Mustang Minute: October 14, 2016

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<u>PBIS PARTy Day:</u> Today was our first PBIS PARTy (Do you PART) day. Our students have done a great job with their behaviors over the last several weeks and we wanted to celebrate that. Each grade level organized some fun activities for the kids and they had a blast. We will do another PARTy day in January and look forward to seeing our students continue to make good choices. Thanks for everyone's support!

<u>BOE Meeting 10/17:</u> The Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The next Regular BOE meeting will be on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Millburn Elementary.

<u>Fire Prevention</u>: October is Fire Prevention Month. Please take an opportunity to review fire safety in your own homes. In addition, children knowing their personal information is important, in the event they need to report a fire to the fire department. This week's Virtual Backpack, includes a form for parents to walk through with their child(ren) on knowing their address and phone number. These pieces of information will help fire fighters get to homes quickly. Please take a moment to fill this out and practice with your child. We are not asking for them back, but please use this to help students remember their information.

<u>Halloween Celebration</u>: Halloween celebrations will occur on Friday, October 28 from 1:00-2:00. All students are allowed to wear costumes during the celebrations. Costumes should not have weapons associated with them and we would appreciate no makeup because we don't want students wearing it all day long. Students must bring their costumes in and not wear them to school. They will change into them before the parties. Costumes need to be easily put on and not require a lot of help from an adult.

<u>Picture Retakes/Make-Ups:</u> Picture Retakes will be on Thursday, October 20. Information and order forms are in the Virtual Backpack. Retakes are for:

- Any student who did not have their picture taken yet this year
- Any student that has requested a retake and has returned their entire original packet to school

Requests for retakes should be sent to Ms. Boss at <a href="mailto:vboss@millburn24.net">vboss@millburn24.net</a> by Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Veteran's Day Activities:</u> Millburn Elementary School has started making plans to honor local veterans on Veteran's Day. Forms for Student Council's Wall of Heroes and an opportunity for veterans to be honored at an all-school assembly on November 11th will be sent home with students early next week. If you know of a veteran or current military personnel who would like to participate (especially a family member) please complete the form(s) and return them to your child's classroom teacher. Forms are in the Virtual Backpack.

Millburn Creative Writing Club: Mrs. Lafferty is planning on hosting a Creative Writing Club at Millburn Elementary for 4th and 5th graders. Information on this club can be found in the Virtual Backpack. The cost of the club will be \$50 per 10 sessions. To get an idea on how many students would be interested and to determine numbers and sessions required, please read the information and complete the survey provided.

<u>Fall Conference Sign Up</u>: MES will once again use Signup Genius for parents to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conference in November. This year's sign-up will go <u>live on Friday</u>, <u>November 4<sup>th</sup></u>. The reason for the later sign up is to eliminate frequent changes that occur with times between now and the end of November.

<u>Dress for the Weather:</u> Fall is here! Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Before we know it, colder weather will be here! We will continue to follow our guidelines with cold weather this winter: Wind-chill below 10 degrees = inside recess.

## PTO News

to meet some new people, relax, laugh and enjoy each other! We hope you'll join us at our next Social after the holidays! We will plan another painting party event!!

KIDS RESALE!! IMPORTANT NOTE regarding PRESALE Shop - it will open at 3:15pm on Friday, 10/21. We had to make the adjustment this year with the new school hours.

Please check in at the door as this is a <u>volunteer only invite</u> to come shop as soon as the bell rings at the Middle School and before we open to the public at 4pm. Will you be on the list? Volunteer today to be invited to the volunteer only presale. You do not have to be a seller to volunteer or to shop the presale. Just volunteer and you're on the list! We are still seeking many volunteers to help by working at the actual sale. The following shifts are where we need the most help: Friday, (10/21): 2-4 and 4-6 and Saturday, (10/22): 7:45 - 10 and 9:45 - Noon. It is only a couple of hours of your time... Come join the fun! Please follow this link to sign up to help: Millburn Kids Resale Volunteer Link

If your availability is different than the suggested times, please let us know. We can be flexible and really appreciate any and all help!

Next, please join me in congratulating our second drawing winner - Trini Hartley! She will receive 75% of the proceeds of what she sells!! Congrats to Trini! One more drawing to go... will your name be selected?

If you are interested in being a seller, we are still accepting seller registration forms until Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning to sell, please get your registration form in as soon as possible. Registration forms and guidelines can be found as follows: <u>Click here: Fall Seller Registration</u> and <u>Click Here: Resale seller guidelines</u>.

As always, thank you for your continued support! Contact us at: MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The first Activity Night at the Middle School is Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>! The theme is "Down on the Farm." Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing clothes befitting a farmer (or anything that reminds them of a farm/harvest time), face paint, and or hair paint. This is a chance for the Middle Schoolers to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, no masks, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change.

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! The first Family Fun Night at the Elementary School is Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>! Families are invited in costume for this Halloween Bingo Night from 6-8pm!

<u>Upcoming Events</u>: KIDS RESALE 10/21 & 10/22, HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS at MES & MMS 10/28, MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT 10/28, MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT 10/28

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

Mr. Ben Walshire Millburn Elementary Principal

## <u>October</u>

20<sup>th</sup> Picture Retakes

28th Halloween Celebrations @ 1:00, PTO Family Fun Night @ MES- 7PM

## November

2<sup>nd</sup> Early Release at 1:00

11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day Assembly

21st Parent Teacher Conferences 12-8, PTO Book Fair

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

Virtual Backpack:

Veteran's Day Form Fire Safety Info Sheet

Link: http://www.millburn24.net/parents.cfm?subpage=1225444