

Mustang Minute: November 11, 2016

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Veteran's Day Activities: Today we had our Veteran's Day Assembly. Over 25 individuals from our armed forces joined us in celebration. We not only celebrate our heroes, but also learned a bit more about Veteran's Day (brief history, flag etiquette). Thank you to all of our honored guests and a special thank you to one of our teachers, Ms. Marasco, for organizing the assembly for our students.

Items from Home: We have seen an increase of Pokemon cards coming to school. A handful of students are bringing in binders of the cards, pulling them out in the cafeteria and on the playground. We have encountered some arguments between students when it comes to trading cards. It is strongly recommended that these types of cards remain at home. If cards are brought to school and are involved in any fighting or disruption, we will need to take them away and have parents pick them up. Thanks for your understanding.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures: 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 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.

Fall Conference Sign Up: Conferences are Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22 from 12-7PM. Please make sure you have signed-up for a Parent/Teacher Conference with your child's teacher. You should have received an email last Friday from the teacher. If you did not, please reach out to them.

Donuts with Dads: Don't forget to turn in your form and payment next Friday for this event! Advanced payment and reservations are required. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a little extra time in the morning with your child/ren. After donuts and milk or coffee are consumed you can head over to the PTO's book fair to view some of Scholastic's hot sellers.

Please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult and remain with that adult until 7:30. At 7:30, the Foundation board members will supervise the children until the bell rings and they are allowed to head to their classrooms.

To register for this event, complete the form and return to the school by the 18th. The flyer can be found in the virtual backpack. When completing the form, please indicate all in your family who will be attending.

PTO News

PTO MEETING!! Our second PTO Meeting for this school year is next Wednesday, November 16th at 9am at MES. We hope to see you there!

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! Our sale is closing today. Every order counts toward making our goal of \$10,000! **Orders are due today, November 11th.**

BOX TOPS!! The November Box Tops are due back **today, November 11th.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Denise Ide at boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com

MES BOOK FAIR!! Save the date! Our PTO Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Millburn Elementary School during Parent Teacher Conferences. Visit us in the East Gym on Monday, November 21st and Tuesday,

November 22nd from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. We will have books for all ages including picture books and chapter books with your favorite characters, series, holiday books, cook books, award winners, and some grown up titles. We will also have reference books, science kits, crafts, and small gifts. You can shop thousands of additional items or create wish lists for out of town friends and relatives during our **online sale starting November 13th and running through November 26th**. There is also a book fair app to find book details including age, grade and reading level. Just follow this link for more information: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=millburncommconssd24>

Change wars starts next week! Please consider sending in change with your student each week to purchase classroom books from the book fair! More information can be found in the Virtual Backpack. Please follow this link if you would like to volunteer: <http://signup.com/go/tgrRBK> We have set up on Friday, November 18th and shifts throughout the fair on Monday and Tuesday the 21st and 22nd. Thanks for considering! Any questions, feel free to contact Alicia Keys or Suzanne Pursell Hampton at bookfairelementary@pto.com

MMS BOOK FAIR!! Visit us in the Media Center on **Friday, November 18th and Monday, November 21st & Tuesday November 22nd** during school hours. The fair will also be open during conferences on **Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd** between the hours of 12:30PM-8:00PM. ELA classes will preview the fair on Friday, November 18th. Students will be able to purchase items at this time. Be sure to check for teacher wish lists. This is a great way to fill classroom libraries with new material or to find the perfect gift for your favorite teacher. There is a bright yellow and red display with your teacher's wish list - you can't miss it! An **online fair will run November 13th to November 28th**. This is a great way to shop for Christmas or to purchase the books that Scholastic feels are a little too edgy to put at the fair, such as some of the John Greene titles. You can also send wish lists to relatives from the site. All orders ship for free to the school and should be in before Winter break. They will be delivered to your child at school. If your order contains a gift, please let us know and we will make other arrangements to get the items to you. Just go to: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/millburnmiddle>

Interested in volunteering? We are looking for volunteers to help set-up the fair on Thursday 11/17 and to run the fair. Click here: <http://signup.com/go/XeNWVX> to sign up! Any questions, feel free to contact Denise Ide at bookfairmiddle@pto.com

Upcoming Events: WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE SALE ORDERS DUE 11/11, BOX TOPS DUE 11/11, TEACHER STIPENDS 11/1-11/30, PTO MEETING 11/16, MES BOOK FAIR 11/21 & 11/22, MMS BOOK FAIR 11/18, 11/21, 11/22

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

November

11th Veteran's Day Assembly
21st Donuts for Dads 6:30-7:30AM (Last Names A-M); Parent Teacher Conferences 12-7, PTO Book Fair
22nd Donuts for Dads 6:30-7:30AM (Last Names N-Z); Parent Teacher Conferences 12-7, PTO Book Fair

December

7th Early Release @ 1:00PM

9th PTO Assembly- Character Counts

Winter Break- Dec. 19-Jan 2. School Resumes on January 3rd

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

Virtual Backpack:

PTO Change Wars

Custodial Position

Grayslake Park District Winter Camp

Lakes Junior Eagles Basketball

High-Five Winter Break Camp

High-Five Little Ballers

Hi-Five Birthday Parties

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