

Mustang Minute: January 6, 2017

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

Literacy Night: We are in the planning stages of having Literacy Night once again at Millburn Elementary. This night is designed to celebrate literacy, therefore we will be having a variety of activities associated with reading, in addition to other activities associated in other curriculum areas. Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 2 from 5:30-7:30. More information will be provided in the coming weeks (ex: schedule of events). 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.

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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

13th No School- Teacher Institute Day

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:

Chess Scholars

Frosty Fest

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