## Mustang Minute: September 11, 2015

<u>**Parent Night:**</u> Thank you for all who attended Parent Night for grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> on Thursday. Please reach out to your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions throughout the year.

<u>Student Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures</u>: If you are dropping your child off in the morning, you are welcome to pull up along the curb to drop your child off. Students should exit on the passenger side closest to the curb. If you would like to walk them to the doors, you will need to park in on our parking spaces so we can keep traffic moving.

For afternoon pick-up, parents do need to park in spaces and walk in to sign students out. Cars cannot be parked along the curb unattended as this is also a fire lane.

**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. Kindergarten parents are also asked to go through this process if you wish to volunteer for recess. For further information, please contact Recess Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Behnke at tracybehnke@hotmail.com.

<u>Immunizations</u>: 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.

## PTO News

<u>PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!</u> In order to continue our investment in the district and to our students, we need your support and membership. Please consider joining us to help keep all of our fabulous programs alive for the 2015-16 year. Please register at <u>www.MillburnPTO.com</u>. Our PAPERLESS PTO system is where all signups, calendars, eblasts, membership directory and purchases can take place in one centralized location. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the PTO Board Members at <u>www.MillburnPTO.com</u>.

WELCOME BACK PTO MEETING!! Please join us for our first meeting of the year on 9/16 at 7pm at MMS LRC. We have two open Board positions. We will be accepting nominations for Vice President Middle School and Website Coordinator. If you would like more information about either of these openings, please feel free to contact any PTO Board Member.

<u>KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!</u> We hope you are enjoying browsing your Kidstuff coupon book. It's easy to use just a few coupons and save more than the \$25 cost of the book! You can also POST! TWEET! or EMAIL! family and friends. They will LOVE saving with KidStuff...Great for gifts too. KidStuff offers 24 valuable editions. Sell 5 books, get one FREE! Book payment of \$25 due by 9/18 (payable in cash, check to Millburn PTO or online at <u>www.millburnpto.com</u>) or return the unused book by 9/18 to your child's homeroom. Our school keeps 50% of the profit from this sale.

<u>FALL FEST!</u> Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 26th from 12:00-4:00pm at Millburn Elementary for this year's Fall Festival! It will be fun for the whole family. Events include: pony rides, 18 foot inflatable slide, inflatable obstacle course, games and new, bigger prizes! Also, get ready to get some of Millburn's teachers wet in a power shower! Hit a target and see your teacher get soaked! Tickets for the fest will become available starting next week. We need volunteers for the event! Go to <u>http://vols.pt/xkpTHC</u> to sign up.

General Mills Box Tops collections program for the 2015-2016 school year. We are currently looking for volunteers for each classroom/homeroom. The volunteer is responsible for collecting the labels and box tops from your classroom, counting and sorting them. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at <a href="http://www.millburnpto.com">www.millburnpto.com</a>. Any questions, please email Janis Moore @ltwmoore@comcast.net.

<u>HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS SIGN UP!</u> The Holiday Celebrations Committee is looking for parent volunteers for the PTO Halloween class party scheduled for the afternoon of October 30. We will have the sign up sheets in your kids' classrooms at MES during the Curriculum Night on Thursday as well. If you would like to volunteer, please register for PTO membership at the Millburn PTO website: <u>www.millburnpto.com</u>. Once you are a member, you can sign up for the Halloween room party. The PTO will contact you if you have been selected.

Upcoming Events: KIDSTUFF FUNDRAISER 9/8-9/18, WELCOME BACK PTO MEETING 9/16, FALL FEST 9/26

If I can be of any assistance or if you have questions, please contact me at <u>bwalshire@millburn24.net</u> or (847) 356-8331.

Mr. Ben Walshire Millburn Elementary Principal

September16thPTO Meeting @ 7PM, MMS26thPTO Fall Fest @ 12:00

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

Virtual Backpack: PTO Fall Fest Flyer Battle of the Books Flyer

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