



Cougar Catch: November 11th, 2016

Backpack Items:

MMS Scholastic Bowl Permission
Lakes Eagles Basketball
Carmel High School Strategic Plan
Foreign Language at Warren High School
Linking Efforts Against Drugs @ Lakes H.S Wednesday 6:30
Twisters Elite Tryouts
Grayslake Park District Winter Camp
Washington DC Trip – 8th Graders
Box Top Collection Contest, Collection Sheet

Calendar Link:

Veteran's Day: Last night our Middle School Choir hosted their Veteran's Day Concert. It was a delight to see the patriotism and wonderful performance. Today our 8th grade students had a guest speaker to share perspective on Veteran's Day. Our 6th grade students are working on their writing and sending letters to our military. 7th grade viewed a film that shared the importance of recognizing the efforts and sacrifice of our military.

Honor Roll: Included in the virtual backpack are the lists for the different levels of honor roll. Take a minute to check those out. You can see the great level of accomplishments our students have had already in the first quarter.

Theater Club Performance: Make sure you have this on your calendar! The Millburn Theater Club will be performing on the 17th and 18th on the Millburn Stage. The performance starts at 7pm both nights.

Student Led Conference Sign Ups: Please be sure to sign up for a conference time. The directions were emailed directly to you and they are also located in the virtual

backpack. Dates are November 21 and 22. We hope all can attend!

Student Council Food Drive: Millburn Middle School Student Council is joining forces with students from Grayslake North High School to help stock our neighborhood food pantries. A former Millburn student asked us to join the project headed up by his class called Public Service Practicum, a group that works to promote projects to help their community.

Please help us by contributing non-perishable foods for our partnership with Grayslake North High School. Any and all non-perishable foods will be collected in boxes found in the main entrance foyer and at student-parent conferences.

We are hoping to help our students realize that families in our own community are in need, and together, we can help!

The Food Drive goes from November 14 - November 28.

School Lockdown Drills: Each year, schools are required to practice emergency situation drills that include lockdowns. Recently, our school staff received training from the Lake County Police Department that was focused on protecting students in the event of an armed intruder.

Traditionally, our practice drills focused on locking classrooms and moving students out of sight. The next level of our drills will include giving students information on several possible actions to take.

1. Exiting the building to a safe location.
2. Barricading the classroom door to slow down an intruder.
3. Using classroom items in effort to slow, confuse and distract an intruder.

We are planning a practice drill for later this week. Our staff will be sharing these possible actions with the students during the drill.

Take care, Jake Jorgenson

PTO NEWS!!

PTO MEETING!! Our second PTO Meeting for this school year is next Wednesday, November 16th at 9am at MES. We hope to see you there!

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! Our sale is closing today. Every order counts toward making our goal of \$10,000! **Orders are due today, November 11th.**

BOX TOPS!! The November Box Tops are due back **today, November 11th.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Denise Ide at boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com

MES BOOK FAIR!! Save the date! Our PTO Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Millburn Elementary School during Parent Teacher Conferences. Visit us in the East Gym on Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. We will have books

for all ages including picture books and chapter books with your favorite characters, series, holiday books, cook books, award winners, and some grown up titles. We will also have reference books, science kits, crafts, and small gifts. You can shop thousands of additional items or create wish lists for out of town friends and relatives during our **online sale starting November 13th and running through November 26th**. There is also a book fair app to find book details including age, grade and reading level. Just follow this link for more information: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=millburncommconssd24>

Change wars starts next week! Please consider sending in change with your student each week to purchase classroom books from the book fair! More information can be found in the Virtual Backpack.

Please follow this link if you would like to volunteer; <http://signup.com/go/tgrRBK> We have set up on Friday, November 18th and shifts throughout the fair on Monday and Tuesday the 21st and 22nd. Thanks for considering! Any questions, feel free to contact Alicia Keys or Suzanne Pursell Hampton at bookfairelementary@pto.com

MMS BOOK FAIR!! Visit us in the Media Center on **Friday, November 18th and Monday, November 21st & Tuesday November 22nd** during school hours. The fair will also be open during conferences on **Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd** between the hours of 12:30PM-8:00PM. ELA classes will preview the fair on Friday, November 18th. Students will be able to purchase items at this time. Be sure to check for teacher wish lists. This is a great way to fill classroom libraries with new material or to find the perfect gift for your favorite teacher. There is a bright yellow and red display with your teacher's wish list - you can't miss it! An **online fair will run November 13th to November 28th**. This is a great way to shop for Christmas or to purchase the books that Scholastic feels are a little too edgy to put at the fair, such as some of the John Greene titles. You can also send wish lists to relatives from the site. All orders ship for free to the school and should be in before Winter break. They will be delivered to your child at school. If your order contains a gift, please let us know and we will make other arrangements to get the items to you. Just go to: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/millburnmiddle>

Interested in volunteering? We are looking for volunteers to help set-up the fair on Thursday 11/17 and to run the fair. Click here: <http://signup.com/go/XeNWXV> to sign up! Any questions, feel free to contact Denise Ide at bookfairmiddle@pto.com

Upcoming Events: WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE SALE ORDERS DUE 11/11, BOX TOPS DUE 11/11, TEACHER STIPENDS 11/1-11/30, PTO MEETING 11/16, MES BOOK FAIR 11/21 & 11/22, MMS BOOK FAIR 11/18, 11/21, 11/22