

*Mustang Minute: March 3, 2017*

*NO SCHOOL Monday, March 6, 2017- Casimir Pulaski Day*

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**PARCC Testing:** We start PARCC next week!! This assessment will be administered to students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> (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>

If your child is absent on one of the days, we will arrange make-ups as soon as we can. We will try to coordinate make-ups before Spring Break, but make-ups may continue after spring break.

**Literacy Night:** Thank you for everyone who came to Literacy Night last night. It was a great success and we hope you enjoyed your time. A special shout out to Ms. Stone, Ms. Konicki, Ms. Laughman, Ms. Edelmann, Ms. Dekorsi, Ms. Kilcoin-Johnson, Dr. Grom and to Ms. Ide for all their hard working in making Literacy Night a success.

**Read Across America:** Millburn Elementary's 2<sup>nd</sup> Read Across America Week was a great success! Thank you to all of the teachers and staff for making this week such a great experience for the students! This week was filled with guest readers from our community who took time out of their busy schedules to promote literacy while showing our students the importance of helping your community and the people in it. As our friend The Lorax says, "*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.*"

A **HUGE** thank you goes to:

**Trudy Alu-Maata**—Fire Prevention Officer Newport Township Fire Protection District

**Leia Betar**—Millburn Parent

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**Vanessa Boss**—Administrative Assistant at Millburn Elementary

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**Elisa Gueffier**—Head of Youth Services at Lake Villa District Library

**Bernadette Hanna**—Millburn District Office Manager

**Dr. Oana Honey**—Orthodontist and Owner of Honey Orthodontics

**Chief Tom Jones**—Chief of Police for the Village of Lindenhurst

**Jake Jorgenson**—Millburn Parent Principal of Millburn Middle School

**Alicia Keys**—Millburn Parent & Millburn Middle School PTO Vice President

**King Elvis**—Kenosha Kingfish Mascot

**Community Support Services Coordinator Rebecca Labb**—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

**Carissa LaTourette**—Millburn Parent & Member of the Millburn School Board

**Dr. Jason Lind**—Millburn Parent & Superintendent of Millburn Schools

**Maira Lind**—Millburn Parent

**Commander John Marr**—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

**Renee Marasco**—Millburn Reading Specialist

**Dominic Marturano**—Mayor of Lindenhurst

**Commander Joe Moravec**—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

**Officer Lisa Myhra**—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

**Gabriela Pattison**—Ski Instructor at Wilmot Mountain a Vail Resorts Company and author of *A Beautiful Choice*

**Jenny Perez**—Millburn Parent

**Courtney Peterson**—Corporate Service Manager for the Kenosha Kingfish Baseball Club

**Cheri Piat**—Millburn Elementary Media Center

**Allison Price**—Executive Director of Busy Brains Children's Museum

**Suzanne Pursell**—Millburn Parent

**Officer Sandy Rapey**—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

**Sarah Rosten**—Clinical Director and Speech Language Pathologist at Pediatric Interactions Inc. and Founder & Executive Board Vice President WeeBits NFP

**Commander Eric Senica**—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

**Rimi Singh**—Millburn Parent & Millburn Elementary PTO President

**Ben Walshire**—Principal of Millburn Elementary

**Community Service Officer Gina Warda**—Village of Lindenhurst Police Department

We must also send our thanks to children's book author, **Deborah Diesen** (author of the *Pout-Pout Fish* books), for the incredible video that she made of herself reading her very favorite Dr. Seuss book: Fox in Sock that we were able to share with the students of Millburn.

**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](http://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. Students will be bringing home order forms this weekend. Orders can be placed online or submitted to our school. All orders are due by March 10th. 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>

### PTO News

**PTO DIRECTORY!!** PTO Directories were distributed to teacher mailboxes yesterday! 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

**WENDY'S DAYS!!** Please join us next **Tuesday, March 7th**, 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!

**WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!!** Our sale is well underway and you still have time to get more orders and send them in! **Orders are due March 10<sup>th</sup>. Sell at least 2 Items and receive a prize!**

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 Top Selling Family will receive a \$25 gift card to Rosati's Pizza!

The Next 4 Top Selling Families will each receive a \$15 gift card to Target!

Every order counts toward making our goal of \$10,000! Any questions please contact us at [worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com](mailto:worldsfinestchocolate@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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30-9:00PM Rehearsal in the Millburn Middle School Cafeteria**

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8PM Talent Show in the Millburn Middle School Cafeteria**

Any questions, please contact Denise Ide or Carissa LaTourette at [talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com](mailto:talentshowelementary@MillburnPTO.com)

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

Please save the dates of Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** Thank you to all the parents who attended our meeting last night. Planning for our 8th Grade Farewell Celebration is underway and we look forward to a fantastic evening for students and parents on June 2. 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. For questions please contact [farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com](mailto:farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com)

[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](mailto:millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com)

*Upcoming Events: WFC FUNDRAISER 2/27-3/20, WENDY'S NIGHTS 3/7 & 3/14, TALENT SHOW 3/15, MILLBURN KIDS RESALE DONATION DROP OFF 3/18*

If I can be of any assistance or if you have questions, please contact me at [bwalshire@millburn24.net](mailto:bwalshire@millburn24.net) or (847) 356-8331.

Mr. Ben Walshire  
Millburn Elementary Principal

### March

6<sup>th</sup> No School- Casimir Pulaski Day  
7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> **PARCC Testing**  
10<sup>th</sup> Report Cards Go Home  
15<sup>th</sup> PTO Talent Show @ MMS- 6PM  
27-31 Spring Break

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

### **Virtual Backpack:**

**Class Placement Parent Letter**  
**Red Apple**  
**Eagles Basketball**  
**Lake Villa Library Activities**  
**Gurnee Park District Staycation**

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