



Cougar Catch: March 24th, 2017

Backpack Items:

Track and Field: Information, Activity Form, Remind App

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

GPD Programs and Events: <https://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com/events/eventdetail/1762/easter-egg-hunt>

Calendar Link:

Scholastic Bowl Team: Big win yesterday at Lake Zurich! The team came from behind at half time. They rallied the 2nd half to be within 5 points. Daniel Gfesser buzzed in on the last question and the team took the lead and won 270 to 245!!! Nice job team!

6th Grade: The 6th grade teachers have started a Twitter account and want to share it with you! Check out all the “Tweets”!!

<https://twitter.com/Millburn6th>

PTO Sponsored Assembly: As a fun event when we get back to school after Spring Break, the PTO has planned for a guest speaker. He is a BMX bike specialist and he speaks to student about setting and reaching goals, the importance of school and other motivational topics. The kids will love this!

Drop off and Pick Up Reminders: Please use the designated school parking lots and drop off / pick up lanes. The area of the school on the West side by the cafeteria is not a designated parking or drop off / pick up area. This area is strictly for use by our walking students. Any added traffic makes this a less safe area for our walking students. Thanks for helping us keep our school and streets safe!

Track Practice Next Week: There was an added informational document to the Virtual Backpack. *See documents in the virtual backpack!*

PBIS Update: Today we had an assembly to go over our referral data with students. We use this as an opportunity to set goals and re-teach expectations. We like to focus on improvements made. We also recognize our Students and Citizens of the Month during this assembly. To conclude the assembly today we had a Zumba dance that students could use their DYP tickets to enter for a chance to participate. It is amazing to me that kids would actually want to dance on the gym floor in front of their peers! Brave soles. Here are the kids we recognized today as SC of the Month: *Sam Schmitt, Sophia Barszcz, Kendall Queen, Lainey Spiewak, Erika Hochstein, Ethan Lee, Nick Gregori, Mia Pfeiffer, Nate Keenan, Lily Erwin, Hope Brown, and Sara Boutelle*

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 HELP WANTED!! We have SIX Board Positions up for election on May 17th. We are looking for MES President, MES Vice President, MMS Vice President, Secretary, Website Coordinator and Treasurer! Please contact any current Board Member for information. We will be planning an informational night to discuss and answer any questions. More details to come!!

COLOR PORTRAITS-8th GRADE GRADUATION!! Graduation Picture Orders are due TODAY, March 24th. Please select a Class Composite Picture. If you do not, one will be chosen for you. Retakes are Tuesday, April 11th and cost \$10. For assistance go to cphelpcenter.com and click on Submit A Request.

WENDY'S DAYS!! Please join us **Tuesday, April 4th & 11th**, 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!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Our next meeting will be on April 6th at 7:00pm in the Media Center at Millburn Middle School. **ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8th GRADERS!!** Please see letter sent in email and posted in Virtual Backpack regarding pictures needed for the 8th grade slideshow! Please follow the directions provided to upload your pictures to the Dropbox set up. Pictures are due by April 10th!! For questions please contact farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com

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 **21,934 Box Tops** which means **\$2,193.40** 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 **Jake Kelley** from **Mrs. Laughman's 2nd grade**. Jake 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 this week. The March Box Tops are due back **Friday, April 7th, 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

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

MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!! Our Resale Donation Drive was a huge success last weekend! Thank you all for your support! If you find that you still have items you wish to donate, please contact us via email or through Facebook as soon as possible. **NOW SEEKING:** Additional sellers for our upcoming MILLBURN KIDS RESALE! Feel like earning some extra money? **Spring Break is next week...** Start collecting the clothes and toys your kids have outgrown from last Spring- then turn your collections into cash by selling them at the Millburn Kids Resale! It's a great

way for you - and your kids - to clean out the closet, garage, basement, and attic! All early registrations received are automatically entered into a drawing to win 75% of your proceeds instead of the standard 50%. **Drawings will be the next few Fridays with the first one on 3/31!** Registration forms can be found on the PTO website (www.millburnpto.com) and in the virtual backpack.

INVITE ONLY PRESALE FOR VOLUNTEERS - Would you like to come early and shop the Millburn Kids Resale **BEFORE** the doors open to the public? Make your selection from great name brand items at fantastic prices from 3:15pm to 4pm on Opening Day of the sale! The PRESALE is an invite only event for volunteers that help out either before, during or after the sale. We are very flexible with the hours and opportunities to volunteer. If there isn't a time or date that works for your schedule, please contact us to make arrangements. Contact us at: MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com

Please follow this link to view opportunities:

Volunteer Link - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-millburn1>

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The ***LAST*** Middle School Activity Night of the year is **Friday, April 7th**. The theme is "***Let it Glow***". Students may choose to wear white and glow-in-the-dark/ light-up items. Glow sticks will not be allowed. We will have highlighters available in the cafeteria, if students want to sign each other's shirts and see them POP under the black lights! 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. **WE WILL HAVE 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. Your student can take a picture of their ID with their cell phone and show us that. 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 ones in October and January, 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!

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 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS: FITNATION, GOSHGARIAN ORTHODONTICS, TC KELLY CONSTRUCTION, THE THERAPY TREE, ANITA SPISAK - @PROPERTIES, ACTION INCLUSION, BUTERA MARKET AND PEDIATRIC INTERACTIONS.

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! Thanks to everyone who helped support us in this fundraiser. We sold over \$3000! Winners for most sold will be announced after Spring Break. Pick-up is Monday, April 10th and Tuesday, April 11th from 4:30-6pm at the Middle School Activity Entrance.

Upcoming Events: 8th Grade Graduation Picture Orders Due 3/24, Wendy's Nights 4/4 & 4/11, 8FC Meeting 4/6, MMS Activity Night 4/7, Box Tops Due 4/7, Family Fun Run 4/8, 8th Grade Slideshow Pictures Due 4/10