

Mustang Minute: March 10, 2017

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PARCC Testing: We are underway with PARCC testing for students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade. Today we finished the math assessments and next week we will move into English Language Arts. We are very proud of their efforts during the week.

We did notice that 32 students will need to do one or more make-up tests due to absences. This will require them getting pulled from their classrooms next week and taking multiple tests in one day. By all means, students should stay home if they are not feeling well, but do keep in mind we will need to pull students from class if they require a make-up test(s).

Jump Rope for Heart: Did you know that it's time for our entire school to officially kick-off our Jump Rope For Heart program? Yes, that's right! Our school's event, which involves our 3rd-5th grade students, is right around the corner! It's time to go WILD about heart health and saving lives. We are thrilled to participate as we work together to raise lifesaving donations for the American Heart Association and learn how nutrition and being active can help us live longer, healthier lives. Please join us in teaching our students the importance of being heart healthy for life!

Your student will be telling you about the Zoo Crew animals they can earn, so we wanted to fill you in! Each zoo animal teaches students a way to protect their heart and avoid risk factors for heart disease and stroke. Your student can earn all 6!

There are 3 zoo animals students can earn *instantly* and receive at school:

1. When \$5 is raised, your student will earn our lion, **Rory McFiencely III** and lanyard at school right away.
2. If a donation is made online, your student will also receive our elephant, **Mr. Tusker**.
3. Any student who reaches \$85 online will receive our zebra, **Savanna Bolt!**

**Zoo Crew animals are cumulative!

There is an easy way for you and your student to raise donations online by having your very own fundraising page. Simply follow these steps:

Visit our school's online page: www.heart.org/jump

Scroll down past the zoo image and click on **Join Team**.

1. Create a username and password and then fill out the registration form.
2. Share your personal fundraising link with friends and family right away.
3. Download the FREE Mobile app for iPhone or Android by searching for Jump/Hoops and fundraise no matter where you are!

Once logged in, participate in the Zoo Crew Ecard Challenge! This is a creative way for your student to choose a heart healthy habit to start doing today! Your student will challenge others to do the same and help them reach their fundraising goal.

Here's how:

1. Choose one of our Zoo Crew and upload a photo
2. Take a challenge to improve your own heart health
3. Share with 10 friends & challenge them too!

Thanks for supporting our school and the American Heart Association!

2017-2018 Class Placements: We are currently in the process of planning and placing students into homerooms for next year. Please find a letter in the Virtual Backpack with some information on how this process works. As a reminder, class lists WILL NOT be sent via email over the summer. Parents will need to log into PowerSchool to see their child's homeroom teacher once it goes live in August. **Parents are encouraged to set up their accounts ASAP so to access before the next school year begins. If you need assistance with getting your account set-up, please contact our main office.**

Art to Remember Fundraiser: Millburn elementary is once again participating in the Art to Remember fundraiser. Art to Remember allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Students have worked hard to create some amazing artwork for the fundraiser this year. The funds raised from this fundraiser will be used to support the art program at Millburn. Orders can be placed online or submitted to our school. Order due date has been extended to Monday, March 13th. Student received order forms earlier this week. . Thanks in advance for your support.

[Art to Remember
Order Online](#)

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>

MFT Scholarship: Just a reminder that a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a former Millburn student who will be attending college in the fall. The application is in the backpack and is due by April 7. Any questions please email "sjacobs@millburn24.net"

PTO News

PTO DIRECTORY!! PTO Directories were distributed to teacher mailboxes last week! Please look for them in your youngest child's backpack. Thanks for your patience as this project was much bigger and time consuming than anticipated. Enjoy!

PTO MEETING!! Please join us for our next PTO Meeting on Wednesday, March 15th at 9am at MES. We have many open positions for the next school year and we would love to see some new volunteers with fresh ideas! We have Board positions and Committee Chair positions available. Please consider joining us!

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! Our sale is underway and you still have time to get more orders and send them in! Every order counts towards making our goal of \$10,000!

We are extending our sale! Orders are due Wednesday, March 15th!

Be one of the top selling families and receive:

The Top District Selling Family will receive a \$40 Gift Card to Regal Cinemas!

The Second District Top Selling Family will receive a \$25 Gift Card to Rosati's Pizza!

The Next 4 District Top Selling Families will each receive a \$15 Gift Card to Target!

