

Mustang Minute: October 21, 2016

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Halloween Celebration: Halloween celebrations will occur on Friday, October 28 from 1:00-2:00PM. 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.

******We also ask students not to bring in "goodie" bags and food items for their class. First, our celebrations are food free due to the many allergies we have in the building. We want to be considerate of those health issues. Although goodie bags are non-edible, our PTO provides all of our materials for students for our celebrations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

Veteran's Day Activities: 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.

Coins for the Community: Student council would like to promote for one week - "Coins for the Community" fundraiser from October 31st-November 4. . This fundraiser will be used to buy a breakfast/lunch for our local fire departments and police departments as a small token of appreciation for protecting us. We will be collecting coins during our lunch time in the cafeteria. If every student dropped a quarter or two in the bucket, we could give the service people a nice treat. Thank you for all your support and generosity.

If your child would like to make a thank you for your service card, we would love to give them to our service men as well.

Fall Conference Sign Up: 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 live on Friday, November 4th. The reason for the later sign up is to eliminate frequent changes that occur with times between now and the end of November.

Dress for the Weather: 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.

RECESS VOLUNTEERS: Millburn Elementary School is looking for Recess Volunteers to help all students on both outdoor playgrounds from 11am until 12:20pm, Monday through Friday. Recess volunteers can choose to help one day a week, one day every other week or even one day each month. Please contact Recess Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Behnke at tracybehnke@hotmail.com with any questions or sign-up information. Thanks!

PTO News

KIDS RESALE!! We are in the home stretch.... Ads have been placed, banners are hung, Facebook postings are going up daily and we are READY for another GREAT SALE!

If you have items you would like featured on Facebook, please text Dani pictures: 847-302-5083.

We are quite excited about our upcoming sale. Seller Drop off dates and times are listed below:

This Thursday, 10/20

6-7PM for sellers 01-440

7-8PM for sellers 440+

8-8:30PM for all sellers

This Friday, 10/21

8:45-10AM for all sellers (Please wait for the bus lane to clear)

All drop offs will be at the Middle School Activity Entrance (door 15). On Friday, this door is locked since school is in session, but a volunteer will be on door duty for drop off and have a visitor sign in & sticker for sellers. **Please do not go to the main entrance with your items.**

We will have carts available to help you move things into the gym. Please stop and check in before dropping items in the gym. This helps us identify who has delivered so we can allocate the gym space.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers and sellers!! We would not be able to be successful without your help! We will provide all volunteers working the actual sale hours with a Millburn shirt and a name tag, so we all look uniform. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Lastly, **CONGRATULATIONS** to our raffle winners - **Shannon Grzesiak, Trini Hartley and Jenny Kiddle!!**

Please let us know if you need anything! millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! Do you ever buy chocolate for someone for the holidays? Do you know a chocolate lover? Maybe you? We have the perfect chocolate for you and you don't have to go to the store and fight the crowds or search online for the perfect gift and price . . . Plus there is no shipping.

Our World's Finest Chocolate sale begins on Monday October 24th and runs through Friday November 4th. Envelopes were sent home TODAY!

Any questions please contact us at worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The first **Middle School Activity Night** of the year is **Friday, October 28.**

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 them 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.

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-8:30pm, **MAIN** entrance

7th/8th grade-9:00pm **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 pick up lane, but if everyone does this, the line of traffic will stretch out to Route 45!

No students 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!

The rules are **NOT** negotiable!

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! Please join us for some scary good bingo fun at our first Family Fun Night on Friday, October 28th from 6-8pm in the MES cafeteria! Come ready to play bingo in your Halloween costume! There will be prizes, refreshments, and a Halloween costume contest. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events: KIDS RESALE 10/21 & 10/22, WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE SALE 10/24-11/4, 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 bwalshire@millburn24.net or (847) 356-8331.

Mr. Ben Walshire
Millburn Elementary Principal

October

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

November

2nd Early Release at 1:00

11th 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:

MEF Millburn Madness Save the Date Flyer

Halloween Safety from the Lake County Sherriff's Department

Book Art Contest with Lake Villa Library

Hastings Lake YMCA Halloween Flyer

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