

Mustang Minute: February 19, 2016

Next PBIS Raffle: Stuffed Animal

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 author 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!

Student Council Book Drive: Yes! This weekend will feel like spring. If you are doing a little spring cleaning and need to clean up those bookshelves, Student Council is having a book drive, next week - 2/22 - 2/26 in honor of preparing for *Read Across America*. We would like to put a book in the hands of children who may not have a book of their own. Please feel free to donate a slightly used book you feel another child would love to read. Some of the best books are titles we loved that are shared by others. Thanks so much for all your support.

Art to Remember: The deadline to turn in your ART to Remember orders has been extended to February 26. This notice is also in the Virtual Backpack this week.

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 Answers are in the backpack this week.

Book Challenge: Our official count is 9,537 books read so far.

[Book Challenge](#)

Food Service Position: Arbor Management is hiring for the elementary cafeteria. Great mom hours: 9:00-1:30. Be home when your kids are.. If interested Please call Sloane Knutsen- Food Service Director 630-415-805

Millburn Madness

Millburn Madness is NEXT SATURDAY! Ticket prices go up TOMORROW so buy your ticket today!

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. Get your tickets today - ticket prices will be \$50 each starting Saturday, February 20.

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

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. ***The auction will close on Friday, February 26th at NOON and winners will be notified that day.*** Please contact Valerie at Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net if you are having trouble accessing the online auction.

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.

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

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

Mr. Ben Walshire
Millburn Elementary Principal

February

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

March

2nd Early Release @ 1:00PM
2nd District Talent Show-Rehearsal @ MMS 6:30PM
9th District Talent Show @ MMS 6:30PM
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 Answers
Art to Remember

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