

Mustang Minute: February 17, 2017

****NO School Monday, February 20- President's Day**

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MILLBURN MADNESS IS NEXT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AT AUSTIN'S FUEL ROOM IN LIBERTYVILLE FROM 6:00PM - MIDNIGHT

We hope to see our district families at Austin's next Saturday for a very fun night out to benefit our kids! Thanks so much to the 150 people who have already purchased your tickets, we are going to have a very fun evening!! *The Foundation has extended the \$40 ticket rate through tonight at 11:59PM so get your tickets today. So if you haven't gotten your tickets yet, do it today and save yourself some money!*

The evening will feature many great silent and live auction items - a full list of available items will be posted to the electronic backpack early next week. We are hoping to raise \$1,500 in the "Administrator's Sing" Fund so we can get a one-night-only performance from our very own Dr. Lind, Mr. Walshire, Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Rowlands.

Do you need a sitter? Don't forget that MBAC is offering childcare at a very affordable price at Millburn Elementary School that night - the form is in the electronic backpack.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Online Auction which closed on Monday. **We are thrilled to report that you all raised more than \$9,400 for the District!!** The teachers/staff members have all been notified of the winners - if you have any questions or need any information please contact Valerie at Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net.

See you all on February 25th!

The Millburn Education Foundation Board Members

Kindness Month: We are celebrating February as Kindness Month. Kindness is a selfless act that shows we care for others, and it makes others feel good. Each day we highlight a kindness act that we encourage everyone to do. You will find a calendar, in the Virtual backpack, of our daily kindness acts. We hope you will post this calendar in your homes and have the entire family be involved in promoting kindness with us.

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!

Read Across America Week/ Literacy Night: February 27-March 3 is Read Across America Week. Throughout the week, guest readers will be coming in to read in classrooms. In addition, Literacy Night will occur on Thursday, March 2 from 5:30-7:30. We have many fun activities going on, including guest readers, Book Fair, Art exhibits, Sight Word activities, and Oobleck fun. Feel free to come anytime during the night.

PARCC Testing: We are now about 4 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>

Millburn Education Foundation Scholarship- The Millburn District 24 Education Foundation is proud to offer three \$1,000 scholarships to three 2017 high school seniors:

Eligible Applicant: Millburn School District #24 alumni who will graduate high school in 2017 and is committed to continuing their education.

Deadline: A completed application must be delivered to Millburn School District 24 Office at 18550 Millburn Road, Wadsworth, IL 60083 by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1st.

PTO News

BOX TOPS!! The February Box Tops are due back **TODAY, Friday, February 17th, 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

MILLBURN DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!! If you have a talent you would like to share, this is your chance to shine! Any Millburn student is welcome to take the stage! There are no "try-outs," but we do require you to attend a rehearsal. Visit the virtual backpack or millburnpto.com and get your permission slip.

Dates to Remember: Wednesday, February 22nd

Signed permission slips & music due back to school *If your act requires music, **you must turn in a CD clearly labeled with your name when you turn in your permission slip so we can make our master play list.** You will get your CD back at rehearsal.

Wednesday, March 1st 6:30-9:00PM Rehearsal in the Millburn Middle School Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 15th 6:30-8PM Talent Show in the Millburn Middle School Cafeteria

Any questions, please contact Denise Ide or Carissa LaTourette at talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Attention 7th Grade Parents Only: If you are interested in being a part of the planning process, please contact us at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com. We are still looking for the following committee chair and would be very grateful if you would consider joining us in our planning:

Memory Book Chair is responsible to collect all necessary memory pages from students, collect congratulatory letters from Mr. Lind, Mr. Walshire and Mr. Jorgenson, arrange to have all the memory pages and cd's delivered to Haapanen Brothers to be burned, work with decorations to incorporate the theme for the CD labels.

If your schedule does not allow you to help in the pre-event activities, we will also need help the week of the event with set up, running the event, and clean up. More information will become available when we are closer to the date of the celebration. For questions please contact: farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com

Our next meeting is February 23rd at MMS Media Center from 7-8pm!

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: BOX TOPS DUE 2/17, TALENT SHOW PERMISSION SLIPS DUE 2/22

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

20th No School- President's Day
22nd Talent Show Rehearsal 6PM-8PM

March

1st Early Release @ 1PM, Talent Show Rehearsal 6PM-8PM
2nd Literacy Night 5:30-7:30PM
6th No School- Casimir Pulaski Day

PARCC Testing March 7-15

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

Virtual Backpack:

MES Read Across America Week Daily Themes

MES Book Fair Flyer

MEF Scholarship Info

Lake Villa Township Baseball

Warren Township Cheer and Pom

Warren Youth Baseball

Warren Youth Football

GPD Camp and Preschool Registration: <http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com/programs/parks-column-2/program-guide>

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