

**Mustang Minute: August 21, 2015**

\*\*\* It was stated in the homeroom email this week that pictures would run from 3:30-7:00 on Tuesday. Picture times will be the same time as Supply Drop Off, 3:30-6:00PM.

**Homeroom Assignments:** Homerooms were sent on Tuesday. If you did not get an email, please contact the office to find out your child's homeroom teacher.

**Picture Forms:** Color Portraits Picture order forms are in the Virtual Backpack. You can pay for your pictures in advance following directions on the form or you can bring payment and order form with you on the day of pictures. We will also have available copies for parents at Supply Pick up on August 11.

**Recess Volunteers:** Millburn Elementary School is looking for volunteers to assist on the playgrounds during this 2015-2016 academic year. Recess volunteers are needed Monday-Friday between 11AM-1215PM. Recess volunteers can sign up for one day a week, one day every other week or even one day each month. For further information, please contact Recess Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Behnke at [tracybehnke@hotmail.com](mailto:tracybehnke@hotmail.com).

**Kindergarten Parent Night, August 25, 6:00-7:00PM:** This night is designed for parents to get familiar with our school and programming for their Kindergarten child. That night will feature some information on procedures, bussing, and the curriculum that will be used during the course of the school year. This evening of presentations is structured for parents only. Students will have a chance to meet with teachers at Supply Drop Off Night on August 26.

**School Pictures/Supply Drop Off/ PTO Ice Cream Social: 3:30-6:00.** On August 26<sup>th</sup> we invite families to come to MES to drop supplies off in classrooms, get school pictures taken and enjoy a PTO Ice Cream Social. All events start at 3:30 and run until 6pm. Pictures will be in the East and West Gyms and the PTO will be set up in the Cafeteria. We will open doors to the building at 3:30 and you can choose what event you and your child would like to do first. Student last names from A-L will take their picture in the East Gym. Last names from M-Z will be in the West Gym.

**1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Parent Night:** Parent Night (Formerly Curriculum Night) at MES will be Thursday, September 10. Grades 1-3 will start at 6:00 PM and Grades 4- 5 will start at 7:00 PM. This night is designed to help inform parents of our curriculum and our goals to provide high quality instruction for our students. Special Area teachers will be available in their rooms if you would like to stop by and talk with them. This night is for parents only. Once again, parents are asked to report directly to their child's homeroom at their assigned time.

**Immunizations:** Parents or legal guardians who object, for religious reasons, to their child being immunized for school entrance must submit a Certificate of Religious Exemption, which now must be signed by a health care provider. Signed into law on August 3, 2015, this new legislation requires a health care provider to sign the certificate confirming they have provided education to parents or legal guardians about the benefits of immunizations and the health risks of not vaccinating students. The certificate also reflects the parents or legal guardians understanding that their child may be excluded from school in the case of a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or exposure. This new requirement will be in place for religious exemption requests beginning October 16, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Vanko, our school nurse.

**Kindergarten Lunch Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to come in daily to help with Kindergarten lunchtime from 11:20-11:50. This is a new arena for our kindergarten students and we want to provide them as much support as we can with getting through the lunch line, choosing their side dishes, or even poking that straw through their Capri-Sun. If you are interested, please come to school on Friday, August 28 at 11:00 so I can go through our procedures with you.

**Millburn Cup:** This year's Mill

burn Education Foundation golf outing will be held Friday, September 11, at Bittersweet Golf Club in Gurnee. All proceeds will benefit the students of Millburn School District. Information on this event is in this week's backpack.

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

**August**

25<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Parent Night 6-7PM  
26<sup>th</sup> MES Supply Drop Off/Pictures/ Ice Cream Social 3:30-6:00  
27<sup>th</sup> First Day of School, Early Release at 11:00, Lunch will not be served  
28<sup>th</sup> First FULL Day of School

**September**

1<sup>st</sup> AIM Parent Meeting @ MES, 7PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Early Release @ 1PM  
7<sup>th</sup> No School- Labor Day  
8<sup>th</sup> Beginning Band Registration and Instrument Rental 4-7PM  
10<sup>th</sup> MES Parent Night (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00)  
26<sup>th</sup> PTO Fall Fest @ 1:00

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

**Virtual Backpack:       4H Club**  
**School Attendance Information: Lake County ROE**

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