

Mustang Minute: October 16, 2015

Next Week's PBIS Raffle: Chew gum in the classroom during Halloween Celebration

Halloween Celebrations: Halloween celebrations will occur on Friday, October 30 from 1:00-2:00. All students are allowed to wear costumes during the celebrations. Costumes should not have weapons associated with them and we would appreciate no makeup because we don't want students wearing it all day long. Students must bring their costumes in and not wear them to school. They will then change into them before the parties. Costumes need to be easily put on and not require a lot of help from an adult.

Picture Retakes: Picture Retake Day is set for next Friday, Oct. 23. Retakes are for:

- Any student who did not have their picture taken yet this year
- Any student that has requested a retake, and has returned their entire original packet to school

Picture envelopes are available in the office. All students should have their picture taken, even if they are not ordering.

Staff Member Support: As many of you know, one of our staff members, Gina Winiewicz, lost her husband and daughter in a tragic car accident in August. To support the family, Rocky's Pizza in Lindenhurst is donating 25% of all sales on Sunday, October 18, to go directly to the family. More information on this fundraiser is in the Virtual Backpack.

Fire Prevention: October is Fire Prevention Month. Please take an opportunity to review safety in your own homes. In addition, children knowing their personal information is important, in the event they need to report a fire to the fire department. In this week's Virtual Backpack, we have a form for parents to walk through with their child(ren) on knowing their address and phone number. These pieces of information will help fire fighters get to homes quickly. Please take a moment to fill this out and practice with your child. We are not asking for them back, but please use this to help students remember their own information.

PBIS Fundraiser: Throughout the year, we provide incentives for students as part of our positive approach to student behavior. To help in our efforts, we are having a **Hat Day on Wednesday, November 4.** Students who bring in a dollar to support our PBIS program will be able to wear their hat throughout the day. Please help us in making our PBIS program a positive one for our students.

Fall Conference Sign Up: MES will once again use Signup Genius for parents to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conference in November. This year's sign-up will go live on Friday, November 6. The reason for the later sign up is to eliminate frequent changes that occur with times between now and the end of November.

Yearbooks: It's time to order a Millburn Elementary Yearbook for the 2015-16 school year. There are many exciting changes this year, including optional extras such as having your child's name and photo featured on the cover. Other options include an autograph insert, yearbook "stickys," a current events insert, and a hard cover. All orders and payments should be completed online. Check the Virtual Backpack for ordering information. Flyers will be sent home with students next week.

Online Orders: YBPay.lifetouch.com

Code: 4190016

Dress for the Weather: Fall is here and we have seen some of our temperatures drop this week. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Before we know it, colder weather will be here! We will continue to follow our guidelines with cold weather this winter: Wind-chill below 10 degrees = inside recess.

Math Challenge: This week's Math Challenge is Money Matters. Please take some time to work with your child on these fun math problems and submit them using the link below. Answers must be in by Thursday, October 22. Answers will be posted next week. Good luck!!!

Submit Answers to Math Challenge #2- <http://goo.gl/forms/OmSsymabQ7>

Book Challenge: Keep finding times to read as well! I know two challenges at the same time seem overwhelming, but we want to keep motivating our students to be better. We know everyone reads everyday. Let's just keep reading and have fun doing it!!!

[Book Challenge](#)

PTO News

PTO DIRECTORY!! Please register at www.MillburnPTO.com. The first edition of the PTO Directory will be published to PTO members by the end of October. Don't be left out! Register today! Our PAPERLESS PTO system is where all signups, calendars, eblasts, membership directory and purchases can take place in one centralized location. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the PTO Board Members at www.MillburnPTO.com.

