

Mustang Minute: September 25, 2015
Next Week's Raffle: Hat Day in the Classroom

PBIS Videos: This year, with the help of MES students, we are going to create videos that teach students expectations in different areas in the school. Each month, one of our raffles will be starring in the video. Students can enter their PBIS tickets to be randomly selected to participate. Our first video was shown to students at the beginning of the year and starred many of our teachers demonstrating bus expectations. Our new video is hallway expectations. Please follow the link below to see our videos throughout the year!

[PBIS Videos](#)

1:1 Technology Pilot: In this week's Virtual Backpack, you will find a letter on how the we are pursuing a 1:1 technology initiative with Millburn District 24. Please read or follow the link below to find out more on this initiative:

Link: [1:1 Technology Pilot](#)

Book Challenge: We will once again hold our Book Challenge this year. Last year we reached 15,000 books read, so we need to go over 15,000 books this year. We need everyone's help with this. So please find a time to read, go to the link below, fill out the information, and submit. If we reach this year's goal, Mr. Walshire will work on the roof of the school for the entire day. We already have over 100 books ready in a week's time!!

[Book Challenge](#)

Math Challenge: We will also start our Math Challenge next week. For each challenge, we will direct you to a link to view the math challenge. Challenges will be every other week. Students work with their families to solve math problems, but each student in the family needs to submit challenges separately. To track the challenges, students will need to submit their answers to a link, similar to our Reading Challenge. Our goal is to get 5000 submissions by the end of the school year. This is a great way for family member to work you their child on math skills together. Look next week for the first challenge!

Student Pick Up: We are starting a new procedure with parents picking up their child at the end of the school day. First, we will be dismissing students by grade level starting with KDG and moving up from there. Older siblings will sit with their younger siblings and will be released together. Parents will be called up by grade to sign their child out. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience so we can assure students go home safely.

School Access After Hours: If your child forgot something in their classrooms at the end of the day, you will need to come to the school before 3:00. Parents cannot access the building through the Millburn Before and After School Club entrance. Those doors are strictly for parents picking up their child from the program. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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.

PTO News

PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!! 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 www.MillburnPTO.com. 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 www.MillburnPTO.com.

KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!! Kidstuff coupon orders/money or books are past due. Please return them to your homeroom ASAP. Thank you for your support of the Kidstuff coupon book sale.

FALL FEST!! Join us TOMORROW 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! We still need volunteers for the event! Go to <http://vols.pt/xkpTHC> to sign up.

KIDS RESALE!! Kids Resale Volunteering! Calling all Millburn District parents: Who doesn't like a great **DEAL?** Would you like to come early and shop the Millburn Kids Resale **BEFORE** the doors open to the public? Make your selection from great name brand items at fantastic prices from **3 to 4pm Friday October 23rd**! In exchange for this wonderful opportunity, we need 2 hours of your time to make the Millburn Kids Resale a great success. All you have to do is follow this link and select one of the volunteer shifts! Please click here: <http://vols.pt/L5v17Z> to sign up for Millburn Kids Resale Fall 2015 today!

Register early and be entered into a raffle to earn 75% of your items sold. Drawings are at noon on October 2 and October 9. If you have any questions or your availability is different than the suggested times please contact us at MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com

Donation Drive! Do you have any kid's items lying around collecting dust? Donate them to the Millburn Kids Resale (any donation receives a tax donation letter). We are having a donation drive TOMORROW, Saturday, September 26th from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Middle School (front entrance). 100% of sold donated items go to the PTO.

BOX TOP CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Box Tops classroom volunteers needed! The PTO has kicked off our General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Label for Education programs for the 2015-2016 school year. Thank you so much to the parents who volunteered to be coordinators at Curriculum night. Unfortunately, there were quite a few classrooms that did not have anyone sign up. We hope you can find a small amount of time to help us out with this important resource for our schools. The volunteer is responsible for collecting, counting and sorting the labels. This can be done in the convenience of your home and then handed over to the Committee Chair, Janis Moore. This would be the perfect job for a parent who would like to help out but does not have a lot of time to spare. Please consider helping us out. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at www.millburnpto.com. Any questions please email Janis Moore at ltwmoore@comcast.net

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATES!! As many of you are aware, Market Day is no more! World's Finest Chocolates has offered to MATCH our profits from last year if we give them a shot with our fundraising! It's just too much money to walk away from!! Look for a fall sale in November, with delivery for the holidays. Ongoing throughout this school year, the PTO will be selling World's Finest Chocolate bars at most PTO events. The bars are only \$1 and come in Milk Chocolate with Almond, Caramel, WF Crisp Bars, Milk Chocolate and Dark Chocolate! Any time you purchase a chocolate bar this year, you are supporting the PTO and helping to fund activities and technology for your students. THANKS!

Upcoming Events: FALL FEST 9/26, KIDS RESALE DONATION DRIVE 9/26

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

October

7th 1:00 Early Release
9th NO SCHOOL- Teacher Institute Day
12th NO SCHOOL- Columbus Day
24th PTO Kids Resale
30th Halloween Celebrations @ 1:00

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

Virtual Backpack:

**1:1 Technology at Millburn
Warren Pom Clinic
Gurnee Park District Girls Basketball
Grayslake North Basketball
Girl Scout Info
Youth Basketball Leagues**

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