

Mustang Minute: December 16, 2016

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Enjoy Winter Break! See you on Tuesday, January 3, 2017!

PBIS Assembly: Today we gathered for a PBIS assembly. We highlighted areas that we have done great in and areas we want to focus more attention on. One area we want to highlight over the next few months is showing respect. Today, Mr. Rowlands and Ms. Edelmann came out and did a fun skit to show respect and talked a little about how to be respectful in school. Each week, after Winter Break, classrooms will be discussing respect and showing respect in our school. We encourage families to also talk about respect at home and what it looks like for your family. Over the next month, I will add questions for you to discuss with your child. This question will then be discussed in the classroom the following week.

Respect Question: What is respect?

Recess Guidelines: We make every effort to have outdoor recess for our students, but at times we do need to keep the students in. If the temperature drops below ten degrees, including wind chill, we do keep the students inside for recess. As always, do make sure students are prepared for the weather with warm coats, hats, and gloves. Even if we do have cold weather and expect indoor recess, bringing these items is important in the event of emergencies that could take place, which may require students to exit the building or their bus. Stay warm and stay safe!

Student Council - Student council will be collecting little travel size lotions, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower caps, shampoo and conditioner bottles for goodie bags for our senior centers. If you will be traveling and would like to donate items when you come back we would greatly appreciate it. If you are not traveling, but would like to donate warm socks for our would be greatly appreciated.

Student Council wants to thank you all for your support and generosity you have extended in 2016. We wish you all a very happy and relaxing winter break. Happy Holidays to all!

Read to Succeed: The Six Flags Read to Succeed program has begun! Reading logs were sent home this week and can also be downloaded from the Millburn website. All students can earn a free ticket to Great America by reading 6 or more hours, completing a reading log, and returning it to their teacher by February 24, 2017. What a great incentive for our children to read!

Yearbooks: Time is running out! Order your child's yearbook by January 1, 2017 to avoid the price increase. If you are unsure if you ordered or not, please check for an email from Lifetouch YBPay or YBPay@lifetouch.com.

You can access the yearbook site at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>. When prompted, put in the following code: 4190017. Please make sure you are entering orders for Millburn Elementary. You can find the name in the upper left hand corner. If you are ordering for both schools you will need to enter the orders under separate codes.

WANTED! Two full-time positions are available as paraprofessionals (formerly teaching assistants). One position is available at middle school and one at elementary. \$10.40/hour + Benefits - fully paid single Health, Dental, Vision insurance; \$50,000 life insurance and long-term disability; paid holidays, sick, and personal days. Apply by clicking on the Employment tab under Quick Links on the website - www.millburn24.net. Not a licensed parapro? No problem - see the "cheat sheet" attached to apply online. Also attached is the job description.

MEF Scholarship: The Millburn Education Foundation will be offering three scholarships again this school year. Please see the backpack for more information regarding the scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Konicki at mkonicki@millburn24.net.

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!

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

January

3rd School Resumes
4th 1:00 Early Release
13th No School- Teacher Institute Day
16th No School- MLK Jr. Day
19th MES Spelling Bee (3rd-5th)
27th PARTy Day

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

Virtual Backpack:

- **Warren Township Youth and Family Services**
- Are you looking for a fun, active and indoor activity this winter? Join Gurnee Park District in their Indoor Soccer League. Their programs provide younger players an opportunity to remain active in soccer during the winter season. The focus will be on playing games, staying active and keeping up on soccer skills. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/2h1urmG>.

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