

Mustang Minute: April 8, 2016

Next PBIS Raffle: Pajama Day for Your Classroom

PARCC: What a week! Our students did great with the PARCC tests and I'm very proud of their efforts! Make-ups will occur starting the week of April 18th for any student who missed a session. Final PARCC results will be sent home to parents in the fall.

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 grades 5th and 8th 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 5th 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>

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

Monday, April 18	Hat or Glasses - wear your favorite hat or fun sunglasses
Tuesday, April 19	Rainbow day - 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 19th and 20th! These are the Music Concert dates for our 1st-3rd 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:

- 19th - 1st-3rd Spring Music Concert (West Gym)
6:00PM- Homerooms: 1B, 2E, 2D, 3C, 3D
7:15PM- Homerooms: 1A, 1E, 2B, 3B, 3F
- 20th - 1st-3rd Spring Music Concert (West Gym)
6:00PM- Homerooms: 1C, 1D, 2A, 2C, 3A, 3E

5th 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 Bookfair will be open! Any questions, please contact Mrs. Jacobs.

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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 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 4th (8AM - 3PM), 5th (8AM-6PM), and 6th(8AM-8PM).

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

Book Challenge: Our official count is 14,303!!!! The question now is not if we will get there, but when!!!

[Book Challenge](#)

PTO News

MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!! Time to kick off Spring with the Millburn Family Fun Run 1M/5K this Saturday, April 9th at Millburn Middle School. Registration/check-in opens at 9 a.m. Pre-race warm ups with Mr. Walshire begin at 9:40 a.m. Race steps off at 10 a.m. Free race t-shirts to the first 200 registrants. Race registration is available online at www.millburnpto.com or via paper form (click below to download). Please make checks payable to Millburn PTO and return form/payment to school. Don't miss out on the fun warm-up by Mr. Walshire, a chance to meet the Millburn

Mascots, the great sponsor giveaways and a chance to win gift card prizes awarded to the fastest boy, fastest girl and best Millburn spirit. Email millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com with any questions.

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS: FITNATION, GOSHGARIAN ORTHODONTICS, THE THERAPY TREE, ANITA SPISAK - @PROPERTIES AND BUTERA MARKET.

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

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

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

MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!! Our Spring Resale was a HUGE success!! Thank you to all the sellers and volunteers! The Resale Team is working hard sorting and adding tags and should have the sale wrapped by end of month! Checks to sellers will come directly from Chase. See you at the Fall Resale October 21st and 22nd!

WENDY'S NIGHT!! Please join us next Tuesday, April 12, 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!

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT THIS LAST ACTIVITY NIGHT OF THE YEAR! Contact Tracy Dwyer at tudwyer@comcast.net. Please join us for **AWESOME 80's** at MMS, Friday, April 15th. 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

6th grade- 6pm, MAIN entrance

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

PICK UP

6th grade- 8:30, MAIN entrance

7th/8th 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.

Upcoming Events: Family Fun Run 4/9, MMS Activity Night 4/15

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

April

9th PTO Family Fun Run- 9AM @ MMS

18th-22nd Spirit Week

19th 1st-3rd Spring Music Concert (West Gym)

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28th Wear School Colors
29th 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:

Plant Sale Order Items and Order Form
Echo Day Camp Information
Math Challenge #12 Answers
YMCA Healthy Day Flyer
Cub Scout Preview & Fun Activity Night
Grayslake Park District Softball Information

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