

*Mustang Minute: November 13, 2015*

**Next Week's PBIS Raffle: Popcorn Day for Your Classroom!**

**Fall Conference Sign Up:** If you have not signed up for a conference, please make sure you do ASAP. Your child's teacher sent the sign up email last Friday. If you did not get an email, please contact the teacher. The deadline to sign up for conferences using Sign-Up Genius will be Friday, November 20 at 12:00PM. As a reminder, conferences will be Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24 from 12-8PM.

**Veteran's Day Wall of Fame:** In this week's Virtual Backpack, you will find a picture of the Wall of Fame display, honoring friends and family who have served in the Armed Forces. It is quite amazing to see that many of us have a connection to someone who has served our country. This will be displayed during conferences as well, so please stop by and take a look!

**Coat Drive** - Student council will be holding a coat/mitten/hat/scarf drive starting Nov. 23rd until Dec. 2nd. If your child has outgrown their gently used coats/jackets, this could be a great way to help others out by donating to our coat drive. There will be bins by the front and back doors as you come in for conferences. Please feel free to drop **clean** coats and jackets into these bins to help those less fortunate. We will also be collecting gently used hats, mittens, and scarves as well or feel free to pick up one of these during your Thanksgiving shopping spree. Thank you in advance for all your support and for helping keep someone warm this winter.

**PTO Book Fair:** Our Millburn PTO Scholastic Book Fair is almost here! Elementary classrooms will participate in our Change Wars next week. Donations will be accepted all week in a progressive fashion as outlined in the Virtual Backpack flyer. Any amount is appreciated. The change collected by each class will be used to purchase book fair books for that classroom. Mr. Walshire will make time to read to the class who collects the most change. However, all classes will win with the addition of books to their classroom libraries!

**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.

**Math Challenge:** Math Challenge #4 is ready to work on. Reminder, if you have trouble with the link, please cut and paste into your web browser. So far we have 64 submissions this year of all the math challenges. Submit Answers: <http://goo.gl/forms/JwcVIODVH1>

**Book Challenge:** Our official count is 1013 books read so far. Great reading the last few weeks! We need to get to 3,000 by the end of November to stay on track to get over 15,000 book read. We need everyone's help!!!

[Book Challenge](#)

### PTO News

**PTO MEETING!!** Please join us for our second meeting of the school year next Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Millburn Elementary School at 9am, Room 102. We only meet five times a year and we would love to have you join us!!

**PTO DIRECTORY!!** All of the missing registrations have been processed!! Please be patient as we generate a Directory now that we hope to publish online by the week of conferences.

**WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATES!!** Holiday Brochure sale **EXTENDED** until Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. We cannot accept any orders after this date. If each family in the District purchases just 3 items, we will reach our goal of \$10,000!

This profit is invested right back into the District and funds events and purchases for both schools all year long. FYI...there is NO TAX!!! Each item is \$8 total!

**SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE SALE!!** The PTO will be offering a **limited edition - online only** sale for spirit wear from 11/9-11/29. All of these limited edition items will only be available during that time period. Follow the link below for our online store. All items will be delivered before winter break. This is a great way to get some of your holiday shopping out of the way! You may contact Melissa Giametta with any questions at [spiritwear@millburnpto.com](mailto:spiritwear@millburnpto.com)

Mustangs [http://americanoutfittersltd.com/Millburn-Mustangs-ORDER-BY-11-29-15\\_c369.htm](http://americanoutfittersltd.com/Millburn-Mustangs-ORDER-BY-11-29-15_c369.htm)

Cougars [http://americanoutfittersltd.com/Millburn-Cougars-ORDER-BY-11-29-15\\_c370.htm](http://americanoutfittersltd.com/Millburn-Cougars-ORDER-BY-11-29-15_c370.htm)

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Book Fair is only successful with the help of our wonderful volunteers. If you have an hour or two to contribute, please consider volunteering at the fair. Kids are welcome to join you! Please click on this link to see where you can help: <http://vols.pt/gmND7Y> Thanks for considering!

**MMS BOOK FAIR!!** The Middle School Fall Book Fair needs you! We are looking for volunteers to help out on Monday 11/23 and Tuesday 11/24. Click on this link to sign up. <http://vols.pt/NHuJfF>. Your children will get to preview the fair with their ELA class on 11/20. They will be able to make purchases if they wish. We are running an online fair from 11/16-12/3. Check out the flyer in virtual backpack to see some of the items that will be available online but not at the fair. You can also make a wishlist and send it to your family. All items should arrive before winter break and will be sent home with your child. If you are ordering gifts, please email [rbecky267@yahoo.com](mailto:rbecky267@yahoo.com) and let us know. We will make other arrangements to get the book in your hands.

The link to the online fair is: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/millburnmiddle>

*Upcoming Events: WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATES ORDERS DUE 11/16, MILLBURN SPIRIT WEAR SALE 11/9-11/29, MES BOOK FAIR 11/23 & 11/24, MMS BOOK FAIR 11/20 & 11/23 & 11/24*

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  
Millburn Elementary Principal

**November**

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| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Spirit Day (Wear School Colors)  |
| 23-24            | 11AM Early Release, Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair in East Gym |
| 25-27            | Thanksgiving Break   |

**December**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 1:00 Early Release              |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Spirit Day (Wear School Colors) |
| 21-Jan 2         | Winter Break                    |

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

**Virtual Backpack:**

**Math Challenge #4**  
**Veteran's Day Wall of Fame Picture**  
**Author Visit at MES Information**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wrestling**  
**PTO Change Wars**  
**Lake Villa Baseball and Softball**  
**LEGO workshop**

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