



Cougar Catch: March 10th, 2017

Backpack Items:

PTO Family Fun Run Information and Registration

PTO Kids Resale: Registration, Seller/Pricing Guidelines

Lindhurst Park Dist: Carp Fishing, Earth Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Broadway Beat, Horse Camp

Grayslake Volleyball Camps

Spring Break Camp

GPD Programs and Events : <http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com/programs/parks-column-2/program-guide>

Calendar Link:

Millburn Choir: The choir had a concert on Thursday night that was truly terrific! This group of 6th, 7th and 8th graders come together and put on a great performance. Many of them also competed in the Solo and Ensemble competition. It is great to see all of our student talent!

Wrestling State Tournament: Exciting news! We have an 8th grade student, Isa Abdeljaber, who qualified for the State Wrestling tournament this weekend! We all wish Isa the best of luck in his matches.

Talent Show: Speaking of talent... Come out to the PTO sponsored Talent Show Wednesday the 15th. You will see a wide range of awesomeness!

Jazz Band Dinner: On Friday the 17th our Jazz Band students will host a dinner event at MMS. This event is a wonderful venue to show off their hard work and incredible skills.

NJHS Induction Ceremony: We look forward to welcoming our next group of inductees to NJHS the following week, Tuesday the 21st. These students met the criteria for grade point average and then filled out an application to meet standards set forth by NJHS.

PBIS Update: Next week Wednesday is our Mid-Month-Mystery raffle! We encourage kids to use their DYP (Do Your PART) tickets in the raffle to win the mystery item. There is a strong chance that the theme for this item will have to do with St. Patrick's Day.

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 14th 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 16th to the 23rd. 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>

Scholarship Reminder: Just a reminder that a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a former Millburn student who will be attending college in the fall. The application is in the backpack and is due by April 7. Any questions please email sjacobs@millburn24.net

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>

32nd 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 21st. The festival runs from 7pm to 9pm. See the flyer in the backpack.

Take care, Jake Jorgenson

PTO NEWS!!

PTO DIRECTORY!! PTO Directories were distributed to teacher mailboxes last week! Please look for them in your youngest child's backpack. Thanks for your patience as this project was much bigger and time consuming than anticipated. Enjoy!

PTO MEETING!! Please join us for our next PTO Meeting on Wednesday, March 15th at 9am at MES. We have many open positions for the next school year and we would love to see some new volunteers with fresh ideas! We have Board positions and Committee Chair positions available. Please consider joining us!

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! Our sale is underway and you still have time to get more orders and send them in! Every order counts towards making our goal of \$10,000! We are extending our sale! **Orders are due Wednesday, March 15th!**

Be one of the top selling families and receive:

The Top District Selling Family will receive a \$40 Gift Card to Regal Cinemas!

The Second District Top Selling Family will receive a \$25 Gift Card to Rosati's Pizza!

The Next 4 District Top Selling Families will each receive a \$15 Gift Card to Target!

Extra forms and packets can be found in the main office. Note: There is NO SALES TAX on any order! Any questions please contact us

at worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com

WENDY'S DAYS!! Please join us next **Tuesday, March 14th**, 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!

MILLBURN DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!! Please join us in the **Middle School Cafeteria on Wednesday, March 15th from 6:30-8:30PM** for the 2017 Millburn District Talent Show! The students of Millburn are ready to shine and show off their talents. In addition to acts on stage, there will also be works of art displayed around the cafeteria from our elementary and middle school students. This event is free! There will be a concession stand available during our intermission. Any questions, please contact Denise Ide or Carissa LaTourette at talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com

MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!! SPRING IS COMING and so is our resale! Please save the dates of **Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd for the sale**. Seller guidelines and registration forms are now available in print at both schools or the virtual backpack.

Have a donation for the sale? We are hosting an EASY donation drop off if you aren't planning to be a seller but still want to contribute to this great cause. Bring your donated items to the Middle school main entrance on **Saturday, March 18th from 8AM-10AM**. If you have yard toys, Spring/Summer clothing, shoes, bikes, dollhouses, other toys or baby equipment in good working condition that your house has outgrown, come drop it off! We will take all toys for kids (infant to teen) in good working condition. We will also take baby equipment, sports equipment and room furniture. This event is a success for our students because of the families that sell, the families that donate and the families that shop the sale. Thanks so much for your support!! Keep in mind, if you have items to donate and this donation drive time is not convenient for you, please contact us at millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com so we can make arrangements. We LOVE donations!

Also, we are now seeking volunteers to help out at the donation drive. Feel like getting your volunteer hours out of the way early? Click here to visit our site and volunteer today:

[Volunteer Link - Spring Millburn Kids Resale](#)

Thank you for your support!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Thank you to the parents who were able to come to our meeting last Thursday evening.

Our next meeting will be on April 6th at 7:00 in the Media Center at Millburn Middle School.

We have been very lucky to have all but one of our committees filled. We are still looking for a chair for the **Memory Book** and we are in danger of losing this important part of the celebration if we do not have a volunteer. The responsibilities for this committee include:

- * Coordinate with 7th Grade liaison to have each 8th Grader complete a memory page
- * Collect congratulations letters from Mr. Lind, Mr. Walshire and Mr. Jorgenson
- * Work with decorations to incorporate the theme for the CD labels
- * Arrange to have all the memory pages and CD's delivered to Rhonda Naylor at Haapanen Brothers to be burned. The Memory Book has always been a cherished keepsake for 8th Graders and it would be a shame if we cannot continue this tradition. I would be very grateful if you could please consider helping us out. For questions please contact farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com

MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!! MILLBURN FUN RUN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

Time to lace up your shoes and be part of the 5th Annual Millburn Fun Run 5K. Join us on April 8th for a 5K on a **NEW FUN RUN COURSE** starting at Millburn Middle School and running through McDonald Woods. Run, walk, jog, push your stroller, but don't miss out on the fitness fun. Family registration for \$40, individual registration for \$15 (children under 4 are free). Free race t-shirts to our first 225 registrants. Forms available in the virtual backpack or register online at www.millburnpto.com. Please make checks out to Millburn PTO and return to school with form or make debit/credit card payment on-line. Race check in time begins at 8:30, warm-ups led by **MR.**

WALSHIRE at 9:15, race steps off at 9:30. Gift card prizes will be awarded for Fastest boy, Fastest girl and best Millburn Spirit.

Don't forget to encourage your family and friends to support your run with a donation to the PTO! All race proceeds will go to support Millburn Health/Wellness programs and playground equipment. Donations accepted through the Millburn PTO website or via paper sponsor form.

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Upcoming Events: WFC FUNDRAISER 2/27-3/20, WENDY'S NIGHTS 3/14, TALENT SHOW 3/15, MILLBURN KIDS RESALE DONATION DROP OFF 3/18, 8FC Meeting 4/6, Family Fun Run 4/8