

*Mustang Minute: April 7, 2017*

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**Love and Logic Pearls:** How do you handle a child who talks back, or what to say when you hear from your child "I'm bored." Heck, being a parent is a tough thing and not everyone knows every answer. Each week we will be sharing some useful strategies for parents, using the [Love and Logic](#) approach. Love and Logic is a approach we have adopted as a school, which is founded by Jim Fay and Foster Cline.

*"Children learn the best lessons when they're given a task and allowed to make their own choices (and fail) when the cost of the failure is still small. Children's failures must be coupled with love and empathy from their parents and teachers."*

Each week we will be including some helpful and useful approaches for parents as they go through the challenges of raising their children. This week's edition is dealing with that child who keeps talking back to you. I think we've all been there!

**Bus Safety Tip:** On occasion, we will share a bus safety tip for you to reinforce with your child. This week's tip: Always cross in front of the bus when arriving or departing the bus. That way the bus driver can see students and knows when they are safely off the roadway and the bus can proceed with the route. We have been seeing students walking around the back of the bus in the back and this makes it difficult for our drivers to assure student safety.

**Autism Awareness:** April is National Autism Awareness Month. Next Wednesday, we will be providing lessons to students on autism. Thousands of individuals, including many at Millburn, have autism. We find it important to educate our students on what autism is and how an individual with autism experiences our world today. We are asking for students to wear as much blue as they can next Wednesday to show support for autism awareness. Classrooms will count up how many pieces of blue they are wearing and the winning class at each grade will win a prize!

**PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support):**

Before we left from Spring Break, we had an assembly to celebrate with our students the great choices they have been making this year with their behavior. I walked them through some numbers, showing where we see behaviors taking place, when, and even the time of day. The most powerful piece I shared was that 75% of our students have never received a minor or a major: that is 556 students! That number is amazing and we celebrated that with our students. Although our school year is not done, we want to keep that number as high as we can and the only way to do that is to continue to make great choices.

**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.**

**Grayslake North MUSE:** Grayslake North Fine Arts Department will be hosting MUSE—their annual fine and performing arts festival. It's a fun night during which members of the community can come see the talents of our fine and performing arts students on display. There will be musical and theatrical performances as well as our Annual Art Show. Plus, there will be several interactive stations for our guests to experience the arts firsthand.

They are inviting students to color/decorate their MUSE login any manner they wish. The most creative entries (as judged by our Visual Arts teachers) will win prizes, including MUSE t-shirts. All entries submitted (not just the prize winners) will be on display at North the night of MUSE. Entries can drop off submissions at the front desk at Grayslake North. A copy of the logo and info on MUSE can be found in the Virtual Backpack.

### PTO News

**MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!!** The **LAST** Middle School Activity Night of the year is **TONIGHT, Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. The theme is "***Let it Glow***". Students may choose to wear white and glow-in-the-dark/light-up items. Glow sticks will not be allowed. We will have highlighters available in the cafeteria, if students want to sign each other's shirts and see them POP under the black lights! This is a chance for them to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, no masks, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change. **WE WILL HAVE NITRO BALL!!!**

#### **THE DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

##### **DROP OFF**

6<sup>th</sup> grade-6pm, MAIN entrance

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade-6:30pm, MAIN entrance

##### **PICK UP**

6<sup>th</sup> grade-8:30pm, MAIN entrance

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade-9:00pm ACTIVITY entrance

For **PICK UP**, please pull in and find a parking spot. You can meet your child at the canopy area. You can also use the pick up late, but if everyone does this, the line of traffic will stretch out to Route 45!

**No students will be allowed to walk or ride a bike home.**

Admission to the event is \$2.00. Drinks, candy and pizza will be available for purchase.

All students attending **MUST have a current student ID** to show at the door. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.** Your student can take a picture of their ID with their cell phone and show us that. Students **CANNOT** go to their lockers to retrieve forgotten ID's, as the hallway doors are locked. Also, all students must have a permission slip to attend Activity Night on file (if you went to the ones in October and January, you are all set). If you need to leave before the Activity Night is over, **YOUR** parent must sign you out! The rules are **NOT** negotiable!

