

*Mustang Minute: November 18, 2016*

*Half Day-November 21 and 22, Dismissal at 11:00*

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**Report Cards:** Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> should have received their report cards from their students today. 2-5<sup>th</sup> graders also have the MAP testing results from September in them as well. Please find a moment this week to discuss the report card with your child and maybe set some goals for them. If you have any questions, make sure you discuss them at parent/ teacher conferences next week. **We also ask for Report Card envelopes to be returned to school.**

### **What's Going on in Music Class?**

- You are cordially invited to attend our Winter Choir Concert! Featuring the talents of both our elementary and middle school choirs the concert will be held on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> in the Millburn Elementary East Gym. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of music. Hope to see you there!
- Our first grading period has ended and our students have done an excellent job in music class. Any parents that have questions about the grading policies in music class can find a detailed explanation on our website: <http://www.millburn24.net/webpages/cgorr/> While you're there be sure to check out the information on our new music curriculum, Quaver's Marvelous World of Music!

**Student Council Coat/Mitten/Hat/ Coat Drive** - Outgrown last year's coat? We can help you out by giving you a place to donate it. Student Council will be collecting slightly worn coats and jackets during our coat drive Monday, Nov. 21st through Friday, Dec. 2nd. Feel free to drop them off in the bins by the doors as you come in for conferences or the book fair on Monday and Tuesday. No coats? Hats and gloves would be greatly appreciated! Please help keep someone less fortunate warm this winter. Thank you for all your support and generosity.

**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 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 on 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 Dad-** Monday and Tuesday is our Donuts with Dad event. The event starts at 6:30 and goes until 7:30. Be sure to visit PTO's book fair too. The book fair will be open both mornings from 7:00-7:30. Registration for this event was due on Friday, November 18th. If you have any questions about Donuts with Dad please email [millburneducationfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millburneducationfoundation@gmail.com).

**\*\*Donuts with Dad ends at 7:30am and at that time the Foundation will supervise the children until the bell rings and they can go to class. If you need to leave Donuts with Dad before 7:30, then you will need to take your child with you. We cannot have kids left without adult supervision during this event.\*\***

**Amazon Smile**- Are you an AMAZON shopper? If the answer is yes, then you can support the Millburn Education Foundation while you shop on Amazon. Follow these simple steps to start having a portion of your purchase go to the Millburn Education Foundation.

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>.
2. Login with your Amazon account information.
3. Pick your charitable organization: **Millburn School District 24 Education Foundation**.
4. Happy shopping!

Next time you shop on Amazon, login through Amazon Smile to support the Foundation. The charitable organization will already be saved in your account. Thanks for your support!

**Toys for Tots**- Millburn Elementary will be a drop off location for "Toys for Tots." We are looking for unwrapped, new toys for children from newborn - 12. For more information on "Toys for Tots" click on the link below:

<http://great-lakes-il.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/about-local-toys-for-tots.aspx>

### **PTO News**

**PTO MEETING!!** Thanks to all who attended our second meeting this past Wednesday! We appreciate your input and idea sharing! Happy Thanksgiving!

**WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!!** Thanks to everyone who supported our fall WFC chocolate sale! It looks like we hit our goal! WFC pickup is December 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6pm at the MMS Activity Entrance.

**STAFF APPRECIATION!!** Our Staff Appreciation Committees at MES & MMS are working hard to feed our wonderful teachers next week during Conferences! Thanks for all that you do to treat our staff☺

**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=millburncommconsd24>

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](mailto:bookfairelementary@pto.com)

**MMS BOOK FAIR!!** Visit us in the Media Center on **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>** during school hours. The fair will also be open during conferences on **Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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 13<sup>th</sup> to November 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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/XeNWXV> to sign up! Any questions, feel free to contact Denise Ide at [bookfairmiddle@pto.com](mailto:bookfairmiddle@pto.com)

*Upcoming Events: TEACHER STIPENDS 11/1-11/30, MES BOOK FAIR 11/21 & 11/22, MMS BOOK FAIR 11/18, 11/21, 11/22, STAFF APPRECIATION AT MES & MMS 11/21 & 11/22*

If I can be of any assistance or if you have questions, please contact me at [bwalshire@millburn24.net](mailto:bwalshire@millburn24.net) or (847) 356-8331.

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### **November**

21<sup>st</sup> Donuts for Dads 6:30-7:30AM (Last Names A-M); Parent Teacher Conferences 12-7, PTO Book Fair  
22<sup>nd</sup> Donuts for Dads 6:30-7:30AM (Last Names N-Z); Parent Teacher Conferences 12-7, PTO Book Fair

### **December**

7<sup>th</sup> Early Release @ 1:00PM  
9<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Millburn Foundation Donation Flier  
Lindenhurst Winter Break Camp  
Lindenhurst Park District Grinchmas Party  
Lindenhurst Park District 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boy's Basketball  
Lake Villa Tree Lighting  
Lake Villa Library- Pebble Go Info  
Breakfast with Santa @ Lehmann Mansion

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