

Mustang Minute: January 27, 2017

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Respect Question: How do you show respect to adults?

Valentine's Day Parties: V-Day parties will be Friday, February 10th at 1:00. The PTO is working hard to get all the activities ready to go for our students. We do want to remind families that our holiday parties are food-free. Do not send Valentine's Day cards that include candy such as NERDs boxes, FunDips, Candy heart boxes, etc. Also, do not send goodie bags filled with food items. Our holiday parties are designed for fun without the need for treats or goodie bags. There is no need to send anything that day with your child, except Valentine's Day cards for their fellow students. Any candy or goodie bags brought in will not be distributed to students and will be sent home with the child or parent who brought them. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Creative Writing Club: Mrs. Lafferty is hosting a spring session of The Creative Writing Club for Millburn's 4th and 5th graders! Students will meet once a week for ten sessions and participate in writing activities and forums that go outside the boundaries of regular academic or technical forms of writing.

Creative Writing Club will be held after school from 2:40-3:40 on Wednesdays and will begin on February 22nd. If interested, please fill out the Activity Form you can find on the Millburn website and return it to your child's Homeroom teacher.

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.

Today was our first "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!!

Read to Succeed: Just a reminder that there is still time to participate in the Read to Succeed program. Read for a total of 6 hours, complete a reading log, and hand it in to your teacher before February 24th to earn a FREE ticket to Great America! Extra reading logs can be found in the Virtual Backpack. This year, you can also help your teacher earn a free ticket! If 8 or more students in the class participate, your teacher will also earn a free ticket to Great America! What a great reward and all YOU have to do is read!

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 now about 5 weeks 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 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!

Millburn Madness: Millburn Madness is just 4 Weeks Away!

We are so excited about this year's event on Saturday, February 25 at Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville. All of the profits from this event will go directly to our schools, so we hope to have a record breaking turnout this year! Millburn Madness starts at 6:00 pm with our awesome silent auction items, some great food from Austin's, a free drink and time to mingle with other Millburn parents. We will have our live auction at 8:00 pm and then enjoy a private concert by The Breakfast Club. NEW THIS YEAR - if we raise \$1,500 in our "Administrators Sing Karaoke" fund, then Dr. Lind, Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Walshire will sing karaoke with the band!! Get your tickets for \$40 each before February 13 at www.mef24.schoolauction.net/millburnmadness.

In early February, we will open our online auction of Millburn staff donated items AND all of the grade level projects so watch for an announcement about when that will open - it will only be open for one week this year!

Please contact Valerie (Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions, would like to donate an item to our silent or live auction or would like to donate your time to help make this event a success. Thank you for your support of the Millburn Education Foundation!

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!

Fun Fluency: Fun Fluency is now registering for classes this semester! Our second semester offers new stories, games and fantastic curriculum. Fun Fluency teaches Spanish—the way your brain was meant to learn it! Students learn Spanish naturally through immersion, movement, games, songs, rhythm, reading and acting out/listening to stories. Fun Fluency's storytelling-based method focuses on long-term retention, not just memorization. Students will quickly see how fun and easy it is to understand, read, and write in Spanish while being immersed in language, play, and laughter. Don't miss out on your child's window of opportunity to learn a language with ease at a young age. Classes are taught by native speakers and experienced/certified Spanish teachers. Class fee includes workbook and useful online resources to continue studies outside of class. Register today at www.funfluency.com Email or call owner Anne Dunn with questions [847-845-1166](tel:847-845-1166) funfluency@gmail.com Class sizes are limited and do fill up quickly, so register now to ensure your spot in class.

PTO News

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Thank you to all the 7th Grade parents who were able to join us last night for our 1st planning meeting. There are still committees that need volunteers and we cannot have a successful event without everyone helping. If you are not able to volunteer on a committee, don't worry, there will be plenty of opportunities to help closer to the event. If you have any questions or suggestions, we would love to hear from you farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The next **Middle School Activity Night** of the year is **Friday, January 27th**. The theme is "**Luau**". 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!!!**

THE DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

DROP OFF

6th grade-6pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade-6:30pm, MAIN entrance

PICK UP

6th grade-8:30pm, MAIN entrance

7th/8th grade-9:00pm ACTIVITY entrance

For **PICK UP**, please pull in and find a parking spot. You can meet your child at the canopy area. You can also use the pick up late, but if everyone does this, the line of traffic will stretch out to Route 45! **No students will be allowed to walk or ride a bike home.**

Admission to the event is \$2.00. Drinks, candy and pizza will be available for purchase.

All students attending **MUST** have a current student ID to show at the door. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

Students **CANNOT** go to their lockers to retrieve forgotten ID's, as the hallway doors are locked. Also, all students must have a permission slip to attend Activity Night on file (if you went to the one in October, you are all set). If you need to leave before the Activity Night is over, **YOUR** parent must sign you out!

The rules are **NOT** negotiable!

MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! Come out for some family fun and get some exercise this winter at Bella's Skate on Grand, open only for Millburn School. The PTO is hosting our first ever Family Fun night at the roller rink on Thursday, February 9th from 530-730pm. No need to worry about dinner, take a break and have some pizza, there will be a family meal deal available, details to come. Please pre-pay and register in advance, detailed flyer in the backpack. If you have any questions, please contact Kandi Silk at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com. Thanks!!

WENDY'S DAYS!! Our local Wendy's was bought by a corporation and our fundraising opportunities have changed. We used to get 15% from 5-8pm. Now we can earn 30% from 10am-10pm, **BUT WE MUST SHOW THE FLYER** to earn the credit! Please keep a snapshot on your phone to show the first two Tuesdays of every month. We have added it to virtual backpack as well so that you can always pull it up! Thanks for your support!

MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!! The planning has begun for the 5th Annual Millburn Family Fun Run. The date is set for April 8th. We are currently looking for corporate sponsors who would like to take advantage of a great marketing opportunity while supporting District 24. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the event. If you are interested in being either a corporate sponsor or volunteer, contact Marci Simmons at millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com

Upcoming Events: MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT 1/27, MES FAMILY FUN NIGHT 2/9, WENDY'S DAYS 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

February

1st 1:00 Early Release
10th Valentine's Celebrations
20th No School- President's Day
22nd Talent Show Rehearsal

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

Virtual Backpack:

Millburn Madness Day Care Form
Dental Health Month Coloring Contest (K-3)
Save a Pet
Grayslake Volleyball
Fun Fluency

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