**MILLBURN FUN RUN!!** **MILLBURN FUN RUN REGISTRATION IS OPEN AND WALK IN REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED ON RACE DAY!** Join us on April 8th for The 5th Annual Millburn Fun Run 5K on a **NEW 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](http://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.

**THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS: FITNATION, GOSHGARIAN ORTHODONTICS, TC KELLY CONSTRUCTION, THE THERAPY TREE, ANITA SPISAK - @PROPERTIES, ACTION INCLUSION, BUTERA MARKET, TUTOR DOCTOR AND PEDIATRIC INTERACTIONS.**

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** **ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS!!** Please see letter sent in email and posted in Virtual Backpack regarding pictures needed for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade slideshow! Please follow the directions provided to upload your pictures to the Dropbox set up. **Pictures are due by April 10<sup>th</sup>!!** For questions please contact [farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com](mailto:farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com)

**WENDY'S DAYS!!** Please join us **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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 KIDS RESALE!! STILL SEEKING:** Additional sellers for our upcoming **SPRING** MILLBURN KIDS RESALE! Feel like earning some extra money? Start collecting the clothes and toys your kids have outgrown - then turn your collections into cash by selling them at the Millburn Kids Resale! It's a great way for you - and your kids - to clean out the closet, garage, basement, and attic! All early registrations received are automatically entered into a drawing to win 75% of your proceeds instead of the standard 50%. Registration forms can be found on the PTO website ([www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com)) and in the virtual backpack. Feel free to complete the registration form and just take a picture and email it to us or drop it off at either school's main office.

**Please join me in congratulating our first drawing winner - Deb Anderson!** Our next drawing is Friday, 4/7. Send in your registration in as soon as possible so you don't miss getting into the next drawing.

**Donations:** If you find that you still have items you wish to donate, please contact us at our email.

**Volunteer Only Invite to PRESALE:** Would you like to come early and shop the Millburn Kids Resale **BEFORE** the doors open to the public? Make your selection from great name brand items at fantastic prices from 3:15pm to 4pm on Opening Day of the sale! **The PRESALE is an invite only event for volunteers that help out either before, during or after the sale. We are very flexible with the hours and opportunities to volunteer. If there isn't a time or date that works for your schedule, please contact us to make arrangements.**

**VOLUNTEERS:** We still have many volunteer slots open to help out before during sale set up, during sale operations or after the sale for clean up. We are only successful with the volunteer help to be able to effectively run the sale. Please follow this link to view opportunities: [Volunteer Link - Spring Millburn Kids Resale](#)

If your availability is different than the suggested times, please let us know. We are happy to help and appreciate the support! Contact us at: [MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com](mailto:MillburnKidsResale@yahoo.com)

**WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE!!** Thanks to everyone who helped support us in this fundraiser. We sold over \$3,000! Our top winners are Jonathan Kacinas, Ava and Alexandra Price, Austin Ramos, Jillian Mandel, Reese Kaufman, Ayden Haling-Gomez. Congrats!

Pick up is Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6 at the Middle School Activity Entrance. Did you miss the sale? Or need more than you ordered? We have a small supply of extra chocolate to sell. Prices are \$6 and \$7 dollars. Contact us at [worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com](mailto:worldsfinestchocolate@millburnpto.com) or see us at pick up.

*Upcoming Events: MMS Activity Night 4/7, Box Tops Due 4/7, Family Fun Run 4/8,*

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Slideshow Pictures Due 4/10, World's Finest Chocolate Order Pick-up 4/10 & 4/11, Wendy's Nights 4/11, Kids Resale 4/21 & 4/22*

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**

8<sup>th</sup> PTO Fun Run @ 9AM  
14<sup>th</sup> No School- Spring Holiday  
17<sup>th</sup> No School- Spring Holiday  
21-22 PTO Kids Resale @ MMS  
28<sup>th</sup> PBIS PARTY Day

#### **May**

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)

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

#### **Virtual Backpack:**

Love and Logic-Talking Back  
Lakes Girls Basketball  
Grayslake North MUSE and Coloring Contest  
Gurnee Park District- TechStars  
PM&L Youth Auditions  
Lake Villa Library April Programs and Events  
Kids Only Garage Sale  
Grayslake Park District Softball  
Lindenhurst Park District- Engineering for Kids

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