

Mustang Minute: March 17, 2017

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PARCC Testing: Besides a few make-ups, we are officially done with PARCC 2017!. Great job to all the students for their hard work the last 7 days of testing. We are looking forward to seeing the results.

Spelling Bee: Our very own 8th grade student Patrick Kilcullen won the sectionals competition at Prairie Crossing last month, so he will be competing in the Lake County Final Spelling Bee on Monday March 20th at CLC. Great job Patrick and thank you for representing Millburn School District!

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 McFiercely 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.**

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 MEETING!! Thanks to all who joined us for our 4th PTO Meeting of the school year. Our last PTO meeting will be May 17th at 7pm at MMS LRC, followed by our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event. More details to come!! PTO Members voted to approve the purchase of two new printers for the MMS Art Department. Ms. Reu is thrilled and we love to see our fundraising dollars help our students and staff!!

PTO HELP WANTED!! We have FIVE Board Positions up for election on May 17th. We are looking for MES President, MES Vice President, MMS Vice President, Website Coordinator and Treasurer! Please contact any current Board Member for information. We will be planning an informational night to discuss and answer any questions. More details to come!!

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!! Thanks to everyone who helped support us in this fundraiser. We sold over \$3000! Winners for most sold will be announced next week. Pick-up is Monday, April 10th and Tuesday, April 11th from 4:30-6pm at the Middle School Activity Entrance.

MILLBURN DISTRICT TALENT SHOW!! Thanks to everyone who came to support our students. We had a HUGE turnout! Congratulations to all of the performers on a job well done!

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 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: 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

27-31 Spring Break

April

3rd School Resumes
5th 1:00 Early Release, Kindergarten Registration 4:00-6:00
8th PTO Fun Run @ 9AM
14th No School- Spring Holiday
17th No School- Spring Holiday
21-22 PTO Kids Resale

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

Virtual Backpack:

PTO Fun Run Forms

Lakes Superhero Tracksters

High Five Little Ballers

Breastfest 2017

High Five Spring Break Camp, Little Ballers, Sports Camp, Birthdays

Hand2Mind

Immanuel Church Purple Party

Join Gurnee Park District for the best summer ever! They offer camps for all ages, interests and pride themselves in offering a fun-filled, safe and affordable camp experience for your child. Registration is in progress. Don't delay – sign up today!

<https://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com/programs/recreation/camp-page>

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