

Mustang Minute: October 7, 2016
NO School on Friday- Teacher Institute Day
NO School on Monday- Columbus Day

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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. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Vanko, our school nurse.

Attendance Matters: How often does your child miss school? Studies show that missing over 10 days of school impacts a child's learning. 10 days of school is equivalent to missing two weeks of learning. It is important to start emphasizing regular school attendance at an early age. Last year, 28% of students at Millburn Elementary missed over 10 days of school. We want to decrease that number so we can maximize learning for all of our students. For this to happen we need your help. We provided some helpful ways parents can help promote regular school attendance in this week's virtual backpack. By working together, we can provide the best learning environment for our children.

Picture Retakes/Make-Ups: Picture Retakes will be on October 20. Information and order 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.

Millburn Math Club: Miss Maier will be hosting a Math Club which will be held after school on Mondays starting October 17th. The purpose of the math club is engage the students in some fun math activities that go beyond that of the classroom. There will opportunities for higher-level thinking problems, enrichment, and team problem solving.

This activity will be open to 4th and 5th grade students. If there is a large interest in this club, it will be determined if there is going to more sessions of the club.

If your student is interested in enrolling into Millburn's math club, please fill out and submit the form below. By submitting your information, you will help us to make decisions in regards to scheduling. Students who are interested will receive additional enrollment information by Wednesday, October 12th.

Math Club Form: Click [HERE](#)

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 4. 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 and we have seen some of our temperatures drop this week. 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.

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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 NO School- Teacher Institute Day
10th NO School- Columbus Day
14th PBIS PARTy Day
20th Picture Retakes
28th Halloween Celebrations @ 1:00, PTO Family Fun Night @ MES- 7PM

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

Virtual Backpack:

MES Creative Writing Club Flyer

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