

Mustang Minute: October 23, 2015

Next Week's PBIS Raffle: Enjoy the Game Room with two of your friends

Halloween Celebrations: Halloween school celebrations will occur on Friday, Oct. 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.

Student Counsel FOOD DRIVE

Trick or treat
Feed my fleet
We'd appreciate something to eat.

You can help us in a small way
Bring a treat if that's okay
Here's an idea for everyday

Macaroni Monday - any type of pasta/canned sauce,

Tuna Tuesday - any type of soups, stews, or tuna

Whole grains Wednesday - oatmeal, cereals, cream of wheat, whole wheat crackers

Turkey Thursday - cranberries, pumpkin, beans, olives, peas, evaporated milk

Fruity Friday - any type of canned fruits

Wall of Heroes: In honor of Veteran's Day, Millburn Elementary School will be doing a Millburn Military Wall of Heroes. We'd love to honor both past and present military heroes of all branches of service. Students are given a template to fill in. All that is needed is a picture of your hero (no originals please), his/her name, his/her branch of service and why he/she is your hero. (Please put the child's name and homeroom on the template so we may return the document to them when done). Return the completed templates no later than **Nov. 3rd** so we can hang them for Veteran's Day. Extras may be found in the virtual backpack.

PBIS Fundraiser: Throughout the year, we provide incentives for students as part of our positive approach to student behavior. To help in our efforts to provide these incentives, we are having a Hat Day on Wednesday, November 4. Students who donate a dollar may wear their hat during the school 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, Nov. 6. The reason for the later sign up is to eliminate frequent changes that occur with times between now and the end of November.

Math Challenge: We had many submissions this week. Answers are in this week's Virtual Backpack! I also have heard the link is not work for some of you. I will make sure I look at it and have it fixed before the next challenge.

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!! It has arrived! Come shop the Millburn Kids Resale for a HUGE selection - items from over 100 families! Shop for clothing, toys, accessories and more for kids of all ages; infant through teens.

Friday, Oct. 23 4-8pm

Saturday, Oct. 24 8am - noon

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to work this FUN annual event! Halloween Bingo Family Fun Night is 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>. Please reach out to Becky Butler at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com Thanks!

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The FIRST Middle School Activity Night is Friday, October 30th. It's a **PINK OUT!** Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing face paint, and or hair paint. Masks can be worn, but cannot cover more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the face. This is a chance for them to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change. THE DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

DROP OFF

6th grade- 6pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade- 6:30pm, MAIN entrance

PICK UP

6th grade- 8:30, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade- 9:00 ACTIVITY entrance

For pick up, please pull in and find a parking spot. You can meet your child at the canopy area. You can also use the pickup lane but if everyone does this, the line of traffic will stretch out to ROUTE 45! No student will be allowed to walk or ride a bike home. Admission to the event is \$2.00. Drinks, candy, and pizza will be available for purchase. All students attending MUST have a current student ID to show at the door. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. Students CANNOT go to their lockers to retrieve forgotten ID's, as the hallway doors are locked. If you need to leave before the Activity Night is over, YOUR parent must sign you out! These rules are NOT negotiable! Interested in volunteering? Contact Tracy Dwyer at tudwyer@comcast.net.

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!

BOX TOPS!! Thank you so much to all of our students who submitted their Box Tops this month. We counted 11,439 Box Tops which equals \$1,143.90 for our school! The next turn in date will be November 2. If you need more collection sheets they are available on our website www.millburnpto.com. Please remember, every Box Top counts! We still need Box Tops classroom volunteers, for the following classrooms: 1E Mitchell, 3E Rodewald, 4E Walsh & 5A Lafferty. If you can spare a small amount of time each month please sign up at www.millburnpto.com.

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

29th School Spirit Day (Wear Read and White)
30th Holiday Celebrations @ 1:00, MES Family Fun Night @ 6PM

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 #3
Wall of Heroes Template
Bus Safety

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