

Mustang Minute: February 12, 2016

******No School on Monday, President's Day**

Next PBIS Raffle: Star in the next PBIS Video about Classroom Expectations

Read Across America: Millburn Elementary will be celebrating Read Across America Week, from February 29-March 4. This week revolves around the birthday of the famous Dr. Seuss. We will be having theme days each day and having guest readers come in throughout the week. You will see a flyer of daily themes in the Virtual Backpack. What a great week to celebrate reading with kids!

If you are interested in reading to a classroom that week, please let me know. The more, the merrier!

Outdoor Recess/Temperatures: This week's weather brought some cold temperatures and it is only going to get colder. Continue to bring warm coats, hats, and gloves. Students will go outside for recess as long as the temperatures do not drop below 10 degrees (including wind chill if it dips below 10 degrees). We will make every effort to have students go outside. We will monitor temperatures and make a decision just prior to recess.

5th Grade In-House Field Trip-This week the Northern Illinois Food Bank came to speak to our 5th graders about how the food bank is run, where it gets donations, what they do with their donations, and how many people are affected by what they do. All the students were given a family scenario in which they had to follow a monthly budget in order to determine how much money they had left for food. Once that was done they created a menu, learning how much time and energy it took. They also learned where they could get help from the government, and use the services that the food pantry offers. It was a great learning experience for all and a good realization of how much math is used in your every day life. Thanks to all who sent in canned good donations for the food bank.

Read to Succeed: There is still time to earn a FREE ticket to Great America through the Read to Succeed program! All you need to do is read for a total of 6 hours, complete the reading log, and turn it in to your teacher by February 24th. Reading logs can be downloaded from the virtual backpack on the Millburn website. What a great reward to look forward to this summer!

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, 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 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>

Math Challenge: Math Challenge #9 is in the backpack this week.

Book Challenge: Our official count is 9,127 books read so far.

[Book Challenge](#)

Millburn Madness

Millburn Madness is Just THREE Weeks Away!

The Millburn Education Foundation invites you to join us at Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville on Saturday, February 27th for a fun parent's night out featuring local band Charlie Foxtrot. Tickets are on sale now at 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!*).

The Millburn Madness Online Auction for all Teacher/Staff Donated Items is OPEN!

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 and view the items that are available by clicking on the Online Auction tab. We have seen quite a bit of action on some items but there are some others that need some bids! If you are having any issues accessing the site please contact Valerie at Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net. 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! For the full list of items in the auction please check the virtual backpack.

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 and the MBAC for offering this option to our district families. A childcare form can be found on the virtual backpack.

Thanks for your support of the Millburn Education Foundation and we hope to see you at Austin's Fuel Room on February 27th!

The Millburn Education Foundation Board Members

PTO NEWS!!

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!! The PTO is hosting Holiday Celebrations for all District Students today!! MES students K-5 will be enjoying in classroom parties, MES students in 5th grade will be enjoying a gym party and MMS students 6-8 will be enjoying a special Photo Booth during their recess today! THANKS to all of our volunteers for taking the time to plan and execute these fun activities! The students love it and the celebrations would not be possible without your help!!!

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! The Spring Sale is underway and will run until Friday, February 19. Delivery will be Wednesday, March 16. Think Easter, Mother's Day, Graduations and more! If each family in the District purchases just 3 items, we will reach our goal of \$10,000! This profit is invested right back into the District and funds events and purchases for both schools all year long. THANKS for your support!

Email worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com with any questions.

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Please join us for the next planning meeting on Monday, February 22, at 8pm at the Middle School in Room 1114. We are still looking for a 7th grade parent to volunteer to create the **Memory CD**.

Responsibilities include making sure each 8th grader completes a memory page during class, obtain congratulatory letters from the superintendent, principals, mayor, governor, etc., make / complete CD's. This is a project that can be done at home. Any questions please contact us at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com.

MILLBURN PTO PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!! Time to hurry up and purchase your tickets for our first PTO member suggested adult-only event! Join us on Thursday, February 18, at Chances Bar in Lindenhurst (455 S. Route 45) from 7 to 9 p.m. Leave the kiddos at home and come mix, mingle and find your creative side at a Private Millburn PTO Art Rave night. Nothing to volunteer for - no fundraiser - just a night to socialize. [Click here to order tickets at Art Rave Inc.](#) Tickets are \$40 (+ \$3.00 ticket fee). Space is limited to 30 painters.

SARPINO'S PIZZERIA FUNDRAISER!! Help support the Millburn PTO by ordering delicious pizza from Sarpino's Pizzeria, located at 34484 Route 45, Third Lake. *Just place an order between 5 and 8 p.m.* on Thursday, February 25, and 10% of the sales will go to support the Millburn PTO. Free delivery up to 7 miles. Call Sarpino's at 847-223-5000 and *mention the code "Millburn School"* to the cashier.

DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!! Millburn's Got Talent! Save the date! Talent Show Rehearsal Wednesday, March 2 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. Talent Show Wednesday, March 9 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. [Click here for the permission slip due February 24.](#)

MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!! Spring is around the corner and so is the Millburn Kids Resale! A HUGE thanks to Margaret Muscia and Dani Krieschen, who will be co-chairing this big fundraiser. **We are now seeking volunteers to lead the following functions for the sale.** We would love to have you join the fun!

- **Volunteer Coordination** - manage volunteer spot
- **Marketing/Communications** - act as media relations, posts to social media, ensure communications go out to potential shoppers, etc.
- **Pre-sale** - participate and help oversee the pre-sale process and set-up
- **Post-sale** - assist with complete breakdown of space and donation efforts

Mark your calendar now for [on Friday, 4/1](#) and [Saturday, 4/2](#) at Millburn Middle School. Feel free to contact us directly at Millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com with any questions or visit the Millburn PTO website for additional information: www.millburnpto.com.

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!

Upcoming Events: PTO Parent's Night Out 2/18, WFC Sale ends 2/19, Sarpino's Fundraiser 2/25, District Talent Show 3/9

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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Millburn Elementary Principal

February

15th No School- President's Day
26th Wear School Colors

*******Feb. 29-Mar 4: Read Across America Week**

March

2nd New Date*****District Talent Show-Rehearsal @ MMS
2nd Early Release @ 1:00PM
9th New Date*****District Talent Show @ MMS
16th LAKES High School Math Fair for 4th, 5th, and 6th Graders from 6-7:30PM

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

**Virtual Backpack:
Math Challenge #9**

MMS Jazz Band Dinner Flyer
Lake High School Math Fair (4th, 5th, 6th Graders)
BreastFest Flyer
Grayslake North Dance Team
Princess Luncheon

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