KIDS RESALE!! This is a friendly reminder; registration forms are due. Registration forms can be found on the PTO website and in the virtual backpack. **Volunteers:** We still need volunteers to help run the sale. There are several shifts open on Fri. October 23rd and Sat. October 24th. Please follow this link to find a time that fits best into your schedule: <http://vols.pt/L5v71Z>. All volunteers have the privilege to shop the sale before it opens from 3 to 4pm on Fri. October 23rd. **The general public is invited to shop the sale Fri. October 23rd from 4 to 8pm and Sat. October 24th from 8am to noon. Come shop and bring your friends!***

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! Millburn PTO Presents: Halloween Bingo Family Fun Night on October 30 from 6 to 8 pm in the MES Cafeteria. Please join us for a night of bingo with family and friends! There will be fun prizes, a costume contest for adults and kids, and treats to purchase while you play. Cost of admission will be non-perishable food items to be donated to the Lake Villa Food Pantry. One bingo card is \$1 per person. Additional cards are 25 cents each. All proceeds for bingo card purchases and treats will go to the PTO to support MES. Come support our school and community while having fun! Hope to see you there! Please sign up to volunteer at <http://vols.pt/HUouFT> We are currently seeking a co-chair for this FUN committee! Please reach out to Becky Butler at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com Thanks!

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! Come join us on Friday, October 30th for a fun filled evening at the middle school. The Activity Night Committee is looking for parent volunteers to chaperone this month's event. Please email Tracy Dwyer at tudwyer@comcast.net if you are interested.

MES BOOK FAIR!! Millburn PTO and the Scholastic Book Fair are offering Millburn families the opportunity to pre-order the newest book in Jeff Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series: *Old School*. Pre-sale order forms can be found in both the virtual backpack and in the Millburn Elementary School Media Center. Send in your cash or check (made payable to Millburn PTO) in the amount of \$9.62 per book by Wednesday, October 28th. Books will be delivered to Millburn Elementary by Tuesday, November 3rd and distributed to your child's teacher. Thank you and happy reading!

MMS BOOK FAIR!! Do you love books? Can't wait for the next Scholastic Book Fair? We currently are looking for a shadow(s) for the fall book fair at the middle school with the idea that this person would run the spring book fair while the current chairs still have students in the school. Duties include scheduling volunteers, attending a Scholastic workshop (usually held at the Lake Villa Library), setting up and tearing down the fair, writing announcements, coordinating with the school to secure a location, distributing flyers and hanging posters, and submitting a financial report. The Scholastic reps are at your disposal and are really helpful and supportive. The fall sale will hold a preview until 3:30pm on Friday, November 20th. The sale will run Monday and Tuesday from 8:30am-8pm. Please consider volunteering so that we can continue to provide a Book Fair at MMS! Please reach out to Becky Moeller at bookfairmiddle@millburnpto.com Thanks!

BOX TOP CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Thank you to all of our students who submitted their Box Tops this month. We have counted 6,675 Box Tops so far which equals \$667.50 for our school! We will have the drawing for the \$25 Visa Gift card before the end of October. Watch out for the new Box Tops collection sheet in your student's

folder this Friday, the next turn in date will be November 2. If you need more collection sheets they will be available on our website www.millburnpto.com and in the virtual backpack! Please remember, every Box Top counts! We still need Box Tops classroom volunteers for the following classrooms: 1E Mitchell, 3D Tuley, 3E Rodewald, 4E Walsh, 5A Lafferty. If your student is in one of these classes we would love it if you could help us out. The volunteer would be responsible for collecting, counting and sorting the labels. This can be done in the convenience of your home and then handed over to the Committee Chair, Janis Moore. This would be the perfect job for a parent who would like to help out but does not have a lot of time to spare. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at www.millburnpto.com. Any questions please email Janis Moore at ltwmoore@comcast.net

Upcoming Events: KIDS RESALE 10/23 & 10/24, MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT & MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT 10/30

If I can be of any assistance or if you have questions, please contact me at bwalshire@millburn24.net or (847) 356-8331.

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October

23rd Picture Retakes
23-24 PTO Kids Resale
29th School Spirit Day (Wear Read and White)
30th Holiday Celebrations @ 1:00

November

4th Hat Day PBIS Fundraiser, 1:00 Early Release
6th Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-Up Goes Live
23-24 Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair in East Gym
25-27 Thanksgiving Break

***Remember to view the Millburn Elementary calendar online to find all the events and activities.**

Virtual Backpack:

Math Challenge #2
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Order Form
Personal Information Form

Link to Virtual Backpack: <http://www.millburn24.net/parents.cfm?subpage=1225444>