

Mustang Minute: April 28, 2017

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AM Drop Off: If you are walking your child to the front doors in the morning, it is very important to use the cross walk by the main entrance. It is very dangerous for individuals to zig-zag through cars to get to the sidewalk. The safest route is to proceed to the cross walk where it is clearly labeled. Thanks for making our morning drop procedure safe!

Lockdown Drill: As I mentioned last week, today we taught students a new strategy in our lockdown drill. With recommendation from the Lake County Sheriff's Department, we are now having students grab items to throw, in the event that an intruder enters the room. This distracts the intruder and students can then attempt to exit the room. Teachers discussed items within the room students could use to throw. We then did a lockdown drill with the Lindenhurst Police Department and students practiced grabbing items and going into the corner of the room. We did not simulate an intruder coming in, but wanted students to practice getting an object to throw. Students did a great job.

5th Grade Invited to Millburn Middle School: Attention all 5th grade parents and students!! On Tuesday, May 9th, you are invited to come to the Middle School to see the building, meet some of the teachers, and find out a few things that will be happening next year when you are a 6th grader. The program starts at 6:00 pm and will last about an hour. We would love to see all of you that night if possible.

Also the PTO Book Fair will be open and will have many of the 2018 Caudill books available. The 5th graders will be expected to read at least one of these books over the summer. Of course, you can always just check them out at a library, but if you want to own the book, then it will be there for you to buy.

Food Drive: Thank you for your assistance with the food drive this week. It has always impressed me how our students can give back to others. Thank you for your help!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK AT MILLBURN ELEMENTARY

Teacher Appreciation Week is Monday, May 8 - Friday, May 12. Let's celebrate our teachers by participating in the following theme days:

Monday, May 8 - Wear your teacher's favorite color to school. Write a special thank you card for your teacher at home and bring it to school.

Tuesday, May 9 - Wear your teacher's favorite baseball team shirt OR your teacher's favorite baseball team colors.

Wednesday, May 10 - Wear your Millburn Elementary School spirit wear OR school colors of red and white.

Thursday, May 11 - Wear your teacher's favorite football team shirt OR your teacher's favorite football team colors.

Friday, May 12 - Make a necklace, hat or clothing out of recycled materials for yourself as part of Millburn's "Spirit Friday" series. For your teacher, create a special drawing or picture at home & bring it to school. The drawing can be of your teacher, your class or Millburn Elementary School. Be creative!

Love and Logic Pearls: How many times were you quick on the trigger with giving a consequence to your child. Often when consequences come up, it is an emotional time and one may not think it through. This week's Pearl addresses this obstacle and shows how we can be consistent with our messages to children.

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:

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

Millburn Garden- It is the time of year to request a plot in the Millburn School and Community Garden. Requests for plots can be made by emailing the membership coordinator, Samantha Hutchinson at samanthakayhutchinson@gmail.com no later than May 10th. There are large plots (12X20) for a \$50 fee and small plots (5X20) for a \$25 fee. Plots are based on availability and garden participation. The goal of the garden is to provide an area where citizens, students, faculty and families can grow fresh produce, flowers or herbs for their enjoyment.

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 tonight from 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 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 MEETING & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT!!](#) The last PTO meeting for this school year has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 25th 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

[8th GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!](#) We are working hard to plan this special evening for our 8th Grade graduates and their parents. **Our next meeting is May 4 at 7:00pm in the Media Center at Millburn Middle School, all 7th Grade parents are welcome to join us.**

If you have a 7th Grade student and have not yet paid their \$16.00 fee, please do so as soon as possible either by sending a check into school or by paying online at millburnpto.com.

Please look out for our VolunteerSpot sign up next Friday. All 7th Graders are asked to do their part to make this celebration a success.

If you have any questions, please contact us at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com

[MILLBURN KIDS RESALE!!](#) As we are wrapping up the final numbers for the sale from last weekend, we wanted to send out a **BIG THANK YOU** to our sellers, volunteers and administrative support from last weekend's sale. We had another successful sale and we are so very thankful for you!

Contact us at: MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com

[MMS BOOK FAIR!!](#) Visit us in the East Gym:

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

Wednesday, May 10th from 8:30AM-2:30PM

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

An **online fair will run May 3rd - May 12th**. 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 8th from 1:00PM-2:00PM**, to run the fair and to help pack up the fair on **Thursday, May 11th 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!!](#) The flyer is available in virtual backpack to reserve your spot at the FIESTA style Family Fun night featuring Grande Jake's Taco Bar! The date is Friday, May 19th from 6-8pm. Hope to you see there!

Upcoming Events: 8FC Meeting 5/4, 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 4th 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 4th 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 - Survey will Close on Sunday!

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 and thank you in advance for your feedback!

Muffins with Mom Event at Millburn Elementary School - May 9 (last name A-M) and May 10 (last name N-Z)

A flier on this event was sent home earlier this week and is posted to the electronic backpack. This event is a great chance for 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 with payment 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 5-8pm and the Foundation will get 20% back from everyone who brings in the flyer (posted to the backpack), shows it on their phone, or mentions the Millburn Education Foundation at checkout. Please note: 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.

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

May

3rd 1:00 Early Release

- 9th 6th Grade Orientation (for current 5th Graders) @ MMS- 6PM
10th MES Band Concert- 7PM
11th MES Choir Concert @ MMS- 7PM
16th 1st/2nd/3rd Grade Musical @ 6PM (Fritch, Anderson, Laughman, Stolzer, and Konicki)
17th 1st/2nd/3rd Grade Musical @ 6PM (Glade, Novak, Coleman, David, and Clark)
18th 1st/2nd/3rd Grade Musical @ 6PM (Parkman, Reding, Neville, Tuley, and Edelmann)
18-19 Scholastic BOGO Book Fair
18th Jeffrey Brown- Author Visit (2nd-5th)
26th Art Show 5:30-7:00PM

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

Virtual Backpack:

Millburn Website Info

Love and Logic- Consistent Messages

Millburn Education Foundation Portillos Fundraiser

Boy Scout Taco Dinner

Gillespie Ford Test Drive FLyer

[Gurnee Park District Summer Guide](#)

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