

Mustang Minute: February 24, 2017

******Read Across America Week Feb 27-March 3**

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

We hope to see most of our district families at Austin's tomorrow for a very fun night out to benefit our kids! If you still need a ticket you can purchase them at the door for \$50 each. The silent auction items will be open from 6:00 - 8:00 pm so make sure you get there to get your bids in before the silent auction closes. The Live auction will start around 8:10 pm and then we hope to get a special one-night-only karaoke performance from our very own Dr. Lind, Mr. Walshire, Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Rowlands if we can raise the \$1,500 in the Administrators Sing fund. A list of all the silent and live auction items is posted to the electronic backpack. Thanks to all the companies that donated items to our event!

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.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Valerie at Valerie.Powley@sbcglobal.net. See you all on tomorrow night at 6:00 pm!

The Millburn Education Foundation Board Members

Read Across America Week/ Literacy Night: Next week is Read Across America Week. Throughout the week, guest readers will be coming in to read in classrooms. Plus, we have fun theme days as well.

Monday- Wear Red & Blue

Tuesday- Wear Crazy Socks

Wednesday- Wear an Outfit with as Many Pockets as You Can

Thursday- Wear Your Favorite Hat

Friday- Wear Your Pajamas to School

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.

Composer of the Month: Mr. Gorr has been introducing students to certain composers each month in music class. We invite you to visit his website and sit with your child to see what they know about that composer. Mr. Gorr's Website: <http://www.millburn24.net/webpages/cgorr/index.cfm?subpage=1532701>

Bernie's Book Bank Book Drive-Did you know 61% of low income families have NO books in their home? Millburn Elementary wants to do our PART in the community and help reduce that number!

We will be hosting a book drive for Bernie's Book Bank Feb. 27th-March 6 and our collection goal is 1,500 books!

Bernie's Book Bank collects quality children's books from birth through 6th grade.

Here are some ideas of ways you can help....

-Clean off your bookshelves and bring books to school

-Collect books from family members and friends

-Purchase a book at the Literacy Night book fair to donate.

You are welcome send books to school with your student or bring them to Family Literacy Night

*please do not send workbooks, text books or reference books

PARCC Testing: We are now about 2 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

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

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

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:

Bernie's Book Drive

Chess Scholars- Spring Session

Illinois Junior Volleyball

Gurnee Park District Spring Brochure:

<http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com/programs/parks-column-2/program-guide>

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