Extra forms and packets can be found in the main office. Note: There is NO SALES TAX on any order! Any questions please contact us at worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com

WENDY'S DAYS!! Please join us next **Tuesday, March 14th**, between 5-8pm for Wendy's Night. Dine in or drive thru at the Wendy's on Route 45 & Sand Lake Rd in Lindenhurst. Wendy's will donate 15% of all sales back to the Millburn PTO! 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 DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!! Please join us in the **Middle School Cafeteria on Wednesday, March 15th from 6:30-8:30PM** for the 2017 Millburn District Talent Show! The students of Millburn are ready to shine and show off their talents. In addition to acts on stage, there will also be works of art displayed around the cafeteria from our elementary and middle school students. This event is free! There will be a concession stand available during our intermission. Any questions, please contact Denise Ide or Carissa LaTourette at talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com

MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!! SPRING IS COMING and so is our resale!

Please save the dates of Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd for the sale. Seller guidelines and registration forms are now available in print at both schools or the virtual backpack.

Have a donation for the sale? We are hosting an EASY donation drop off if you aren't planning to be a seller but still want to contribute to this great cause. Bring your donated items to the Middle school main entrance on **Saturday, March 18th from 8AM-10AM**. If you have yard toys, Spring/Summer clothing, shoes, bikes, dollhouses, other toys or baby equipment in good working condition that your house has outgrown, come drop it off! We will take all toys for kids (infant to teen) in good working condition. We will also take baby equipment, sports equipment and room furniture. This event is a success for our students because of the families that sell, the families that donate and the families that shop the sale. Thanks so much for your support!! Keep in mind, if you have items to donate and this donation drive time is not convenient for you, please contact us at millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com so we can make arrangements. We LOVE donations!

Also, we are now seeking volunteers to help out at the donation drive. Feel like getting your volunteer hours out of the way early? Click here to visit our site and volunteer today:

[Volunteer Link - Spring Millburn Kids Resale](#)

Thank you for your support!

8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Thank you to the parents who were able to come to our meeting last Thursday evening.

Our next meeting will be on April 6th at 7:00 in the Media Center at Millburn Middle School.

We have been very lucky to have all but one of our committees filled. We are still looking for a chair for the **Memory Book** and we are in danger of losing this important part of the celebration if we do not have a volunteer. The responsibilities for this committee include:

- * Coordinate with 7th Grade liaison to have each 8th Grader complete a memory page
- * Collect congratulations letters from Mr. Lind, Mr. Walshire and Mr. Jorgenson
- * Work with decorations to incorporate the theme for the CD labels
- * Arrange to have all the memory pages and CD's delivered to Rhonda Naylor at Haapanen Brothers to be burned. The Memory Book has always been a cherished keepsake for 8th Graders and it would be a shame if we cannot continue this tradition. I would be very grateful if you could please consider helping us out. For questions please contact farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com

MILLBURN FAMILY FUN RUN!! MILLBURN FUN RUN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

Time to lace up your shoes and be part of the 5th Annual Millburn Fun Run 5K. Join us on April 8th for a 5K on a **NEW FUN RUN COURSE** starting at Millburn Middle School and running through McDonald Woods. Run, walk, jog, push your stroller, but don't miss out on the fitness fun. Family registration for \$40, individual registration for \$15 (children under 4 are free). Free race t-shirts to our first 225 registrants. Forms available in the virtual backpack or register online at www.millburnpto.com. Please make checks out to Millburn PTO and return to school with form or make debit/credit card payment on-line. Race check in time begins at 8:30, warm-ups led by **MR. WALSHIRE** at 9:15, race steps off at 9:30. Gift card prizes will be awarded for Fastest boy, Fastest girl and best Millburn Spirit.

Don't forget to encourage your family and friends to support your run with a donation to the PTO! All race proceeds will go to support Millburn Health/Wellness programs and playground equipment. Donations accepted through the Millburn PTO website or via paper sponsor form.

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Upcoming Events: WFC FUNDRAISER 2/27-3/20, WENDY'S NIGHTS 3/14, TALENT SHOW 3/15, MILLBURN KIDS RESALE DONATION DROP OFF 3/18, 8FC Meeting 4/6, Family Fun Run 4/8

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

10th Report Cards Go Home
15th PTO Talent Show @ MMS- 6:30PM
27-31 Spring Break

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

Virtual Backpack:

PTO Fun Run Registration Information

PTO Fun Run Registration Form

PTO Fun Run Sponsorship Form

Gurnee Park District Pool Passes: <https://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com/aquatics/aquatic-center>

Lindenhurst Carp Fishing Derby, Earth Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Exploration Camp

Grayslake Spring Camp

Grayslake Volleyball League

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