

*Mustang Minute: December 4, 2015*

**Next PBIS Raffle: Sitting in the Principal's Chair**

**Thank you:** Student Council would like to thank all those who were able to contribute to this year's coat/outerwear drive. There will be many adults and children who will benefit from your generosity. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.

**PTO Assembly:** Today, PTO provided a fun assembly for our students called "Novel Ideas." Improvisational actors came in and performed actual stories that some of our Millburn students wrote. It was a great time for everyone, the comedy troupe did great, and this was a positive way to inspire students to keep writing and to picture how their words come to life. Thank you to the PTO for providing this assembly for our students.

**Author Visit:** The Media Center is excited to welcome author Lisa Maggiore to our school all day, Dec. 11. Ms. Maggiore's picture book, *Ava the Monster Slayer* has been very popular with our younger students. Ms. Maggiore will be talking to each grade level throughout the day about the book, overcoming your fears, and the writing process. She will be offering personalized, signed copies of her book. Each hard cover book is \$15 and will only be sold and signed by Lisa on Dec. 11. The Media Center would like to thank the PTO for contributing funds to pay for this author visit.

**Read to Succeed:** The Six Flags Read to Succeed program has begun! Everyone is able to earn a FREE ticket to Great America if they read for a total of 6 hours, complete a reading log, and return it to your teacher by February 24th. Reading logs are available from classroom teachers and can also be downloaded from the virtual backpack on the Millburn website. What a great reward for some hard work!

**Millburn Garden:** This time of year is a time of joyful celebration, yet also a time of reflection. As the holidays approach, those of us involved with the Millburn School and Community Garden (MSCG) have been reflecting with gratitude on the blessings that we've received. We are tremendously grateful for the many hours of volunteer work and financial support provided by our school families, staff, and community members. These have allowed us to improve and grow our space for hands-on learning, community gathering, and growing fresh produce. In 2015, we were honored to donate over 100 pounds of fresh produce to the Open Arms Mission in Antioch!

The MSCG is committed to providing educational, community and charitable experiences each year, and we are dependent on the generosity of donors to do so. During this season of giving, we are asking you to consider making a tax-deductible donation to support our work. Donating is easy. You can donate on our crowd-funding site at [www.greenourplanet.org/millburn](http://www.greenourplanet.org/millburn), through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, or by sending a check to school with your child to the attention of Regina Reynolds. Checks should be made payable to Millburn District 24; memo: garden.

Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MillburnSchoolAndCommunityGarden>

**PowerSchool Login:** During conferences, you should have received a letter on how to log into PowerSchool. Parents will need to access PowerSchool come next year because 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. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

**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.

**Toys for Tots:** Millburn Elementary has 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.

**Young Rembrandts:** Enrollment is under way for the Young Rembrandts drawing classes Mondays after school. All new lessons are planned for the upcoming session. Go to [youngrembrandts.com/northshore](http://youngrembrandts.com/northshore) to enroll. Please call **847-695-3581** with any questions.

**Math Challenge:** Math Challenge #5 is in this week's backpack! Good luck!!!

**Book Challenge:** Our official count is 2,124 books read so far. Great reading the last few weeks! We need to get to 6,000 by the end of December to stay on track to get over 15,000 books read. We need everyone's help!!!

[Book Challenge](#)

## PTO News

**PTO DIRECTORY!!** The first edition of the PTO Directory is available at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com) for PTO members!

**BOX TOPS!!** Please don't forget to send in your November Box Tops Collection sheet this Monday to be entered into our drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card. Every box top counts even if you don't have enough to fill a sheet. Thank you!!

**MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!!** The SECOND Middle School Activity Night is Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "CRAZY HOLIDAY ATTIRE" Contest. 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

6<sup>th</sup> grade- 6pm, MAIN entrance

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

### PICK UP

6<sup>th</sup> grade- 8:30, MAIN entrance

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tudwyer@comcast.net).

**WENDY'S NIGHT!!** Join us next Tuesday, December 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Lindenhurst Wendy's located at the intersection of Rt. 45 and Sand Lake. Dine in or carry out! Wendy's will donate 15% of all sales back to Millburn PTO.

**MES BOOK FAIR!!** Thanks so much to all of the volunteers and patrons for another successful elementary school book fair. We were able to raise over \$7000 for the MES Media Center to spend with Scholastic.

**MMS BOOK FAIR!!** Thanks so much to all of the volunteers and patrons for another successful middle school book fair. We were able to raise almost \$5000 for the MMS Media Center to spend with Scholastic.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** The Millburn School District has a long standing tradition of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents hosting a Farewell Celebration for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. At this time, we are looking for 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents to volunteer for this event. Examples of committee work may include food, decorations, iMovie, memory book, coordinating volunteers, invitations and many more. In January we will schedule our

first meeting and we will outline the different opportunities available. In the meantime, please reach out to Deb Pineau at [farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com](mailto:farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com) if you are interested in learning more or if you know there is a committee you would love to work on. Looking forward to working with a great group of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents!!

**SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE SALE!!** Thanks to all of the families who purchased Spirit Wear during our Fall Online Sale. Delivery will be December 15<sup>th</sup> at Millburn Elementary School. More details to come! Any questions please contact Melissa Giametta at [spiritwear@millburnpto.com](mailto:spiritwear@millburnpto.com).

**WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATES!!** Thanks to all of the families who supported the PTO with a WFC purchase. Please pick up your order on 12/11 at Millburn Middle School from 4:30-6pm at the Main Entrance. Our Middle School Activity Night starts at 6pm, so come early to avoid the traffic!!! Any questions please contact Debbie St. John at [worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com](mailto:worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com).

*Upcoming Events: Wendy's Night 12/8, WFC Pick-Up 12/11, MMS Activity Night 12/11*

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

**December**

11 <sup>th</sup>	Author Visit
16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to Order a Yearbook
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 #5  
Millburn Education Foundation Scholarship  
Millburn Garden Donation Request Form  
Lindenhurst Park District Tree Lighting  
Young Rembrandts**

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