



*Cougar Catch: February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

**Backpack Items:**

**Hunt Club Aquatic Center:** <http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com/aquatics/aquatic-center>  
**Lakes High School Presentation on Adolescence**  
**PTO Talent Show Flyer, Permission Slip**  
**Art Show –Antioch Women’s Club – Save the Date**  
**March Madness: Online Auction!!! And Daycare**  
**Wendy’s Night – Flyer needed (take a pic with your phone)**  
**Lindhurst Park Distric: Before and After Program, Spring Break Camp**

**Calendar Link:**

**PTO Valentines Day Special:** The PTO hosted a DJ/Photo Booth for the middle school students during lunch/recess. It was a huge hit and a nice break from the cold! Thanks PTO!

**THE MILLBURN MADNESS ONLINE AUCTION OPENS ON MONDAY AND CLOSSES SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12!**

The Online Auction will open this Monday, February 6 at 6:30 AM and contains almost 100 items donated by our fantastic district 24 teachers and staff members. There is NO COST for you to get an account and bid on these one-of-a-kind items. Check the virtual backpack for instructions on how to bid and a listing of all of the available items. Login to last year’s account or create a new account to get those bids submitted and make sure you have the highest bid when the auction closes next Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 PM.

**GET YOUR MILLBURN MADNESS TICKETS NOW – PRICE INCREASES 2/14!**

We hope you will attend Millburn Madness on Saturday, February 25 at Austin’s Fuel Room in Libertyville. All of the profits from this event will go directly to our schools, and we want 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!! So far we have about \$100 raised – we need your help to get this act together for one special performance! Get your tickets for \$40 each by February 13 at [www.mef24.schoolauction.net/millburnmadness](http://www.mef24.schoolauction.net/millburnmadness) (on February 14 tickets will be \$50 each).

Need a sitter? Millburn Before and Afterschool Care (MBAC) will be providing childcare at Millburn Elementary School from 5:30 pm – 12:15 am on February 25. There is a childcare form posted in the virtual backpack with more information – cost per child is \$20 or \$30 per family.

Please contact Valerie ([Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 and we hope to see you at Austin's on February 25!

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**Lakes High School Presentation:** Erika's Lighthouse will be conducting a presentation for parents and students on the “Changing Moods of Adolescence: What's Normal, What's Not, and How to Manage”. This event is on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Lakes High School at 6:30 pm. See the backpack for a flyer with more details.

**PARCC Testing:** In March the middle school students will take the PARCC assessment. The dates for this are March 16<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Each grade will take one assessment a day. The assessments are in Math and Reading. You can find more on PARCC at this website. <http://www.parcconline.org/about/the-parcc-tests>

**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>

**For all 6th graders:** It is that time of year again--when all 6th graders have the opportunity to earn a FREE TICKET to Great America this summer by reading for 6 hours before FEBRUARY 24. Please read and fill out the form (in Virtual Backpack and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade website) and give to Mrs. Jacobs no later than February 24. Any questions, please call Mrs. Jacobs at [847-245-1600 ext 3717](tel:847-245-1600) or email "[sjacobs@millburn24.net](mailto:sjacobs@millburn24.net)".

**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).

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art Festival:** The Antioch Women's Club sponsors this art festival and it is hosted this year at Antioch High School. Save the date on your calendar for April 21<sup>st</sup>. The festival runs from 7pm to 9pm. See the flyer in the backpack.

Take care, Jake Jorgenson

PTO NEWS!!

**HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!!** District Students will be enjoying holiday festivities today! Thanks to the parents who volunteered to coordinate parties at MES! The MMS students have a SURPRISE too!!

**WENDY'S DAYS!!** Please join us next **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, between 5-8pm for Wendy's Night. Dine in or drive thru at the Wendy's on Route 45 & Sand Lake Rd in Lindenhurst. Wendy's will donate 15% of all sales back to the Millburn PTO! 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!

**BOX TOPS!!** Our Box Tops program is off and running! Thank you so much for taking the time to clip those Box Tops! They really do make a difference. So far, we have collected **19,595 Box Tops** which means **\$1,955.50** in **FREE** money for Millburn! Keep sending them in! Our goal is to raise **\$6,000** with Box Tops by the end of this school year! Congratulations to **Zach Grzesiak** from **Mr. Thomas' 4<sup>th</sup> grade**. Zach 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 soon.

The February Box Tops are due back **Friday, February 17<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)

**MILLBURN DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!!** If you have a talent you would like to share, this is your chance to shine! Any Millburn student is welcome to take the stage! There are no "try-outs," but we do require you to attend a rehearsal. Visit the virtual backpack or [millburnpto.com](http://millburnpto.com) and get your permission slip.

**Dates to Remember: Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Signed permission slips & music due back to school** \*If your act requires music, **you must turn in a CD clearly labeled with your name when you turn in your permission slip so we can make our master play list.** You will get your CD back at rehearsal.

**Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30-9:00PM Rehearsal in the Millburn Middle School Cafeteria**

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8PM Talent Show in the Millburn Middle School Cafeteria**

Any questions, please contact Denise Ide or Carissa LaTourette at

[talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com](mailto:talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com)

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** We are still looking for the following committee chairs:

***IMovie Chair*** is responsible for collecting all necessary photos from parents of all 8th grade students, arrange the photos along with music from iTunes, work with decorations to incorporate the theme for the DVD labels, arrange to have the DVD burned with Haapanen Brothers.

***Memory Book Chair*** is responsible to collect all necessary memory pages from students, collect congratulatory letters from Mr. Lind, Mr. Walshire and Mr. Jorgenson, arrange to have all the memory pages and cd's delivered to Haapanen Brothers to be burned, work with decorations to incorporate the theme for the CD labels. For questions please contact:

[farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com](mailto:farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com)

**Our next meeting is February 23<sup>rd</sup> at MMS Media Center from 7-8pm!**

**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](mailto:millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com)

**Upcoming Events: WENDY'S DAYS 2/14, MES & MMS HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS 2/10, BOX TOPS DUE 2/17, TALENT SHOW PERMISSION SLIPS DUE 2/22**