

Mustang Minute: January 13, 2017

Monday, January 16- No School- MLK Jr. Day

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Respect Question: What does respect look like on the bus?

Recycling/Trash Free Fridays: Millburn has begun a recycling project during lunches in the cafeteria. Students are being encouraged to recycle their lunchtime garbage, and after just two weeks of the program, are already making a BIG positive impact in our environment.

Beginning next week, Millburn will hold "Trash Free Fridays!" Students who bring a cold lunch to school are encouraged to bring their food and drink in reusable containers every Friday. Our long term goal is for students to become motivated to bring trash free lunches every day of the week. Thank you for your support in this endeavor!!

Literacy Night: We are in the planning stages of having Literacy Night once again at Millburn Elementary. This night is designed to celebrate literacy. Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 2 from 5:30-7:30. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Hope to see you there!

PARCC Testing: We are still a few months off, but the state assessment. PARCC, is approaching. This assessment will be administered to students in grades 3rd-5th (here at MES). Students will be taking 7 tests total (4 Math, 3 English/Language Arts). Therefore, there will be a total of seven days (1 assessment per day) of testing from March 7-15. If you would like to learn more about this assessment, visit the website below:

<http://www.parcconline.org/about/the-parcc-tests>

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!

Recess Volunteers: Recess Volunteers wanted. Is winter your favorite time of year? Do you enjoy being outside regardless of cold temperatures and snow? If you answered yes and are willing to help out all students on both outdoor playgrounds from 11AM until 12:20PM, WE NEED YOU! 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!

Read to Succeed: The Six Flags Read to Succeed program has begun! Reading logs 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!

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!

PTO News

PTO MEETING!! Our third PTO Meeting for this school year is next Wednesday, January 18th at 7pm at MMS LRC. We hope to see you there!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! All 7th grade parents please save the date for our KICK OFF MEETING, January 26th at 7pm at MMS. The 8FC is a treasured Millburn tradition when the 7th grade parents and students plan a celebration for the 8th graders and their parents.

BOX TOPS!! We are off to a great start with our Box Tops program! Thank you so much for taking the time to clip those Box Tops! They really do make a difference. So far, we have collected **14,933 Box Tops** which means **\$1,489.30** in **FREE** money for Millburn!

Congratulations to **Ella Newsom** from **Mrs. Stolzer's 2nd Grade**. Ella was the winner of our first \$25 Target gift card drawing.

Please keep on clipping! Our next Box Tops Collection Sheet will be going home later this week. The November Box Tops are due back **Friday, January 20th, 2017**.

Check out the Box Tops App! It's a great way to earn extra Box Tops (and money) for the school. If you use the Box Tops app and want your student to get credit for the Box Tops earned, please take a screen shot of your activity on the app and email it to Denise Ide at boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com
For every Box Tops collection sheet (complete with 25 Box Tops) that you send in, your child will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Target gift card. If you don't have enough to fill a sheet, please send in what you can in a baggie with your child's name on it. Every Box Top helps! If you need extra collection sheets, they can be printed out from the virtual backpack. If you have Campbell's Labels 4 Education labels, please put those in a separate baggie with your child's name on it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Denise Ide at boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The next **Middle School Activity Night** of the year is **Friday, January 27th**. The theme is "**Luuu**". Students may choose to dress in hopes of bringing on warmer weather with their finest beach party gear. 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.

Back by popular demand: NITRO BALL!!!

Activity Night Volunteers Needed! Have you ever wondered what your middle schooler could possibly be thinking? Are you having a hard time remembering what it was like to be in middle school? Let us bring you back to the good old days (without any weird Freaky Friday moments)! Join us, **Friday, January 27th** for a night of crazy, chaotic fun (without phones or electronics)! We can use all the help we can get: serving up food & drinks to the masses, and just watching all the rooms of activity. Are you brave enough? If so, contact Denise Ide at activitynight@millburnpto.com

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! The Family Fun Night has been RESCHEDULED to Thursday, Feb 9th from 5:30-7:30pm at Bella's Bouncies Skate On Grand! Flyer with all details in virtual backpack!! Any questions, please contact Kandi Silk at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com

Upcoming Events: PTO MEETING 1/18, BOX TOPS DUE 1/20, MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT 1/27, MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT 2/9, WENDY'S NIGHTS 2/7 & 2/14

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

16th No School- MLK Jr. Day
19th MES Spelling Bee (3rd-5th)
27th PBIS PARTY Day

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

Virtual Backpack:

MES Creative Writing Club- Spring Session
MFT Scholarship
Fun Fluency- Spring Session
Technology Workshop for Kids- IlliniCloud
Gurnee Park District Dance
Warren Township Girls Softball

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