



Cougar Catch: January 27th, 2017

Backpack Items:

8th Grade T – Shirt Orders
Read to Succeed Information, Log
March Madness: Daycare, Parent Letter, Save the Date
“Screenagers” screening at District 117
7th Grade: Farewell Celebration Note
Wendy’s Night – Flyer needed (take a pic with your phone)

Calendar Link:

Kindergarten Registration: Parents, please follow this link for more information about registering a child for kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year: <http://www.millburn24.net/news.cfm?story=124729>

Boys Volleyball Tryouts: Next week Monday and Tuesday are the tryouts for our Boys Volleyball teams. The tryouts are after school until 4:30. Here is a link to the Athletics – Schedule page on our district website. You can find schedules for specific sports on the left.

http://www.millburn24.net/calendar_sports.cfm?season=Winter

For all 6th graders: The Read to Succeed program is up and running--and we already have some students who have completed the 6 hours required to get a FREE TICKET to Great America this summer. You will find the forms in the backpack. Just print them, fill them out, and return them to Mrs. Jacobs on or before February 24. HAPPY READING:):!!

Bully Plays by Lakes H.S.: Next week Wednesday the Lakes Theater department will be coming to perform their Bully Plays for our 7th and 8th grade classes. We have done this in past years and they are a real success. It is great having upper class students visit our middle school students.

PBIS Update: On Friday next week we will be celebrating our Student and Citizens of the Month.

The MMS Student Council is extending their annual coat drive through February 3. Please consider donating gently-used coats and new scarves, hats, gloves and mittens to help those in our community who are in need. All donations may be placed on the table in the front entry-way of the building. Donations may also be made at the activity night on January 27th. Thanks for helping to keep our friends warm!

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.

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!

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!!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Thank you to all the 7th Grade parents who were able to join us last night for our 1st planning meeting. There are still committees that need volunteers and we cannot have a successful event without everyone helping. If you are not able to volunteer on a committee, don't worry, there will be plenty of opportunities to help closer to the event. If you have any questions or suggestions, we would love to hear from you farewellcelebration@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!!!**

THE DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

DROP OFF

6th grade-6pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade-6:30pm, MAIN entrance

PICK UP

6th grade-8:30pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade-9:00pm 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 pick up late, but if everyone does this, the line of traffic will stretch out to Route 45! **No students 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. Also, all students must have a permission slip to attend Activity Night on file (if you went to the one in October, you are all set). If you need to leave before the Activity Night is over, **YOUR** parent must sign you out!

The rules are **NOT** negotiable!

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!

MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!! The planning has begun for the 5th Annual Millburn Family Fun Run. The date is set for April 8th. We are currently looking for corporate sponsors who would like to take advantage of a great marketing opportunity while supporting District 24. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the event. If you are interested in being either a corporate sponsor or volunteer, contact Marci Simmons at millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com

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