



*Cougar Catch: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

**Backpack Items:**

**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**

**Summer Reading Challenge**

**Calendar Link:**

**Lost and Found:** 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 as of June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Thomas Edison Invention Challenge:** I received an email with a student design challenge and I thought I would share. There are gift card prizes for winners. Check it out and show it to your child. It is due by June 19<sup>th</sup>! Here is the link:

<http://mailchi.mp/thomasedison/thomas-edison-intellectual-property-can-work-for-you-1894153?e=e30b61409a>

**Cougar Newspaper:** The newspaper crew finished their last edition of the newspaper and it is online for you to view! Follow this link:

<http://sharpke.wixsite.com/mmsquarterly1>

**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](mailto: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 document in the backpack for instructions on how to download the Remind App.

**Middle School Scheduling for 17/18:** The powerpoints that describe the electives for each grade have been emailed to families that will be in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year. These are informational so that you can see what options are available for your child's grade level. Please view these with your child. Later 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 to see what is available in your child's grade. 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.

Take care, Jake Jorgenson

## PTO NEWS!

**PTO REGISTRATION!!** Our District PTO is only as strong as the members and volunteers that support it. If EVERY Millburn District family became a PTO member and volunteered ONE HOUR at a PTO Event each year, our work would be a breeze!

Did you know that EVERY District Student currently receives \$18 from the PTO for Field Trips? We want to continue to provide these funds and send your students on these fun and educational trips, but we need your support!

Annual FAMILY membership is only \$15 and provides you with a membership directory app for one smart device AND a paper directory!

Registration will be online again this year beginning July 1, 2017 at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com) Existing members can log in and new members can create a new account. Click on For Sale-PTO Membership, Checkout, then Use the Registration Key found in your email receipt to activate the app!

We know that life keeps getting busier and time is a precious commodity, but we really hope to continue supporting the District with one of the BEST PTOs in our area. Please join us! See our END OF YEAR WRAP UP below and see exactly how much money we raised this past year and where we spent it!!

[LOCKERWORKS!!](#) LockerWorks are being offered again and a flyer is in the Virtual Backpack! Forms and checks made payable to MILLBURN PTO are due in either front office by June 15<sup>th</sup>. These organizers are AMAZING and many students bring them to high school! Any questions please email [presidentelementary@millburnpto.com](mailto:presidentelementary@millburnpto.com)

[THANK YOU!!](#) Thank you to our AMAZING volunteers this year. Our success is only made possible with YOU! We want to give a SHOUT OUT to our AWESOME CHAIRPEOPLE this year!! THANKS to Janis Moore, Sarah Moore, Denise Ide, Alicia Keys, Suzanne Pursell, Christine Sielsky, Laura Kelly, Heather Hallman, Anne Arnholt, Carissa LaTourette, Julie Murray, Heather Chorazy, Kandi Silk, Judy Strong, Tammy Harris, Marci Simmons, Dani Krieschen, Jennifer Hauhe, Tracy Behnke, Melissa Giametta, Melissa Hyde, Victoria McCabe, Allison Ramos, Margaret Muscia and Shannon Grzesiak!! Thank you for the extra time you so graciously gave to make your committee outstanding!! We look forward to working with many of you next year and we look forward to meeting and working with new PTO volunteers in the 2017-18 school year!

## 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.
- **3 Educational Assemblies** were sponsored including: Matt Willheim BMX at MMS, Chris McBrien, Scientist and Sky Squad, Slam Dunk Group for MES
- **Activity Night** 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* were 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 *Wendy's, Uno's, and Box Tops* 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.
- *Teacher Stipends* 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](http://www.millburnpto.com).

