

*Mustang Minute: April 21, 2017*

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**NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP):** Starting next week, students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> will take a Math and Reading MAP assessment. This is our local assessment that we use to measure progress in these academic areas. It is an adaptive test, which means that the next question of the test depends on how they answered the previous question. Therefore, the test adapts to the student so we can pinpoint their level of achievement. We will include a report of these test in the end of the year report card envelope. As always, if you have any questions about your child's progress, contact your child's teacher.

**Fire Drill:** We conducted a surprise Fire Drill on Thursday. The staff and students did a great job! We were able to evacuate and account for all students in a good time.

**Lockdown Drill:** Last month, we conducted our traditional lockdown drill. This drill is used in the event an intruder enters the building. Earlier this year, Our staff was trained in new strategies from the Lake County Sheriff's Department when it comes to intruders. Traditionally, we have had students hide in the corner of their classrooms, out of sight from the doorway. To add to this, it is recommended that students also have items in their hands to throw, in the event that an intruder enters the room. This distracts the intruder and students can then attempt to exit the room.

Next Friday, we will be showing students this new strategy. Teachers will be discussing what objects they could choose within the classroom. We will then do another lockdown drill using this new strategy. We will not be simulating an intruder entering the room, but we want students to practice finding an object in the room when a lockdown is called.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

**Food Drive:** Student Council will be having a food drive Mon. Apr. 24th - Friday Apr. 28th to help our local community. Please bring in a canned good or non-perishable item to help those in need. We appreciate all your support to help those less fortunate.

**Love and Logic Pearls:** How do you approach a teacher or other school staff on issues that involve your child? You want it to be addressed, but what is the best way to approach it? This week's article talks about effective ways for parents to approach school staff.

**Spirit Fridays:** As we wind down the year, we will be having Spirit Fridays. On those days, we will have a theme and students are to wear items according to that theme. Here is the list of theme days:

Apr. 28 PART-y day - wear your school spirit clothes or red/white

May 5th crazy sock day

May 12th make a necklace, hat, clothing, out of recycled materials

May 19th mismatch day - today is the day we do not care if your shoes or socks or shirt and pants match - close your eyes and grab what to wear for the day

May 26th - dress as your favorite character from a book and bring your book to school

June 2nd - crazy hair day

**Warren Township High School Live the Arts Festival:** Art, music, theater and dance all come together for one night of fun!

You are invited to come out and enjoy an evening of the fine arts. Select young artists from Millburn Elementary will have their amazing artwork showcased at the 2017 Live the Arts Festival. The festival will be held on Friday, April 28th, 6-9pm at the Warren Township High School Almond campus. For more details and performance schedules, please click the link below. We will look forward to seeing you there.

[Live the Arts Festival Information](#)

**Recess Volunteers:** Recess Volunteers wanted. If you are willing to help out all students on both outdoor playgrounds from 11AM until 12:20PM Monday - Friday, we need you! Recess volunteers can choose to help one day a week, one day every other week or even one day each month. Please contact Recess Volunteer Coordinator, Tracy Behnke at [tracybehnke@hotmail.com](mailto:tracybehnke@hotmail.com) with any questions or sign-up information. Thanks!

**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 for access before the next school year begins. If you need assistance with getting your account set-up, please contact our main office. If you know you are moving out of the district, please contact the main office.**

### PTO News

**PTO MEETING & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT!!** The last PTO meeting for this school year has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the LRC at MMS.

The PTO Board will be proposing an amendment to the By-Laws to change the PTO Executive Board to (ONE) MES President, (ONE) MMS President, (ONE) Vice President, (ONE) Treasurer and (ONE) Secretary.

The Millburn District 24 PTO is only successful because of our wonderful chairpersons and volunteers! Please join us for our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event! We will be heading to Chance's in Lindenhurst after our general meeting and election. Please RSVP to [presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com](mailto:presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com)

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** **Attention 7th Grade parents:** If you have not yet paid your student's \$16.00 fee, please do so as soon as possible. This fee can be paid either by sending a check into school or it can also be paid online at [www.Millburnpto.com](http://www.Millburnpto.com)

PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MAY 5.

For questions please contact [farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com](mailto:farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com)

**MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!!** TODAY is the Day! Kids Resale volunteer only invite presale begins at 3:15pm. If you have volunteered for the sale or will be and you're on the list, check in at the door

at 3:15 for entry. We are excited for another great sale! Thanks to all parents and administration for your support! Please join us in congratulating **Michele Knott** for winning the last drawing receiving 75% of her sales proceeds.

In coordination with Earth Day, we are hosting a fun drive tomorrow, Saturday, 4/22 between 1:30pm - 2:30 pm at the Middle School. Please bring your gently used kitchen items, working sellable electronics, bedding, home goods, etc. Make sure your items are boxed up or placed in bags and then follow the Fun Drive signs down the band hallway near the door. We will have tax donation letter for you at drop off.

