

*Mustang Minute: November 20, 2015*

**\*\*\*\*Early Release next Monday and Tuesday at 11AM.**

**Next PBIS Raffle: Time with Ailey, our Therapy Dog**

**Next Newsletter will be December 4th**

**Fall Conference:** Reminder that conferences are next Monday and Tuesday from 12:00-8:00PM.

**Powerschool Login:** During conferences, you will be receiving a letter on how to log into PowerSchool. Parents will need to access Powerschool come next year as that will be the only way to find out your child's homeroom teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. We will no longer be sending emails with the class lists or the teacher's name. Ms. Umarwadia will be in the office during conferences if you need any assistance with accessing Powerschool.

**Yearbook Deadline Dec. 16** The deadline to order the 2015-2016 Millburn Elementary Yearbook is Dec. 16. This year, all ordering is online at [www.YBPay.lifetouch.com](http://www.YBPay.lifetouch.com) using the ID Code 4190016. Several extras are being offered including a hard cover, adding the student's picture and name to the cover, and purchasing repositionable yearbook stickys. More ordering information can be found in the Virtual Backpack or by picking up a flyer in the school office.

**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:** Please visit our Millburn PTO Scholastic Book Fair on Monday and Tuesday in the East Gym between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. More information is in the PTO News below.

**Toys for Tots:** Millburn Elementary will have a Toys for Tots box in the office. If you would like to donate a new toy toward their cause, please drop off the new toys in the office.

**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 answers are in this week's backpack! I have seen some great math going on with many of you and appreciate everyone finding time to bring math into your daily lives!

**Book Challenge:** Our official count is 1,400 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 books read. We need everyone's help!!!

[Book Challenge](#)

### PTO News

**PTO MEETING!!** THANKS to all of the ladies who attended our PTO meeting! It's always a GREAT THING when we get to rearrange the room and add chairs for attendees! Your support is greatly appreciated!

**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.

**MES BOOK FAIR!!** Please visit our Millburn PTO Scholastic Book Fair on Monday and Tuesday in the East Gym between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. We will have hundreds of books for all ages. Shop for award nominees, holiday books, entertainment books, cook books, best selling adult titles, picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, and so much more. We will also have craft and science kits that make wonderful presents.

Our online fair is open until December 5th. There are thousands of titles to choose from. You can order online or send wish lists to out of town family and friends. It's as easy as clicking this

link: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/millburncommconssd24>

We are still in need of volunteers to work the registers both days. Please follow this VolunteerSpot link if you would like to volunteer: <http://vols.pt/gmND7Y> . Or contact us at [bookfairelementary@millburnpto.com](mailto:bookfairelementary@millburnpto.com). Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you at the fair!

**MMS BOOK FAIR!!** 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>

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** The PTO needs help selling Spirit Wear and World's Finest Chocolate Bars at both Book Fairs next week. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Monday or Tuesday from 12-8pm, please contact Melissa Giametta at [spiritwear@millburnpto.com](mailto:spiritwear@millburnpto.com) or Debbie St. John at [worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com](mailto:worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com). THANKS!!

**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)

**WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATES!!** Thanks to all of the families who supported the PTO with a WFC purchase. Delivery will be 12/11 and more details will come!

*Upcoming Events: 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**

23-24

11AM Early Release, Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair in East Gym

25-27

Thanksgiving Break

**December**

2<sup>nd</sup>

1:00 Early Release

18<sup>th</sup>

Spirit Day (Wear School Colors)

21-Jan 1

Winter Break

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

**Virtual Backpack:**

**Math Challenge #4 Answers**

**Millburn Foundation-March Madness Information**

**Lake Villa Thank You Letter for the Food Drive**

**Lake Villa Tree Lighting**

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