

Mustang Minute: October 9, 2015

Next Week's PBIS Raffle: Sit in the Principal's Chair for a Day!

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.

PBIS: One of our strongest attributes at MES is our Positive Behavior, Interventions and Supports Program (PBIS). It want to minimize our discipline issues through the year and acknowledge our students for displaying our daily expectations. It is our goal to create a positive learning environment for students. The success of our program is very evident since starting our program in 2012. The number of behavior issues has decreased:

- 2012/2013- 1,106 Discipline Incidents
- 21013/2014- 833 Discipline Incidents
- 2014/2015- 655 Discipline Incidents

We will continue to move forward with this program with educating our students on expectations, reinforcing positive behavior, and celebrating our accomplishments throughout he year. Thank you for your support and please reach out if you have any questions on the program.

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: Answers to last week's challenge are in the Virtual Backpack! We had 25 submissions for this challenge. We need about 300 submissions for each challenge to reach our goal of 5000. Thank you to all that submitted answers. Look for Challenge #2 next Friday!

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](#)

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. 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.

KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!! Thank you to all who participated in the Kidstuff coupon book sale. With your help we raised over \$5000 for Millburn PTO. **If you have not responded to the sale by either turning in your 25\$ payment for the book (checks made out to Millburn PTO or pay online at www.millburnpto.com) or by returning your book to your child's homeroom, please do ASAP.** We are getting final numbers for our sale and returning our remaining inventory to the Kidstuff company. If you purchased any additional books and have not received them yet, please contact us at vicepresidentelementary@millburnpto.com. Thanks for your patience and support.

MMS STAFF APPRECIATION!! The MMS Staff Appreciation and Baking Committees are busy planning a Welcome Back Luncheon for our teachers and staff on Thursday, Oct 15. We will be catering in a hot sandwich/pasta lunch and will offer some delicious sides and desserts to finish it off. We're excited to have the opportunity to help start their school year off on the right foot and show them just how much we appreciate all they do for our kids! Look for more updates from our committee as the year rolls along.

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!

KIDS RESALE!! **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. If you have any questions or your availability is different than the suggested times, email us at MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com. **Seller Registration:** All registration forms are due October 16. All previous sellers must register for each sale, but your ID # will remain the same. Registration forms can be found on the PTO website and in the virtual backpack.

BOX TOP CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Thank you to all of our students who submitted their Box Tops. We are in the process of counting and sorting them right now and 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 on October 16, 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. Please remember, every Box Top counts!

We still need Box Tops classroom volunteers, for the following classrooms:

K4 Frank, 1E Mitchell, 2C Laughman, 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

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 1st and 2nd 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 10/13, MMS STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON 10/15, 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.

Mr. Ben Walshire
Millburn Elementary Principal

October

12th NO SCHOOL- Columbus Day
22nd Picture Retakes
23-24 PTO Kids Resale
29th School Spirit Day (Wear Read and White)
30th Halloween Celebrations @ 1:00

November

4th 1:00 Early Release
6th Parent/Teacher Conference Sign 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 #1 Answers
Winiewicz Family Fundraiser
Lakes Junior Eagles Basketball Tryouts
Lindenhurst Park District Teen Activities

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