A huge thank you again, to all of the supporters of our sale! We cannot make this a success without your support! Happy Friday!! Contact us at: [MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com](mailto:MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com)

**MMS BOOK FAIR!!** Visit us in the East Gym:

**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30AM-2:30PM and during the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation from 5:30-7:30PM

**Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30AM-2:30PM

**Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30AM-2:30PM and during the Spring Choir Concert from 6:00PM-7:30PM

An online fair will run May 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 12<sup>th</sup>. All orders ship for free to the school and will be in before the end of the school year. They will be delivered to your child at school.

Shop at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/millburnmiddle>

**Interested in volunteering?**

We are looking for volunteers to help set-up the fair on **Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00PM-2:00PM, to run the fair and to help pack up the fair on **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-8:30PM.

Click here: <http://signup.com/go/JwpXX6> to sign up!

**MES BOOK FAIR!!** Millburn PTO is excited to host an author visit with Jeffery Brown. During the school day on Thursday, May 18th, our 2nd-5th graders will hear from the author himself about the process of writing and drawing his Jedi Academy series and his new book Lucy & Andy Neanderthal.

Mr. Brown will sign copies of his books after his presentation. If you would like to purchase one (or more!) for the book signing, please print and fill out the pre-sale order form found in the Virtual Backpack. Orders are due Monday, May 15th. And, as a bonus and a thank you from our PTO, you will receive a certificate for a FREE book of equal value at our BOGO (buy one, get one) book fair.

Our BOGO book fair will be held Thursday and Friday, May 18-19th at Millburn Elementary School from 8 am to 3 pm. We will also be open Friday evening during our PTO Family Fun event. As a thank you to our Millburn families, we are offering all the books at the fair as BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE! Stock up for summer reading!

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!** SAVE THE DATE\*\* Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for a FIESTA style Family Fun night featuring Grande Jake's Taco Bar. Details and order form coming soon!

**Upcoming Events:** Kids Resale 4/21 & 4/22, MMS Book Fair 5/9 & 5/10 & 5/11, MES Author Visit 5/18, MES Book Fair 5/18 & 5/19, Family Fun Night 5/19

## MILLBURN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

### May 4<sup>th</sup> Foundation Social Night at Chances - 7:30 - 9:30 pm

The Millburn Education Foundation is hosting an open house meet and greet in the back room at Chances on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. We invite you to come out and meet other district parents and talk with current board members to learn what the Foundation does and opportunities for involvement. Join us for this casual informational get-together. All who attend will be entered into a raffle to win a \$50 gift card to Chances. We hope to see you there!

### Millburn Cup Golf Outing

The Millburn Education Foundation is planning for our 2017 golf outing. We are looking to make this event as fun and successful as possible. Whether you attended the event in the past or were unable, we want your feedback. If you didn't make the event, tell us what we can do to make it more appealing to you in the future. If you have participated, let us know your thoughts and how we can make it even better. Please take 5 minutes to complete this short survey that will help us plan for the best 2017 Millburn Cup. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BMK737D>

We would greatly appreciate your input. This survey will close on April 30. Thank you in advance for your feedback!

### Muffins with Mom Event - May 9 and 10 (depending on student last name)

A flier on this event will be coming home and posted to the electronic backpack soon! This event will be a chance for elementary students to share a muffin, juice, and milk with their mom, grandma, aunt, or special someone before school. The cost is \$5 per adult (kids free!) and advance registration is due May 5.

### Portillo's Fundraising Event - May 16 from 5:00 -8:00 pm

The Foundation is excited to partner with the Gurnee Portillo's to host a fundraiser event on May 16. The event will take place from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and the Foundation will get 20% of purchases from everyone who brings in the flyer (posted to the backpack and coming home soon), shows it on their phone, or mentions the Millburn Education Foundation at checkout. If you are going through the drive-thru, you must inform the first order taker.

If you have questions about the Millburn Education Foundation or on these or any of our events please email us at [millburneducationfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millburneducationfoundation@gmail.com).

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

### April

21-22 PTO Kids Resale @ MMS

28<sup>th</sup> PBIS PARTY Day

## **May**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 Early Release
- 9<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation (for current 5<sup>th</sup> Graders) at MMS @ 6PM
- 16<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Musical @ 6PM (Fritch, Anderson, Laughman, Stolzer, and Konicki)
- 17<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Musical @ 6PM (Glade, Novak, Coleman, David, and Clark)
- 18<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Musical @ 6PM (Parkman, Reding, Neville, Tuley, and Edelmann)
- 18-19 Scholastic BOGO Book Fair
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jeffrey Brown- Author Visit (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)

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

### **Virtual Backpack:**

- Muffins for Moms Flyer
- Love and Logic- Working with School Staff
- Author Visit- Jeffrey Brown Bio
- Presale Order Forms for Jeffrey Brown books
- Book Fair Flyer
- Echo Day Camp Info and Event
- Lakes Summer Camps
- Warren High School Fine Arts Festival

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