling Bee: Awesome job to our Spellers this week! We have the two finalists... *Patrick Kilcullen and runner up Asritha Bodepudi.* The regional Spelling Bee takes place next. Patrick will represent MMS and compete against kids that won from their school. Asritha will serve as a backup in case Patrick is not able to compete. Best of luck!

Ellis Island 7th Grade: Also next week Thursday our 7th 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.

Millburn Madness is just 5 Weeks Away! We are so excited about this year’s event on Saturday, February 25 at Austin’s Fuel Room in Libertyville. All of the profits from this event will go directly to our schools, so we hope to have a record breaking turnout this year! Millburn Madness starts at 6:00 pm with our awesome silent auction items, some great food from Austin’s, a free drink and time to mingle with other Millburn parents. We will have our live auction at 8:00 pm and then enjoy a private concert by The Breakfast Club. NEW THIS YEAR – if we raise \$1,500 in our “Administrators Sing Karaoke” fund, then Dr. Lind, Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Walshire will sing karaoke with the band!! Get your tickets for \$40 each before February 13 at www.mef24.schoolauction.net/millburnmadness.

In early February, we will open our online auction of Millburn staff donated items AND all of the grade level projects so watch for an announcement about when that will open – it will only be open for one week this year!

Please contact Valerie (Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions, would like to donate an item to our silent or live auction or would like to donate your time to help make this event a success. Thank you for your support of the Millburn Education Foundation!

6th Grade Spanish: We were able to coordinate some scheduling parameters and open up a Spanish opportunity to our 6th graders that are currently in study hall. We have surveyed the students to determine their interest. We are ready to start one group on A days during 3rd Quarter. I have emailed these families already. I have another list of students interested in taking Spanish on B days 4th quarter. I will email these families soon.

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.

Take care, Jake Jorgenson

PTO NEWS!!

PTO MEETING!! Thanks to all who attended our PTO Meeting this week! It's great to have the support and to share ideas! Our next meeting is March 15 at 9am at MES. The PTO Board would like to give a huge THANKS to Margaret Muscia for taking the meeting minutes for us!!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! All 7th grade parents are invited to our KICK OFF MEETING, January 26th at 7pm at MMS in the LRC. The 8FC is a treasured Millburn tradition when the 7th grade parents and students plan a celebration for the 8th graders and their parents. We are accepting THEME ideas from 7th graders NOW! Please see flyer in the virtual backpack!

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! 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 20th, 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

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

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The next **Middle School Activity Night** of the year is **Friday, January 27th**. 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 27th** 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

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! Come out for some family fun and get some exercise this winter at Bella's Skate on Grand, open only for Millburn School. The PTO is hosting our first ever Family Fun night at the roller rink on Thursday, February 9th from 530-730pm. No need to worry about dinner, take a break and have some pizza, there will be a family meal deal available, details to come. Please pre-pay and register in advance, detailed flyer in the backpack. If you have any questions, please contact Kandi Silk at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com. Thanks!!

WENDY'S DAYS!! Our local Wendy's was bought by a corporation and our fundraising opportunities have changed. We used to get 15% from 5-8pm. Now we can earn 30% from 10am-10pm, **BUT WE MUST SHOW THE FLYER** to earn the credit! Please keep a snapshot on your phone to show the first two Tuesdays of every month. We have added it to virtual backpack as well so that you can always pull it up! Thanks for your support!

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