



Cougar Catch: November 18th, 2016

Backpack Items:

AIM Service Projects During Conferences
March Madness: Parent Letter, Save the Date
Gingerbread Activity
Lindhurst PD: Boys Basketball, Grinchmas, Treelighting,
Winter Break Camp
Lakes High School Pre Registration
Carmel High School Shadow Day

Calendar Link:

Lakes High School Pre-Registration: Lakes High School has a pre-registration process for families to do online. There is a flyer with more details in the virtual backpack.

Reminder: Monday and Tuesday next week are half-day dismissals at 11:30. Student led conferences run from 12:30 to 7pm.

Theater Club Performance: Today is the last night of the Theater Club's performance. Come out at 7:00 to see the zombies, I mean "students", in action!

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! Our students in AIM will be collecting donation items as a service project. One service is for local animal rescue and the other is for Lake County Haven. A full description is included in the virtual backpack.

***Don't forget to stop at the Bookfair before or after your conference.

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.

Take care, Jake Jorgenson

PTO NEWS!!

PTO MEETING!! Thanks to all who attended our second meeting this past Wednesday! We appreciate your input and idea sharing! Happy Thanksgiving!

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! Thanks to everyone who supported our fall WFC chocolate sale! It looks like we hit our goal! WFC pickup is December 12th from 4:30-6pm at the MMS Activity Entrance.

STAFF APPRECIATION!! Our Staff Appreciation Committees at MES & MMS are working hard to feed our wonderful teachers next week during Conferences! Thanks for all that you do to treat our staff☺

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: *TEACHER STIPENDS 11/1-11/30, MES BOOK FAIR 11/21 & 11/22, MMS BOOK FAIR 11/18, 11/21, 11/22, STAFF APPRECIATION AT MES & MMS 11/21 & 11/22*