

Cougar Catch: May 26th, 2017

Backpack Items:

Millburn Volleyball and Basketball Camps
Echo Day Camp Information
Gurnee PD: Hunt Club Pool – Junior High Night
Twisters Elite Cheer Tryouts
Blue Devil Swim Club

Calendar Link:

7th Grade Genocide Memorial Museum: The seventh grade students have been working very hard over the last two weeks to create representations of seven different genocides that have occurred around the world. We are proud to announce the opening of the 2017 Genocide Memorial Museum that showcases the seventh graders' hard work. The museum will be open to visitors during the school day beginning on Tuesday, May 30th and it will be available for viewing through Monday, June 5th. If you would like to visit this amazing testament to the many souls lost to world genocides, stop in the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's sticker.

Middle School Scheduling for 17/18: We are preparing a slide show with course offerings for each grade level. We did the same thing last year so many of you are familiar with this. I will email the grade level slide shows to each family next week. These are informational so that you can see what options are available for your child's grade level. Please view these with your child. In June, I will send out a survey for you and your child to complete together. This is how you sign up for a class like (band, choir, drama, enrichments, study hall, and Spanish). The availability of the classes are grade specific so please view the slide show when I send it next week.

During the summer, students will be placed into classes based on the survey they complete with you. Every attempt will be made to meet the interests of your child.

<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.

Take care, Jake Jorgenson

PTO NEWS!!

<u>PTO UPDATE!!</u> Thanks to all who attended our last PTO meeting of the year! Sharing ideas and getting feedback is priceless and adds to the success of our PTO.

We approved the PTO purchase of a RAPTOR TECHNOLOGIES VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM for both schools that will be set up over the summer. This technology system will replace ineffective sign-in sheets with the RAPTOR system that is designed to protect students, faculty, and staff. Every visitor, volunteer, and vendor will be instantly screened through a database by scanning their driver's license. Custom settings can be set up for custodial alerts, banned visitors and other custom alerts. The RAPTOR system ensures accurate records are kept for every visitor and reports can generate a list of who is in the building instantly. THANK YOU to all families who have supported the PTO this past year in any of our fundraising so that we were able purchase the nation's leading developer of integrated safety technologies for K-12 schools!

We successfully passed an amendment to our By-Laws changing our Board to (1) MES President, (1) MMS President, (1) Vice President, (1) Treasurer and (1) Secretary. We nominated and elected our 2017-2018 Board positions by adding Janis Moore as MES President, Melissa Hyde as Vice President, Dani Krieschen as Treasurer and Amber Fendel as Secretary. A HUGE thanks to these ladies for taking on these important roles in the PTO. Janis, Melissa, Dani and Amber will join Lisa Griesser with one more year as MMS President, and begin their new roles on July 1st.

A HUGE thanks to our outgoing Board Members who will finish their roles on June 30th. Rimi Singh served as MES President for 3 years, Marci Simmons served as MES Vice President for 3 years, Janis Moore served as Treasurer for 2 years and Alicia Keys served as MMS Vice President for 2 years. These ladies have worked hard, donated a lot of time and made a HUGE difference at Millburn!

SEF UPDATE!! Student Enhancement Funds are provided each year to ALL students. This past year we promised \$18 per student through our PTO Fundraising. Here are some SEF Dollars at work this month!

PTO wrote checks for \$2520 for the 8th grade Springfield trip, \$1246 for the 7th grade Illinois Holocaust Museum Field Trip, \$1375 for the 7th grade Milwaukee Zoo Field Trip, \$220 for Bubble Wonders for Kindergarten, \$500 for Susan Salador Guest Reader for Kindergarten, \$918 for Green Meadows Farm for Kindergarten, \$834 for Animal Garden for 1st Grade and \$775 for the 5th Grade Picnic. That's \$8388 just for the month of May!!! Thanks to all families who supported our fundraising this year to help us send our kids on FABULOUS Field Trips!!

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

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Thank you so much for signing your student up to volunteer, we are very happy to say that all student spots are now filled. We are still desperately in need of adult volunteers and would truly appreciate it if you can find some time to help us out. Please use this link to look for available time slots. Thank you! http://signup.com/go/KoSINwI

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

Upcoming Events: 8FC 6/2, Supply Kits Orders by 6/2