

Cougar Catch: May 19th, 2017

Backpack Items:

Millburn Volleyball and Basketball Camps
Echo Day Camp Information
Gurnee PD: Pool Pass – Early Bird Rate
Twisters Elite Cheer Tryouts
Blue Devil Swim Club

Calendar Link:

<u>Lost and Found:</u> Wow! Once again one of our very generous parents has volunteered to wash, fold and set out the lost and found items from the year. These items are on display at the school in the front hallway. Please come and take a look for your lost items. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Kids Resale or a charity organization towards the end of the year.

<u>State Track Meet:</u> Good luck to our qualifying track members at the State meet this Friday and Saturday! 19 state qualifiers...

Madeline Barrie, Amanda Britton, Kayleigh Glickley, Lily Halberg, Zoe Kane, Gabrielle King, Erika Hochstein, Breanna Lippmann, Emma Martinez, Caroline Miner, Elizabeth Payson, Brooke Stromsland, Collin Kao, Raiden Kolar, Tristen Ramsey, Matthew Runyard, Demitrius Tate, Aidan Tseu, Tristan Tseu

<u>PBIS Mid Month Raffle:</u> This week we collected raffle tickets for our mid-month-mystery raffle item. This month's theme was "Summer Relaxing". The prizes included a coupon for a milk shake from Antioch Pizza and either a bag chair or a beach towel. It was lots of fun! The winners are: Jacob Mueller, Claire DeJong, Shivali Chingre, Jacob Hanna, Lauren Kessel, and Rachel Ward.

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!!!

Take care, Jake Jorgenson

PTO NEWS!!

<u>PTO MEETING & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT!</u> The last PTO meeting for this school is Thursday, May 25th 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

<u>SUPPLY KITS!!</u> 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 and enter code 21809 for MES and code 21811 for MMS. See Virtual Backpack for more info! Any questions please contact supplykits@millburnpto.com.

8th 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 <u>no later than May 23rd</u>. See the Virtual Backpack for instructions!

If you have any questions, please contact us at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com

MES BOOK FAIR!! Today is the LAST DAY for the MES Book Fair! The book fair will be open during the school day and tonight during the PTO's FIESTA Family Fun Night! Don't miss out on this BOGO book fair! 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!

<u>FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!</u> TONIGHT is the FIESTA style Family Fun night featuring Grande Jake's Taco Bar! Hope to you see there!

<u>Upcoming Events</u>: MES Book Fair 5/19, Family Fun Night 5/19, PTO Meeting 5/25, Volunteer Appreciation Night 5/25, Supply Kits Orders by 6/2