

*Mustang Minute: October 2, 2015*

***Next Week's Raffle: Make and Star in Next PBIS Video!***

**Bully Prevention:** Monday, October 5 is National Bully Prevention Day. To support this movement, we would like everyone to wear blue on Monday. Please help this cause and show support to eliminate bullying in our schools by wearing blue.

**Lockdown Drill:** Today we conducted a scheduled lockdown drill with students. Deputies from the Sherriff's Department came in to assist in the drill and everyone did a great job. A school lockdown is a procedure that is initiated when school officials believe that there is a credible threat to student and staff safety. Lockdowns are classically used to protect students from school shooters, bomb threats, and other forms of violence, but they can also be used when police are engaged in an operation nearby, or when a national disaster has been declared. The goal is to keep students and staff safe, and while it may be frightening or disruptive, it is important for everyone to comply with the lockdown for safety reasons.

**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 9. 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](http://YBPay.lifetouch.com)

Code: 4190016

**BookIt!:** MEs is once again doing BookIt! Where students read 20 min a night a earn a free pizza from pizza Hut. More information on BookIt! Is in the virtual backpack.

**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:** You will find our first Math Challenge in the Virtual Backpack. This first challenge's theme is Palindromes. Please work on the problems as a family and submit answers via the link below (one submission per student). Please submit answers by next Friday, October 9. Answers will be in the Virtual Backpack next week. Our goal is for 5000 submissions by the end of the school year. Thank you in assisting us with providing our MES students with the fun and joy of math problem-solving.

Math Challenge Information: <http://www.mathinaction.org/Pages/Millburn.aspx>

Math Challenge Submissions: <http://goo.gl/forms/XieR0rNQEB>

**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 doing it and have fun doing it!!!

[Book Challenge](#)

**School Access After Hours:** If your child forgot something in their classrooms at the end of the day, you will need to come to the school before 3:00. Parents cannot access the building through the Millburn Before and After School Club entrance. Those doors are strictly for parents picking up their child from

the program. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Immunizations:** Parents or legal guardians who object, for religious reasons, to their child being immunized for school entrance must submit a Certificate of Religious Exemption, which now must be signed by a health care provider. Signed into law on August 3, 2015, this new legislation requires a health care provider to sign the certificate confirming they have provided education to parents or legal guardians about the benefits of immunizations and the health risks of not vaccinating students. The certificate also reflects the parents or legal guardians understanding that their child may be excluded from school in the case of a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or exposure. This new requirement will be in place for religious exemption requests beginning October 16, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Vanko, our school nurse.

### PTO News

**PTO DIRECTORY!!** Please register at [www.MillburnPTO.com](http://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](http://www.MillburnPTO.com).

**KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!!** Thanks so much to all the Millburn Families and staff who participated in the Kidstuff Coupon Book Sale. We have raised over \$5000 for the PTO with your help! We still have over 120 coupon books not returned or paid for at this time. If you would like to keep the book and haven't paid for it yet, please submit payment of 25\$ in cash or check made out to MILLBURN PTO and send into school. You can also pay online at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com). If you do not want to keep the book, please return it to your homeroom ASAP. Happy shopping!

**FALL FEST!!** A HUGE thanks to our Fall Festival Chairpersons Julie Murray and Heather Chorazy for organizing a highly successful Fall Fest 2015! Your hard work and dedication are appreciated! Thank you to all the teachers who participated in the power shower. And, of course, all this would not have been possible without our parent volunteers. Thank you! Millburn rocks!

**KIDS RESALE!!** "Think Fall" and start collecting the clothes and toys your kids have outgrown from last fall and winter - then turn your collections into cash by selling them at the Millburn Kids Resale! It's a great way for you - and your kids - to clean out the closet, garage, basement, and attic! **All registrations are automatically entered into a drawing to win 75% of your proceeds - last drawing on October 9<sup>th</sup>.** Registration forms can be found on the PTO website and in the virtual backpack. Don't have time to price your items but still want them out of your house? Contact the committee at [millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com](mailto:millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com) to schedule a time to drop off your donations.

**BOX TOP CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** Please remember to turn in your Box Tops collection sheets on Monday, October 5. For every Box Tops collection sheet (complete with 25 Box Tops) that you send in, your child will be entered into a September drawing for a \$25 Visa Gift card. If you don't have enough to fill a sheet please send what you can - every Box Top helps! If you need extra collection sheets they can be printed out from [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com)

We still need Box Tops classroom volunteers, as there are quite a few classrooms that do not have one. We hope you can find a small amount of time to help us out with this important resource for our schools. The volunteer is 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. Please consider helping us out. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com). Any questions please email Janis Moore at [ltwmoore@comcast.net](mailto:ltwmoore@comcast.net)

**WENDY'S NIGHTS!!** An EASY way to support the Millburn PTO is to eat at the Lindenhurst Wendy's (corner of Route 45 and Sand Lake Road). Please dine in or drive through between 5pm and 8pm. Wendy's will donate 15% of all sales back to Millburn PTO. No flyers necessary! NEW THIS YEAR... our Wendy's Nights will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAYS of the month!!! We used to be Wednesdays, so PLEASE make note that TUESDAYS are your night off in the kitchen!

Upcoming Events: WENDY'S NIGHTS 10/6 & 10/13, KIDS RESALE 10/23 & 10/24

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

Mr. Ben Walshire  
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**October**

7<sup>th</sup> 1:00 Early Release  
9<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL- Teacher Institute Day  
12<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL- Columbus Day  
23-24 PTO Kids Resale  
30<sup>th</sup> Halloween Celebrations @ 1:00

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

**Virtual Backpack:**

**Math Challenge #1 - Palindromes**  
**Yearbook Ordering Information**  
**BookIt! Info**  
**Warren-Newport Library Newsletter**  
**Lindenhurst Park District Haunted Trail**

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