

Mustang Minute: March 4, 2016

NO SCHOOL MONDAY- Casimir Pulaski Day

Next PBIS Raffle: Cut the Principal's Tie

Read Across America: Millburn Elementary's 1st Read Across America Week was a lot of fun! Thank you to all of the teachers and staff for making this week such a great experience for the students!

This week was filled with guest readers from our community that took time out of their busy schedules to promote literacy and show our students the importance of not only reading, but helping your community and the people in it. As our friend The Lorax says, "*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.*"

A HUGE thank you goes to:

Leia Betar—Lakes High School Parent

Jocelyn Brame—Marketing Specialist with Key Lime Cove

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Mary Grom—Millburn Reading Specialist

Bernadette Hanna—Millburn District Office Manager

Dr. Oana Honey—Orthodontist and Owner of Honey Orthodontics

Chief Tom Jones—Chief of Police for the Village of Lindenhurst

Jake Jorgenson—Principal of Millburn Middle School

Niki Kahn—Millburn Parent

Alicia Keys—Millburn Parent & Millburn Middle School PTO Vice President

Kate Klieva & King Elvis—Kenosha Kingfish Mascot

Officer Rebecca Labb—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

Carissa LaTourette—Millburn Parent & Member of the Millburn School Board

Moira Lind—Millburn Parent

Officer Lisa Myhra—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

Kristin Mandel—Millburn Parent

Vicki Mandurano—Ducks Unlimited Illinois Chairman for Youth & Education

Renee Marasco—Millburn Reading Specialist

Dominic Marturano—Mayor of Lindenhurst

Commander Joe Moravec—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

Jenny Perez—Millburn Parent

Cheri Piat—Media Center Clerk at Millburn Elementary

Allison Price—Executive Director of Busy Brains Children's Museum

Suzanne Pursell—Millburn Parent & Millburn PTO Secretary

Officer Sandy Rapey—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

Kerry Reed—Head of Youth Services at the Lake Villa Library

Sarah Rosten—Clinical Director and Speech Language Pathologist at Pediatric Interactions

Rimi Singh—Millburn Parent & Millburn Elementary PTO President

Ben Walshire—Principal of Millburn Elementary

Officer Gina Warda—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

Diana Wettermann—Events Coordinator for Lake Forest Book Store

We must also send our thanks to children's book author, **Deborah Diesen** (author of the *Pout-Pout Fish* books), for the incredible video that she made of herself reading her very favorite Dr. Seuss book: [Fox in Sock](#) that we were able to share with the students of Millburn.

Finally, we would like to thank Mrs. Denise Ide for coordinating the week for our students. She reached out to many individuals and did lots of hard work to make this successful. Thank you!

5 Essential Survey: 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: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/login/>

PARCC: We are now just a few short weeks away until PARCC testing starts at Millburn Elementary for students in grades 3rd-5th. Students will take one test per day, for a total of 7 tests (4 math, 3 ELA). The schedule for testing will be as follows:

Wednesday, March 30- Math Unit 1

Thursday, March 31- Math Unit 2

Friday, April 1- Math Unit 3

Monday, April 4- Math Unit 4

Tuesday, April 5- ELA Unit 1

Wednesday, April 6- No Testing

Thursday, April 7- ELA Unit 2

Friday, April 8- ELA Unit 3

Make-up testing will occur in the weeks following April 8th.

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 Answers are in the backpack this week.

Book Challenge: Our official count is 11,232 books read so far. Great job!

[Book Challenge](#)

Food Service Position: 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 630-415-8059

PTO News

DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!! Millburn's Got Talent! Please attend our Talent Show Wednesday, March 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. Please email districttalentshow@millburnpto.com with any questions.

MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!! "Think Spring!" and start collecting the clothes and toys your kids have outgrown - then turn your collections into cash by selling them at the Millburn Kids Resale! It's a great way for you - and your kids - to clean out the closet, garage, basement, and attic! **All early registrations received are automatically entered into a drawing to win 75% of your proceeds** instead of the standard 50%. **Our next drawing is March 11th.** Registration forms can be found on the PTO website and in the virtual backpack.

Donation Drop Off - The PTO is offering an *EASY* way to pay it forward! They are hosting a Donation Drop Off this Saturday, March 5th from 8AM-10AM at the Middle School. If you have toys, yard 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 5th from 8AM-10AM.

Millburn Kids Resale Volunteering! Calling all Millburn District parents: Who doesn't like a great **DEAL**? Would you like to come early and shop the Millburn Kids Resale **BEFORE** the doors open to the public? Make your selection from great name brand items at fantastic prices from **3 to 4pm Friday April 1st!** In exchange for this wonderful opportunity, we need you to volunteer for one shift to make the Millburn Kids Resale a great success. All you have to do is follow this link and select one of the shifts! Please click here: <http://vols.pt/xvYL9u> to sign up for Millburn Kids

Resale Spring 2016 @Volunteer Spot today! If you have any questions or your availability is different than the suggested times, please email MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com or call Margaret Muscia 630-885-8855

BOX TOPS!! FEBRUARY BOX TOPS COLLECTION DEADLINE — TUESDAY, MARCH 8! Don't forget to send in your box tops on Tuesday. Your student will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card for every 10 box tops they submit. Congratulations to Mackenzie Clay (K4) who was the February winner. *Every Box Top Counts!* [Click here to read the February Newsletter.](#) [Click here for additional March collection sheets.](#)

WENDY'S NIGHTS!! Please join us next Tuesday, March 8, 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!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! 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. Please contact us at farewellcelebration@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!

MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!! 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 millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com if you are interested or with any questions.

Upcoming Events: Kids Resale Donation Drive Drop Off 3/5, Wendy's Night 3/9, 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

March

7 th	No School-Casimir Pulaski Day
8 th	Trimester 3 Begins
9 th	District Talent Show @ MMS 6:30PM
11 th	Report Cards Sent Home
16 th	LAKES High School Math Fair for 4 th , 5 th , and 6 th Graders from 6-7:30PM

*****Spring Break March 21-28*****

April

March 30-April 8- PARCC Testing 3rd-5th

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

Virtual Backpack:

Math Challenge #10 Answers

Youth Volleyball League

Chicago Kickers Info

Lindenhurst Park District Summertime Info

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