

Cougar Catch: June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

## **Backpack Items:**

Millburn Volleyball and Basketball Camps Echo Day Camp Information Cross Country Remind App Instructions

Grayslake PD: Taste of Grayslake, Summer Beach Party, Ultimate Frisbee

**Gurnee PD:** Community Days at the Pool

**Twisters Elite Cheer Tryouts** 

**Blue Devil Swim Club** 

## Calendar Link:

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Wow! Here we are at the culmination of our student's 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Tonight, the PTO is putting on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Celebration for the graduates and their parents. This is a huge event with decorations, memory slideshow, food, pictures and a dance. Thanks in advance to the PTO for your work with this effort. Thanks to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students for supporting this celebration through volunteering, donation of soda and money to help with the cost.

Tomorrow, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in the graduation ceremony at Warren High School. Each family is issued tickets for their family to attend. We wish the best for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders with this exciting time in their lives and we look forward to their successes in high school!

<u>Last Day of Attendance:</u> June 7<sup>th</sup> is our last day of student attendance for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We dismiss at 1:30. On behalf of Millburn Middle School, we wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you back next year.

**2017** Cross Country Season: All 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in running cross country this fall should have their parents/guardians email Coach Perusich at dperusich@millburn24.net. When emailing Coach Perusich, please include your

son's/daughter's name, his/her grade this fall, and your email contact information. Coach Perusich will be emailing information regarding August workouts, spirit wear, and the upcoming 2017 cross country season. Expect to receive an email by the end of July.

Additionally, if you would like to receive 2017 Millburn XC information via your smartphone, please see the attachment for instructions on how to download the Remind App.

**7th Grade Genocide Memorial Museum:** We hope you didn't miss it! This was a wonderful display of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade unit of study. Nice job to the students and teachers for their work on this!

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 over the weekend. 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

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

## MILLBURN PTO END OF YEAR WRAP UP

The Millburn PTO Board would like to thank our members and Millburn school community for another successful school year.

With your help we were able to raise over \$52,885.

Check out what we were able to accomplish because of our wonderful members!

- **Supply Kits and Locker Works** were provided for purchase to many of our students.
- <u>3 Educational Assemblies</u> were sponsored including: Matt Willheim BMX at MMS, Chris McBrien, Scientist and Sky Squad, Slam Dunk Group for MES
- <u>Activity Night</u> was held at MMS three times during the school year giving middle school students a place to gather for fun, games, snacks and music.
- *Family Fun Night* was held at MES on three nights, including Halloween Bingo, Roller Skating and Taco Night Dinner.
- *Halloween and Valentines holiday celebrations* were held at MES providing 30 classrooms with holiday fun, crafts and games.
- *Holiday Surprises* were provided at MMS for all students including a photo booth and a DJ.
- **Staff Appreciation Committee** hosted monthly dessert raffles donating to 140 staff members. Staff luncheons were also sponsored throughout the school year.
- District Wide Talent Show took place at MMS with 29 acts.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Celebration was planned and sponsored to honor our 159 graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents.
- **Decorations committee** kept our schools beautiful all year long.
- **Recess volunteers** kept our kids safe at play all year long.
- *Spirit wear committee* kept our school looking good all year long.

- *Fall Fest* took place at MES and raised over \$3300.
- *Fall and Spring Book Fairs* were held at MES and MMS. They raised over \$19,160 in Scholastic dollars to provide books for the district LRCs.
- *Fall and Spring Kids Resale* was held and raised over \$15,300 in revenue.
- *School portraits* were provided for all students and raised \$4700 for the district.
- *Kidstuff coupon book sale* raised over \$3200 in funds.
- Community partners such as <u>Wendy's, Uno's, and Box Tops</u> have donated \$5,590 to the district so far this year.
- *Millburn Family Fun Run* brought out over 225 runners and raised over \$2100 for playground upgrades.
- *World's Finest Chocolate* raised over \$9800 in revenue.
- Student Enhancement Funds of \$21,800+ were donated by the PTO to all grades throughout the district to help fund: End of year picnics, Field trips to Green Meadows Farm, Animal Gardens, Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre, Lake County Discovery Museum, Milwaukee Public Museum, Volo Bog, Raupp Museum, Creative Smarts, Camp Timberlee, Holocaust Museum, Springfield trip, and various in-house presentations/projects.
- <u>Teacher Stipends</u> of \$2400 were provided to all teachers to help offset the cost of classroom supply expenses.
- PTO approved over \$10,688 in funds throughout the school year for *Special Requests* including new color & black/white art printers, Zoo admission for EC, Speech/EC supplies, a new Greg Tang Math Kit program, Smart TV & playground bench for MES, playground canopy & water bottle filler for MMS, and a new Raptor Visitor ID system.

Thank you for all you do to keep Millburn District 24 great. Please consider joining us to help keep all these fabulous programs alive for the 2017-2018 school year.

Learn more or become a member at www.millburnpto.com.

"The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." - DeAnn Hollis