Mustang Minute: February 26, 2016 Next PBIS Raffle: VIP Lunch (fancy table cloth, flowers, a truly nice dining experience) Next Week is Read Across America Week!!!

<u>**Read Across America:**</u> Millburn Elementary will be celebrating Read Across America Week next week. This week revolves around the birthday of the famous author Dr. Suess. Please refer to the flyer in the Virtual Backpack on each day's theme for students to wear certain things. We have many guest readers coming in and on Wednesday, we are doing a school-wide read from 12:40-1:00 prior to Early Release at 1PM. We encourage all families to find a time for everyone to read each day during the week to promote everyday reading.

"The more you read, the more you know. The more you know, the more you grow"- Dr. Seuss

<u>5 Essential Survey</u>: Millburn would once again like to hear from parents. The 5 Essential Survey helps us understand areas of strength in our district, and areas that may need to be improved. The past survey data from teachers, parents, and students has helped shape our decisions and priorities in the past. Thank you for taking the time to fill this out. The link is below. If the link does not work, please copy the following address into your browser: <u>https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/login/</u>

<u>Millburn Education Foundation Scholarship</u>: The Millburn Education Foundation is proud to offer three \$1,000 scholarships to three 2016 high school seniors. A completed application must be delivered to Millburn School District 24 Office at 18550 Millburn Road, Wadsworth, Il 60083 by 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Konicki at <u>mkonicki@millburn24.net</u>.

PARCC: We are now just a few short weeks away until PARCC testing starts at Millburn Elementary. This week we had students in grades 3rd-5th take a practice PARCC math test and next week they will take a practice ELA test (Reading and Writing). Again, we want students to feel comfortable with taking the test in the computer format and know what types of questions they will be asked. We are looking at starting testing the week we get back from Spring Break. Students will take one test per day, for a total of 7 tests (4 math, 3 ELA). Again, you are welcome to explore PARCC using the link below from the state.

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

Math Challenge: Math Challenge #10 is in the backpack this week. Time is the theme for this challenge!

Book Challenge: Our official count is 10,003 books read so far. Book Challenge

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

PTO News

<u>PTO SURVEY RESULTS!</u> Thanks to those who took the time to complete our PTO Survey. PTO members may log in and review the results at <u>www.millburnpto.com</u>.

<u>DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!</u> Next week!! **Talent Show Rehearsal Wednesday**, **March 2 from 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. Please email <u>districttalentshow@millburnpto.com</u> with any questions.

<u>MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!</u> Millburn Kid's Resale: It's that time of year again! The Spring Millburn Kids Resale is just around the corner on April 1st and 2nd! This is a great opportunity to clean out those overstuffed basements and closets and earn some money! Any district parent, student, or employee can register to be a seller. The registration form and sprina auidelines can be found on the PTO website and in the virtual backback.

Donation Drop Off - The PTO is offering an *EASY* way to pay it forward! We are hosting a **Donation Drop Off Saturday, March 5th from 8AM-10AM at the Middle School**. If you have yard toys, bikes, dollhouses, other toys or baby equipment in good working condition that your house has outgrown, come drop it off!

Pay It Forward X2 = Kids will get great deals on your good toys AND Millburn PTO will make money for your child's schools. It's easy.... Just drop it off at Millburn Middle School by the office doors Sat March 5 from 8AM-10AM. We will take all toys for kids ages Infant to Teen in good working condition. We will also take baby equipment, sports equipment and room furniture. Thanks for your support. This event is a success for our students each sale because of the families that sell, the families that donate and the families that shop the sale.

<u>WENDY'S NIGHTS!</u> Please join us next Tuesday, March 1, between 5-8pm for Wendy's Night. Dine in or drive thru at the Wendy's on Route 45 & Sand Lake Rd in Lindenhurst. Wendy's will donate 15% of all sales back to the Millburn PTO!

<u>RECESS VOLUNTEERS!</u> 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 <u>tracybehnke@hotmail.com</u> with any questions or sign-up information. Thanks!

<u>MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!</u> Time to break out your running shoes and plan to join us for the 4th Annual Millburn Family Fun Run/Walk on April 9th. The day will be full of healthy fun for the whole family. Come watch Mr. Walshire lead warm-ups, get your daily workout in and collect your Fun Run t-shirt. Registration paperwork is coming soon. The Fun Run Committee is still looking for a few Corporate Sponsors. Support your school by promoting your business on our t-shirts and registrations materials for a small donation. Contact us at <u>millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com</u> if you are interested or with any questions.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>: Wendy's Night 3/1 & 3/9, Kids Resale Donation Drive Drop Off 3/5, District Talent Show Rehearsal 3/2 & District Talent Show 3/9

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

Mr. Ben Walshire Millburn Elementary Principal

<u>March</u>	
2 nd	Early Release @ 1:00PM
2 nd	District Talent Show-Rehearsal @ MMS 6:30PM
7 th	No School-Casimir Pulaski Day
9 th	District Talent Show @ MMS 6:30PM
16 th	LAKES High School Math Fair for 4^{th} , 5^{th} , and 6^{th} Graders from 6-7:30PM

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

Virtual Backpack:

Math Challenge #10 YMCA Day Camp Flyer Gurnee Park District Staycation Guide- http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com/programguide

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