

*Mustang Minute: April 22, 2016*

**Next PBIS Raffle: Million Dollar AWARD, get your face printed on a Million Dollar Bill  
NO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY**

**Book Challenge:** Our official count is 15,256. Which means we made our goal!!! Therefore, Mr. Walshire will work on the roof of the school for one day!!! I'm looking at Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> to be the day!! Thank you to everyone who made this possible and we appreciate everyone's support in promoting reading!!

**MES Book Fair:** Millburn PTO will be hosting our Elementary Spring Scholastic Book Fair Wednesday through Friday, May 4-6, 2016. Hours will be 8am -2pm Wednesday, 8am-4pm Thursday, and 8am-8pm on Friday.

During the week of April 25-28, the classrooms will be participating in a Change War. All change collected by each classroom will go toward the purchase of books for that classroom.

**Penny Monday** - Bring in your pennies to start the week! The U.S. Mint has been making pennies since 1793. The Mint currently makes about 30 million pennies on an average day!

**Nickel Tuesday** - Nickels are the coin of choice for Tuesday. The first nickel was made in 1866 and is named after its main ingredient alloy. There have been four designs over the years including the shield, liberty head, buffalo and Thomas Jefferson.

**Dime Wednesday** - Bring in our smallest and thinnest coin. Dimes are named after the French word disme (with a silent s) which means tenth. Dimes were first minted in 1792, but not put into circulation until 1796.

**Quarter Thursday** - George Washington's likeness did not appear on the quarter until 1932 as a special commemorative release on the bicentennial of his birth in 1732. There are no quarters dated 1933 due to both the overproduction of the commemorative Washington coin and the Great Depression.

**Anything Goes** - Your Book Fair Chairs will be collecting the change containers Thursday morning after attendance. If you didn't get a chance to participate earlier in the week, feel free to bring in any donation Thursday morning!

Thank you for supporting the Millburn PTO Scholastic Book Fair Change Wars and for helping to purchase books for the individual classrooms!

**Misericordia Candy Days:** The National Junior Honor Society students from the Middle School are working with the Heart of Mercy Center to promote and raise funds for Misericordia, which provides services and care for children and adults with developmental disabilities. A donation jar will be in the office. Anyone making a donation of any amount will receive a small bag of Jelly Belly jelly beans. For more information on this program, visit <http://www.misericordia.org>.

### **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

**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 Invited 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) )

**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.

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

SPIRIT WEAR!! The PTO will be having their Spring Spirit Wear Sale starting today through May 1st. To purchase your limited edition spirit wear, use the following link and scroll down to Millburn to place your online order.

<http://americanoutfittersltd.com/>

We are planning to have a pick up day for orders the week of May 9th. We are offering tanks, tees, lightweight hoodies and more!

MES BOOK FAIR!! PTO Spring Book Fair is coming to the MES Media Center.

Please come visit us any time on:

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8am-2pm

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 8am-4pm

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8am-8pm

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!

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! All of the exciting plans are coming together for hosting this very special evening for our graduates and their parents. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents are welcome to help. Remaining meeting dates leading up to the event are:

April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm

All meetings will be held at MMS in the faculty lounge, across from the music room.

We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events: 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

**April**

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

29<sup>th</sup> No School

**May**

2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week

4-6 MES Book Fair

16-20 MAP Testing (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

27<sup>th</sup> Mr. Walshire Works On the Roof

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

**Virtual Backpack:**

**Math Challenge #13 Answers**

**Book Fair Flyer**

Girls Iceless Hockey  
Grayslake Children's Safety Fair  
Breastfest Flyer  
Lost Dog in Area

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