

Mustang Minute: February 5, 2016
Next PBIS Raffle: Sit in the Principal's Chair

Valentine's Day Parties: V-Day parties will be Friday, February 12th at 1:00 and PTO is working hard to get all the activities ready to go for our students. We do want to remind families that our holiday parties are food-free. Do not send Valentine's Day cards that include candy such as NERDs boxes, Fun Dips, Candy heart boxes, etc. Also, do not send goodie bags filled with food items. Our holiday parties are designed for fun without the need for treats or goodie bags. There is no need to send anything that day with your child, except Valentine's Day cards for their fellow students. Any candy or goodie bags brought in will not be distributed to students and will be sent home with the child or parent who brought them. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 week's theme in this week's Virtual Backpack. What a great week to celebrate reading with kids!

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 #8 Answers are in the backpack this week. Pockets, Pennies and other coins.... Good luck!

Book Challenge: Our official count is 8,867 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!!

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! As many of you know, Market Day was acquired by World's Finest Chocolate last summer. Millburn District 24 PTO sold World's Finest Chocolate this past fall and it was a HUGE success! For that reason, we will be running a Spring Sale! The spring brochure will be coming home on Friday, February 5 with your youngest student and the sale will run for two weeks, ending 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!

WENDY'S NIGHT!! Join us next Tuesday, February 9, from 5 to 8pm at the Lindenhurst Wendy's located at the intersection of Rt. 45 and Sand Lake. Dine in or carry out! Wendy's will donate 15% of all sales back to Millburn PTO.

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!

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! **Millburn PTO and Ceramics For You present:** Crazy With Creativity Family Fun Night TONIGHT, 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 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!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Thank you so much to all the 7th grade parents who attended our 1st meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting and are interested in being part of the planning process, please contact us at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com. We are still looking for the following committee chair:

Memory CD, Chair 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. If your schedule doesn't allow you help in the pre-event activities, we also need lots of help the week of the event with set up, running the event, and clean up. More information will become available when we are closer to the date of the celebration.

MILLBURN PTO PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!! That's right. It's our turn. An adult-only event designed from member feedback! 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.

MMS STAFF APPRECIATION!! We are planning for our Annual "Souper Bowl" Luncheon on Wednesday, February 10th at MMS. If you can make a soup or dessert please contact Melissa Hyde at hydemyself@hotmail.com. We are very grateful for everything that you do!

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.](#)

Upcoming Events: MES Family Fun Night 2/5, Wendy's Night 2/9, MMS Staff Appreciation 2/10, PTO Parent's Night Out 2/18, 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.

Mr. Ben Walshire
Millburn Elementary Principal

February

5th PTO Family Fun Night- MES @ 6PM
12th PTO Valentine's Day Parties @ 1:00
15th No School- President's Day
29th Wear School Colors

March

2nd New Date*****District Talent Show-Rehearsal @ MMS
9th New Date*****District Talent Show @ MMS

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

Virtual Backpack:

Math Challenge #8 Answers
Read Across America Flier
Millburn Madness Online Auction Items
Timberwolves Lacrosse

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