

*Mustang Minute: January 8, 2016*

*Next PBIS Raffle: Cut the Principal's Tie*

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

**Field Trip Lunches:** Sometimes, students are asked to bring their own sack lunch when they attend field trips. Your child will now have the option to choose a sack lunch, made by our food service, when attending a field trip. When you receive the field trip permission slip to sign, you will notice the option at the bottom for your child to be provided a sack lunch for the field trip. This will be taken off their regular hot lunch account, but the lunch will be made for them and delivered to their classroom prior to the field trip. Again, this is an option for parents if they choose not to send in their own sack lunch.

**School Attendance:** This is a great time of year to review our school attendance this year and stress the importance of regular school attendance. Regular school attendance is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent. To stay on track in school, students need to be present every day. Missing 18 or more days of school in a year puts a child's high school graduation at risk, according to BoostUp.org, a national dropout prevention campaign. Being absent for just two days every month of the school year can put a child behind academically. In this week's Virtual Backpack are helpful tips to help students with their attendance at school and making the choice to send them or not in the event they are sick.

**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 #6 Answers are in this week's backpack!

**Book Challenge:** Our official count is 6.745 books read so far. Winter break had many books read. We are almost halfway there!!!

[Book Challenge](#)

#### PTO News

#### **MILLBURN PTO 2015-2016 SURVEY:**

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 today through Jan 17th at 10 PM. Thanks for your time.

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

The Millburn PTO Board would like to take the time to reflect on our school year so far and send out a huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers and our 345 members. We could not accomplish all that we do without your help, support and volunteer hours. If you are not a member, please join or contact us at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com).

What has your volunteer hours and/or fundraising participation done for the district?

- Funded over \$8000 for Student Field Trips at MES and MMS
- Provided NOVEL IDEAS Assembly at MES
- Purchased Therapy supplies for the SOCIAL WORK Department
- Purchased an ADA swing for the playground at MES
- Provided funds for an AUTHOR VISIT/BOOK SIGNING at MES

- Purchased writing easels for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms
- Provided volunteers and supplies for 31 Halloween parties in MES Classrooms
- Provided Halloween DJ Surprise during all recesses at MMS
- Hosted Halloween Family Fun Night at MES
- Hosted TWO Activity Nights at MMS
- Hosted FALL FEST at MES
- Provided a Surprise Popcorn Party for 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Offered a Fall SPIRIT WEAR Sale
- Hosted 7 Staff Appreciation Events at MES
- Hosted 4 Staff Appreciation Events at MMS
- Provided a \$30 Stipend for each Staff Member to spend at Brainstorm
- Hosted Fall Book Fair at MES providing \$7800 in book for the MES Media Center
- Hosted Fall Book Fair at MMS providing \$5000 in books for the MMS Media Center
- Issued first version of the PTO Directory

How does the PTO pay for all of this? With your Fundraising Participation! Here's what you helped raise!

- \$5670 from Kidstuff Coupon Books
- \$1851 from Box Tops
- \$6591 from Fall Kids Resale
- \$6143 from World's Finest Chocolates

Many THANKS to all who helped in any way possible! We look forward to more success in 2016!

Fondly,

Millburn District 24 PTO Board

Lisa Griesser-MMS President, Rimi Singh-MES President, Alicia Keys-MS Vice President,  
 Marci Simmons-MES Vice President, Suzanne Pursell-Secretary, Janis Moore-Treasurer

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**

13 <sup>th</sup>	Concert Band II/Beginning Band Performance @ 7:00PM (East Gym)
15 <sup>th</sup>	No School- Teacher Institute Day
18 <sup>th</sup>	No School- Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
21 <sup>st</sup>	9am-MES Informational Spelling Bee Meeting
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

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

**Virtual Backpack:**

**School Attendance Tips for Parents  
 Millburn Kindergarten Registration**

**Math Challenge #6 Answers**

**Millburn Madness Flyer**

**Warren Township Girls Softball**

**Lindenhurst Park District Boys Basketball**

**Lindenhurst Park District Daddy Daughter Royal Ball**

**Lindenhurst Park District KDG Soccer**

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