

Mustang Minute: January 15, 2016

Next PBIS Raffle: Hat Day for the Classroom

*****No School, Friday January 15- Teacher Institute Day**

*****No School, Monday, January 18- MLK Jr. Holiday**

PARCC: We are still a few months off, but the state assessment, PARCC, will be administered to students in grades 3rd-5th when we get back from Spring Break. Last year, the PARCC was broken down into two parts: five tests given in March (Performance Tests), three more in May (End of the Year Tests). This year the state changed the PARCC so that students take fewer tests and they occur within a week's time. Therefore, students will be taking 7 tests total (4 Math, 3 English/Language Arts). We are still planning the structure of those days, but we are looking at students taking one test per day. Therefore, a total of seven days of PARCC testing at MES, roughly Between March 29th and April 8th. We will keep you updated on these assessments and the timeframes that will occur. More information on the PARCC assessments can be found at the link below:

<http://www.isbe.net/assessment/parcc.htm>

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 their 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!

Math Challenge: Math Challenge #7 is ready to go. Although the theme is finding a person's age, rest assured you won't have to put your age!!!

Book Challenge: Our official count is 7,367 books read so far. We are almost halfway there!!!

[Book Challenge](#)

PTO News

PTO MEETING!! Our next PTO meeting is Wednesday, January 27th at 9am at Millburn Elementary School in Room 102. We hope to see you there!

PTO SURVEY!! HURRY TO PARTICIPATE ...MILLBURN PTO 2015-2016 SURVEY CLOSING SOON:

The PTO wants to hear from you! We are conducting a quick 10 question survey about our communication, activities and membership options. Please take a few moments to fill the survey out via the link. This information will help us with future strategic planning. The survey will be open [through Jan 17th at 10 PM](#). Thanks for your time.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LKC76L5>

RECESS VOLUNTEERS!! MES is looking for Recess Volunteers to help on the playground from 11am-12:20pm, Monday through Friday. Recess volunteers can choose to help one day a week, one day every other week or even one day each month. Any recess volunteer help is welcomed and appreciated. Please contact Tracy Behnke at tracybehnke@hotmail.com with any questions or sign-up information. Thanks!

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! Millburn PTO and Ceramics For You present: Crazy With Creativity Family Fun Night on February 5, 2016 from 6 to 8 pm. Come join us for some creative painting fun! Choose a blank canvas and make a masterpiece to give as a gift or keep for yourself. Perfect for Valentine's Day! Canvas options: 8x10 for \$12.50 or 16x20 for \$25. Supplies, project ideas and guidance will be provided by the experts at Ceramics For You. **Please dress for a mess!** It is highly recommended that you **RSVP by January 29** for this event at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com to ensure we have sufficient supplies and

materials to make this night awesome! Please provide number of attendees as well as the quantity and choice of canvas size. Payment will be accepted at the door. Hope to see you there!

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The THIRD Middle School Activity Night is Friday, January 29th. Please join us for HAWAIIAN NIGHT!! 6th grade is 6pm-8:30pm and 7th/8th grade is 6:30pm-9pm. Entrance requires \$2 and your Student ID.

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! The Millburn School District has a long-standing tradition of the 7th grade students and their parents hosting a Farewell Celebration for the 8th grade students and their parents. At this time, we are looking for 7th 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 mean time, please reach out to Deb Pineau at 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 7th grade parents!!

Upcoming Events: PTO Meeting 1/27, MES Family Fun Night 1/29, MMS Activity Night 1/29

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

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January

15 th	No School- Teacher Institute Day
18 th	No School- Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
21 st	9am-MES Informational Spelling Bee Meeting
28 th	9am-SPELLING BEE in West Gym- 3rd grade as the audience (4th and 5th grade participate) parents of classroom winners invited to attend
29 th	Wear School Colors

February

3 rd	Early Release at 1:00PM
5 th	PTO Family Fun Night- MES @ 6PM
15 th	No School- President's Day
16 th	District Talent Show-Rehearsal
23 rd	District Talent Show
29 th	Wear School Colors

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

Virtual Backpack:

Math Challenge #7
After-School Spanish Program at MES
Grayslake North Summer Camp Information
BreastFest Flyer

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