

*Mustang Minute: January 22, 2016*

**Next PBIS Raffle: Game room with two friends**

**Spelling Bee:** Good Luck to our Spelling Bee contestants next week. The school-wide Spelling Bee will next Thursday at 9:00 in the West Gym. Every day I see participants practicing and really working hard. Thank you to Ms. Nichols for organizing this event for our district and good luck next week!

**PARCC:** We are still a few months off, but the state assessment, PARCC, will be administered to students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>. 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>

**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 7,894 books read so far. We are now over the half way point!!

[Book Challenge](#)

### Millburn Madness

#### **Millburn Madness is Just Five Weeks Away!**

The Millburn Education Foundation invites you to join us at Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> for a fun parent's night out featuring local band Charlie Foxtrot. Tickets are on sale now at [www.schoolauction.net/marchmadness](http://www.schoolauction.net/marchmadness) for \$40 each and include delicious Austin's appetizers and a free drink (buy your tickets before the price goes up to \$50 each on 2/20!).

#### **Need a Sitter?**

The Millburn Before and After School Club (MBAC) is once again offering a childcare option for Millburn Madness. Kids will get dinner and a snack and have lots of fun at the elementary school having their own fun while you attend Millburn Madness. The childcare program will start at 5:30 pm and end at 12:15 am. The cost for the childcare will be \$20 per child or \$30 per family. Such a great deal - thank you to Jimichael Slaby and the MBAC for offering this option to our district families. A childcare form can be found on the virtual backpack.

#### **NEW THIS YEAR - Millburn Madness Online Auction for all Teacher/Staff Donated Items open to EVERYONE!**

We are so thrilled to be able to offer free access to bid on these one-of-a-kind experiences for your child(ren) to everyone. Just create your free account at [www.schoolauction.net/marchmadness](http://www.schoolauction.net/marchmadness) and view the items that are available by clicking on the Online Auction tab. **The bidding will open on February 1 at 6:00 a.m. and close on Friday, February 26 at Noon.** There is more information on the online auction in the virtual; backpack. Thank you to all the teachers and staff members for donating their time to create these fun auction items - we know that there will be many happy winners!

#### **Donations Still Accepted and Sponsorships Still Available!**

To donate an item or service to the live or silent auction or to sponsor Millburn Madness, please contact Valerie at [valerie.powley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:valerie.powley@sbcglobal.net). You can also download the Millburn Madness Donation-Sponsor

letter from the virtual backpack for more information.

We hope to see you all on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>!  
The Millburn Education Foundation Board

### PTO News

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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!!** Please join us for HAWAIIAN NIGHT at MMS, Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. *New socks will be collected this night, with donations being given to Open Arms Mission in Antioch. The mission provides food and other services for residents of Lake Villa, Lindenhurst and Antioch. The greatest need at this time is for men's and women's socks. All who donate will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 VISA gift card.* 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).

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** *ATTENTION 7th Grade Parents Only:* The 8th Grade Farewell Celebration planning meeting is set for Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Millburn Middle School Room 1114. We will be voting on the theme and assigning planning committees. Email [farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com](mailto:farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com) with any questions.

**BOX TOPS!!** January box tops collection sheets were sent home this week with your student. Please remember to return them to school on February 1. Every box top counts! [Click here for extra sheets.](#)

Upcoming Events: 8FC Meeting 1/26, 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](mailto:bwalshire@millburn24.net) or (847) 356-8331.

Mr. Ben Walshire  
Millburn Elementary Principal

**January**

28<sup>th</sup> 9am-SPELLING BEE in West Gym- 3rd grade as the audience (4th and 5th grade participate) parents of classroom winners invited to attend  
29<sup>th</sup> Wear School Colors

**February**

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

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

**Virtual Backpack:**

**Math Challenge #7 Answers**  
**Millburn Madness Donation**  
**Millburn Madness Online Auction**  
**EDGY Science Fair 2016**  
**Lake Villa Football and Cheerleading**  
**Lake Villa Baseball and Softball Registration**

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