

*Mustang Minute: April 15, 2016*

**Next PBIS Raffle: Game Room with Two Friends**

**SPIRIT WEEK NEXT WEEK!! See below for details!!**

**Autism Awareness Month:** April is Autism Awareness month. We felt that it would be important to teach the students and give them more information about Autism. The staff showed PowerPoint presentation to the students that included videos and hands on activities to give them a glimpse into the life of a person with Autism.. After the students received the information and participated in the activities, there was time for open discussion and questions. Staff members reported great discussions happening in their classrooms, and a genuine interest from students who want to know more.

**MES Spirit Week:** Our MES Student Council is organizing a Spirit Week from April 18-22. Below are the themes for each day.

Monday, April 18	Hat or Glasses - wear your favorite hat or fun sunglasses
Tuesday, April 19	Rainbow days - Wear your assigned color A classes - red B classes - blue C classes - green D classes - orange E classes - purple/dark blue F classes - yellow
Wednesday, April 20	Backwards shirt day - wear your shirt backwards
Thursday, April 21	Fancy Day - dress up in your "Sunday" bests
Friday, April 22	Crazy Hair Day - braid, ponytails, spike your hair - something you don't normally do day

**Music Concert:** Mark your calendars for April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>! These are the Music Concert dates for our 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders. This year's theme is "Sports" and everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite sports team jersey or gear to the concert. The schedules for those two nights are as follows:

19<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Music Concert (West Gym)  
6:00PM- Homerooms: 1B, 2E, 2D, 3C, 3D  
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**WGN Shout Out:** On Wednesday, WGN Meteorologist Tim McGill paid a visit to Ms. Fritsch's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. That night after his weather report, he gave a special shout out to the kids and show a picture of him with the class. Thanks Tim for coming in and making their day! TO see his shout out, follow the link below to his Facebook page.

<https://m.facebook.com/WGNWeatherGuy>

**Student Placements 2016-17:** We are currently in the process of planning and placing students into homerooms for next year. Please find a letter in the Virtual Backpack with some information on how this process works. As a reminder, class lists WILL NOT be sent via email over the summer. Parents will need to log into PowerSchool to see their child's homeroom teacher once it goes live in August. **Parents are encouraged to set up their accounts ASAP so they have access before the next school year begins.** If you need assistance with getting your account set-up, please contact our main office.

**Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)-** The state will begin a new science assessment, administered to students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Information about this assessment has been vague over the last several months, but the state is following through with having schools give the tests to students. Testing will begin

in May for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders and will involve one 30 minute test, which covers areas aligned to the Illinois Science Standards. I have included "Frequently Asked Questions on the ISA" from the Illinois State Board of Education in the Virtual Backpack.

More information on this new assessment can be found at <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isa.htm>

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Invite to Millburn Middle School:** Attention all 5th grade parents and students!! On Tuesday, May 3rd, you are invited to come to the Middle School to see the building, meet some of the teachers, and find out a few things that will be happening next year when you are a 6th grader. The program starts at 6:30 pm and will last about an hour. We would love to see all of you that night if possible. The PTO Book fair will be open! Any questions, please contact Mrs. Jacobs.  
( [sjacobs@millburn24.net](mailto:sjacobs@millburn24.net) )

**Millburn Garden:** It is time to request a plot in the Millburn School and Community Garden. Requests for plots can be made by emailing the membership coordinator, Samantha Hutchinson at [samanthakayhutchinson@gmail.com](mailto:samanthakayhutchinson@gmail.com) no later than April 15th. There are small plots (5X20) available for a \$25 fee. Plots are based on availability and garden participation. The goal of the garden is to provide an area where citizens, students, faculty and families can grow fresh produce, flowers or herbs for their enjoyment.

**Plant Sale:** Gardening season is right around the corner, and Millburn 4th graders, teachers, and farmers at Tempel Farms Organics have been hard at work preparing for our Annual Organic Plant Sale. More varieties than ever are being offered this year! Our Plant Sale will take place May 21st from 9am-1pm at MES. Reserve your plants by ordering via the pink form in your child's backpack, and pick them up at the sale. Extra forms and plant descriptions may be found in the Virtual Backpack. *Orders are due April 26th.* As always, we will have many additional plants available for purchase at the Plant Sale. Quantities of some items will be limited, so the best bet for your "must haves" is to use the order form. ALL PLANTS ARE ORGANIC. All proceeds go to the Millburn School and Community Garden.

#### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK AT MILLBURN ELEMENTARY**

Teacher Appreciation Week is Monday, May 2 - Friday, May 6. Let's celebrate our teachers by participating in the following theme days:

**Monday, May 2** - Wear your teacher's favorite color

**Tuesday, May 3** - Write a special thank you card for your teacher at home and bring it to school

**Wednesday, May 4**- Wear your Millburn Elementary School spirit wear or school colors of red and white

**Thursday, May 5** - Create a special drawing or picture at home and bring it to school. The drawing can be of your teacher, your class or Millburn Elementary School. Be creative - use stickers, stamps, crayons, markers, etc.

**Friday, May 6** - Wear your teacher's favorite sports team shirt and/or hat OR your teacher's favorite sports team colors

**MES Book Fair:** Spring Book Fair will be in the Media Center May 4<sup>th</sup> (8AM - 3PM), 5<sup>th</sup> (8AM-6PM), and 6<sup>th</sup>(8AM-8PM).

**Math Challenge:** Math Challenge #13 is in the backpack for you to enjoy!!!

**Book Challenge:** Our official count is 14,832!!!! The question now is not if we will get there, but when!!!  
[Book Challenge](#)

#### PTO News

**MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!!** WE STILL NEED FOUR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT THIS LAST ACTIVITY NIGHT OF THE YEAR! Contact Tracy Dwyer at [tudwyer@comcast.net](mailto:tudwyer@comcast.net).

Please join us for **AWESOME 80's** at MMS, Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing face paint, and or hair paint. Masks can be worn, but cannot cover more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the face. This is a chance for them to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change.

**THE DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

#### DROP OFF

6<sup>th</sup> grade- 6pm, MAIN entrance

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade- 6:30pm, MAIN entrance

#### PICK UP

6<sup>th</sup> grade- 8:30, MAIN entrance

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade- 9:00 ACTIVITY entrance

For pick up, please pull in and find a parking spot. You can meet your child at the canopy area. You can also use the pickup lane but if everyone does this, the line of traffic will stretch out to ROUTE 45! No student will be allowed to walk or ride a bike home. Admission to the event is \$2.00. Drinks, candy, and pizza will be available for purchase.

All students attending **MUST** have a current student ID to show at the door. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.** Students **CANNOT** go to their lockers to retrieve forgotten ID's, as the hallway doors are locked.

If you need to leave before the Activity Night is over, **YOUR** parent must sign you out!

These rules are **NOT** negotiable! Interested in volunteering? Contact Tracy Dwyer at [tudwyer@comcast.net](mailto:tudwyer@comcast.net).

**MILLBURN FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!** MES PTO Family Fun Night committee will be hosting the Family Fun Night Olive Garden Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, May 6 from 6 to 8 pm in the MES cafeteria. Watch for the order forms coming home with your child and in the Virtual Backpack. Come join us for a night of food and fun! Treat your mom to an early Mother's Day night out with dinner and a chance to win her flowers in a raffle! Bring your favorite game to play with family and friends! Tickets sold in advance only; payment is due Friday, April 29. No tickets will be sold at the door. Hope to see you there!

**MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!!** Thank you to all of the runners, volunteers and sponsors who came out to participate in the 4th Annual Millburn Fun Run on Saturday, April 9th. We had a good time and turn out despite the cold temps and raised over \$2000 for playground upgrades. Congrats to our Fun Run winners - Fastest Girl: Brooke Sturt, Fastest Boy: Ramon Perez and Best Millburn Spirit: The Haley Family. We appreciate the support of our corporate sponsors: Goshgarian Orthodontics, FitNation, The Therapy Tree, Anita Spisak - @ Properties and Butera Market.

**Upcoming Events:** *MMS Activity Night 4/15, Box Tops Due 5/2*

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

Mr. Ben Walshire  
Millburn Elementary Principal

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28<sup>th</sup> Wear School Colors

29<sup>th</sup> No School

**May**

2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week

4-6 MES Book Fair

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

**Virtual Backpack:**

**Math Challenge #13**

**Warren High School Book Drive Flyer**

**Lake High School Summer Camps**

**GoGurnee Information**

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