



*Cougar Catch: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

**Backpack Items:**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Kindergarten Pictures for 8FC**

**Supply Kits**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Letter**

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Letter**

**FCLC Tryouts**

**LASC tryouts**

**Mustache Dash – Gurnee PD**

**Millburn Volleyball and Basketball Camps**

**Echo Day Camp Information**

**Foundation Fundraiser with Portillos! May 16<sup>th</sup>, take a picture of the flyer**

**Gillespie Ford Fundraiser May 13th**

**Gurnee PD:** <https://register.gurneeparkdistrict.com/wbwc/webtrac.wsc/search.html?module=ar&keyword=camp>

**Chicago Kickers Information**

**Calendar Link:**

**Spinners:** Pokemon, Silly Bands, Angry Birds, Beanie Babies, Magic Eight Ball, Cabbage Patch Kids, Atari???? Yes, these are some examples of fads they many of us have experienced over the last few decades. Today's newest fad..... Spinners! We see hundreds of our students bringing them in every day.

Most of our students use spinners as a toy. Yet, spinners can also be used as fidgets. Many times students are movers and just can't sit still. Fidgets are designed to provide extra sensory input in a less distracting way. With using a fidget, they are able to get that movement and still function in the learning environment. A fidget doesn't have to be a spinner and there are a variety of fidgets that may meet the needs of children.

We do hold the right to have spinners put away if we feel the items are disrupting the learning environment or is not used in a way that it was intended to (fidget). Students are

welcome to bring them out to recess, but the school is also not responsible for lost or stolen items that are brought into school.

Thanks for your help and looking forward to the next fad that comes our way....maybe a new high tech game that provides higher level math concept practice!!!

**Fundraiser:** See the backpack for the flyer from Gillespie Ford in Gurnee. They have set aside a date to give back to Millburn. They will give 20 dollars to the school for every test drive! I am thinking Mustang!!!

**Millburn School and Community Garden:** It is that time of year to request a plot in the Millburn School and Community Garden. Requests for plots can be made by emailing the membership coordinator, Samantha Hutchinson, at [samanthakayhutchinson@gmail.com](mailto:samanthakayhutchinson@gmail.com) no later than May 10th. There are small plots available (5X20) for a \$25 fee. Plots are based on availability and garden participation. The goal of the garden is to provide an area where citizens, students, faculty and families can grow fresh produce, flowers or herbs for their enjoyment.

**Track Sectionals:** Good luck to our qualifying track members at the Sectional meet this Saturday! We are hoping many of you qualify for the State Meet!

Take care, Jake Jorgenson

PTO NEWS!!

**PTO MEETING & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT!!** The last PTO meeting for this school year has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the LRC at MMS.

The PTO Board will be proposing an amendment to the By-Laws to change the PTO Executive Board to (ONE) MES President, (ONE) MMS President, (ONE) Vice President, (ONE) Treasurer and (ONE) Secretary.

The Millburn District 24 PTO is only successful because of our wonderful chairpersons and volunteers! Please join us for our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event! We will be heading to Chance's in Lindenhurst after our general meeting and election. Please RSVP to [presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com](mailto:presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com)

**SUPPLY KITS!!** Don't feel like racing around from store-to-store to find your child's school supplies? Simplify your life, order through Schoolkidz Supply Kits and help give back to the school! Orders will be accepted through June 2nd and will be available for pick-up at MES on August 8th from 3-6pm. Order online at [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com) and

enter code 21809 for MES and code 21811 for MMS. See Virtual Backpack for more info! Any questions please contact [supplykits@millburnpto.com](mailto:supplykits@millburnpto.com).

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** We need KINDERGARTEN PICTURES of any students that DID NOT attend Millburn Elementary! If your child attended another school, please email your picture no later than May 23<sup>rd</sup>. See the Virtual Backpack for instructions!

If you have any questions, please contact us at [farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com](mailto:farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com)

**MMS BOOK FAIR!!** THANKS to all who shopped our book fair! **The online fair will run through today, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. All orders ship for free to the school and will be in before the end of the school year. They will be delivered to your child at school. Shop at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/millburnmiddle>

**MES BOOK FAIR!!** Millburn PTO is excited to host an **author visit with Jeffery Brown**. During the school day on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, our 2nd-5<sup>th</sup> graders will hear from the author himself about the process of writing and drawing his Jedi Academy series and his new book Lucy & Andy Neanderthal.

Mr. Brown will sign copies of his books after his presentation. If you would like to purchase one (or more!) for the book signing, please print and fill out the pre-sale order form found in the Virtual Backpack. Orders are due Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. And, as a bonus and a thank you from our PTO, you will receive a certificate for a FREE book of equal value at our BOGO (buy one, get one) book fair.

Our BOGO book fair will be held Thursday and Friday, May 18-19<sup>th</sup> at Millburn Elementary School from 8 am to 3 pm. We will also be open Friday evening during our PTO Family Fun event. As a thank you to our Millburn families, we are offering all the books at the fair as BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE! Stock up for summer reading! If you are interested in volunteering at our BOGO book fair, please click on this link: <http://signup.com/go/EMtJfDg> Thank you for considering!

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!** The flyer is available in virtual backpack to reserve your spot at the FIESTA style Family Fun night featuring Grande Jake's Taco Bar! The date is Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Hope to you see there!

*Upcoming Events:* MES Author Visit 5/18, MES Book Fair 5/18 & 5/19, Family Fun Night 5/19, PTO Meeting 5/25, Supply Kits Orders by 6/2

MILLBURN EDUCATION FOUNDATION INFORMATION  
**Muffins with Mom was a great success!**

Thank you to all the elementary school moms who attended the Muffins with Mom event this week! We really had a great time and hope you all have a happy Mother's Day this weekend.

**Portillo's Fundraising Event – May 16 from 5:00 -8:00 pm**

The Foundation is excited to partner with the Gurnee Portillo's to host a fundraiser event on May 16. The event will take place from 5-8pm and the Foundation will get 20% back from everyone who brings in the flyer (posted to the backpack), shows it on their phone, or mentions the Millburn Education Foundation at checkout. **If you are going through the drive-thru, you must inform the first order taker that you are with the Millburn Education Foundation fundraiser.**

If you have questions about the Millburn Education Foundation please email us at [millburneducationfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millburneducationfoundation@gmail.com).