

*Mustang Minute: April 1, 2016*

**Next PBIS Raffle: Sit in the Principal's Chair**

**PARCC:** PARCC testing has been going well this week. Students have been doing great on the test and I have been very impressed with what I'm seeing from our Millburn students. We will continue on next week with the following tests:

Monday, April 4- Math Unit 4

Tuesday, April 5- ELA Unit 1

Wednesday, April 6- No Testing- Early Release 1PM

Thursday, April 7- ELA Unit 2

Friday, April 8- ELA Unit 3

**Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)-** The state will begin a new science assessment, administered to students in grades 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 min 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.

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

**Kindergarten Registration:** If you have a child who will turn five years old on or before September 1, 2016, please take note of the following information. Millburn District will be accepting registration for kindergarten on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Millburn Elementary School, 18550 Millburn Road, Wadsworth. ALL registrations will be accepted at Millburn Elementary School. You must call the school to request a registration packet. Millburn Elementary main office phone number is 847-356-8331. All the necessary paperwork should be completed and brought with you to begin the registration process. If you are unable to attend the registration date, you may drop off the completed packet prior to April 6. However, you will have to call Millburn Elementary main office after that date for the next available August screening appointment.

What else should parents bring to registration?

- 1) Your child's original birth certificate - the one from the county of birth, not the hospital one - we will make a copy, no charge.
- 2) Registration fees will be collected at this time. Cash or check made payable to "Millburn District" is acceptable.
- 3) Proof of Residency (The registration packet will contain a form with a list of required documentation).
- 4) Your calendar - you will be able to make an appointment for the August screening process.

**FIRST GRADE** - if you have a child enrolled in a kindergarten program other than the Millburn District, please notify the office if you intend on registering your child for First Grade in Millburn. Your child must be six years old on or before September 1, 2016 to register for the first grade in this district.

If you know anyone in our district who may not receive this notification, please ask him or her to contact the school. We appreciate your help as we prepare for the next school year!

**Kindergarten Last Day-** We had originally scheduled the last day of Kindergarten to be Friday, June 3, two days earlier than the rest of the grade levels. We typically did this because we held kindergarten screening for two days at the end of the school year. Instead, we are moving our screening to the summer. Therefore, the last day for Kindergarten will be Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the rest of the school. Dismissal is at 1:00PM for K-5 on this day.

**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.

**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  
7:15PM- Homerooms: 1A, 1E, 2B, 3B, 3F  
20<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Music Concert (West Gym)  
6:00PM- Homerooms: 1C, 1D, 2A, 2C, 3A, 3E

**Math Challenge:** Math Challenge #12 is in the backpack for you to enjoy!!!

**Book Challenge:** Our official count is 13,642!!!! We are sooooo getting close to our goal of over 15,000 books. We need everyone's help so keep reading!!!!

[Book Challenge](#)

### PTO News

**MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!!** It has arrived!! Come shop the Millburn Kids Resale for a HUGE selection - items from over 100 families! Clothing, toys, furniture, accessories, etc. for kids of all ages; infant through teens. **\*Cash Only\***

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 4-8pm  
Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 8am-12pm

**BOOK FAIR AT MMS!!** When you come to shop the resale, be sure to stop by our **BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE** Book Fair in Room 1022.

Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> 4-8pm  
Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 8am-12pm

**MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!!** Join us on Saturday, 4/9 at Millburn Middle School for the 4th Annual Millburn Family Fun Run/Walk 5K!! Registration is open and **race t-shirts are guaranteed for the first 200 registrants!** Paper forms can be found in the virtual back pack and sent in with cash/check (made out to Millburn PTO) to the school office. Online registration is also available at <http://www.millburnpto.com/mi4/index.cfm> Walk-in registration will also be accepted on race day, \$15 per individual and \$40 per family. Check-in begins at 9AM, Warm-ups with the wild and wacky, Mr. Walshire at 9:40AM and the race steps off at 10AM. Prizes will be awarded for Fastest Boy, Fastest Girl and Best Millburn Spirit. Email [millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com](mailto:millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com) with any questions.

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[Click here for the Race Information Flyer.](#)  
[Click here for the Registration Form.](#)

[Click here for the Sponsor Form.](#)

**BOX TOPS!!** Please don't forget to turn in your Box Tops next Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Students will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Visa Gift Card for every 10 box tops returned. Every Box Top Counts!!

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** We have our next planning meeting on Monday, April 4, at 8:00 p.m. in MMS Room 1114. We would love to see all of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents attend.

Email [farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com](mailto:farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com) with any questions.

**Attention Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** Please remember to submit photos for the 8th grade slideshow by **Sunday, April 3**. We're excited to create a slideshow of Millburn memories for you, and we want to ensure every 8th grader is included.

To submit your photos, go to [www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com) and sign in with [8thgradefc@gmail.com](mailto:8thgradefc@gmail.com) (email was created specifically for this project and is not associated with the school in any way) and password Farewell2016.

Once you log in, you'll see folders for each 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Double-click on your son's or daughter's folder and drag the photos from your hard drive into the folder. If you have trouble, or you do not want your photos on the Drop Box page (the page is password protected, but individual folders can be viewed by those with the password), you can email your photos to Kristin Kao at [kbkao@comcast.net](mailto:kbkao@comcast.net) (please type "Farewell Photos" in the subject line). In order to provide plenty of time to compile the slideshow, please **upload your photos by April 3**.

**WENDY'S NIGHTS!!** Please join us next Tuesday, April 5, 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!

*Upcoming Events: Kids Resale 4/1 & 4/2, MMS Book Fair 4/1 & 4/2, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Slideshow Photos Due 4/3, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Celebration Planning Meeting 4/4, March Box Tops Due 4/4, Wendy's Night 4/5, Family Fun Run 4/9*

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

#### **April**

April 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>- PARCC Testing 3rd-5th

6<sup>th</sup> - Early Release at 1:00, KDG Registration 4-6PM @ MES

9<sup>th</sup> - PTO Family Fun Run- 9AM @ MMS

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29<sup>th</sup>- No School

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

#### **Virtual Backpack:**

**Class Placement Letter**

**ISA Frequently Asked Questions**

**Math Challenge #12**

**Earth Day Flyer**

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

