

*Mustang Minute: May 12, 2017*

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**Spinners:** Pokemon, Silly Bands, Angry Birds, Beanie Babies, Magic Eight Ball, Cabbage Patch Kids, Atari???? Yes, these are some examples of fads that many of us have experienced over the last few decades. Today's newest fad..... Spinners! Here at MES we see hundreds of our students bringing them in everyday.

Most of our students use spinners as a toy. Yet, spinners can also be used as fidgets. Some students are movers and just can't sit still. Fidgets are designed to provide extra sensory input in a less distracting way. With using a fidget, these students are able to get that movement and still function in the learning environment. A fidget doesn't have to be a spinner and there are a variety of fidgets that may meet the needs of children.

We do hold the right to have the spinners put away if we feel the items are disrupting the learning environment. Students are welcome to bring them out to recess, but the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items that are brought into school, such as spinners.

Thanks for your help and looking forward to the next fad that comes our way....maybe a new high tech game that provides basic math fact practice!!!

**Author Visit:** Jeffrey Brown's Visit is next week! He will be speaking to students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Brown is the author many books such as Jedi Academy, Vader and Son, and many others.

There is a flier in this week's Virtual Backpack for you to pre-order some Jeffrey Brown books. Students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will get to have their pre-order booked signed by Mr. Brown on May 18.

**2017 Millburn Elementary Art Night:** You are invited to join us in our celebration of the visual arts, by attending the 2017 Millburn Elementary's Arts Night, being held on Friday, May 26, from 5:30-7:30! The young artists at Millburn have been eager to share their hard work with their family and friends. This is your chance to see the artwork created by our talented and creative students. In addition to the art show, we will have a wide variety of hands on art and craft activities for all ages. There will also be delicious ice cream sundaes available to purchase and enjoy while you browse the artwork.

**Mark your calendars!**

**2017 Millburn Art Night**

**When: Friday, May 26th, 5:30-7:30 PM**

**Where: Millburn Elementary**

- Ice cream Sundaes \$3
- Tickets for hands on art and craft stations 25¢ each

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Love and Logic Pearls:** Everyone wants to raise their child to be responsible. How do you do it? This week's article gives some valuable tips on how to develop responsibility in children.

**Field Day-** Save The Date! Field Day will be held on Tuesday, June 6th. Mrs. Michel would love for any parents wanting (or willing) to help, to attend. Help will be needed to supervise and run activities from approximately 7:45 - 11 am. We do ask that due to the large number of students, no younger siblings attend. Siblings or family members older than 18 are welcome to sign up to help. A link to sign up for stations will be sent out the week of May 30th. Please look for that if you would like to help! Thank you in advance! Mrs. Michel

**End of Year Activities-** On Tuesday, June 6, we have a lot going on all day. Kindergarten will be at Heritage Trails Park all day for a picnic. It should be a great time for them. First-5<sup>th</sup> grade will have Field Day in the morning at MES, and then dance to a DJ and then a fun assembly with [Sky Squad](#) in the afternoon. Thank you to the PTO for arranging the assembly for our students!! We will conclude the day by wishing our 5<sup>th</sup> grade farewell as we line the hallways and sidewalks and wish them luck as they leave for dismissal.

Finally, on the last day of school, Wednesday, June 7, we will do an end of the year PBIS assembly filled with Staff Lip Sync Challenge and raffle prizes to students. We will end the day with a picnic-style lunch where all students will have a chance to eat outside with either their cold lunch or cafeteria lunch (which will be a bag lunch that day). We will dismiss at 1:00, which will be the start of summer break!

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> - dress as your favorite character from a book and bring your book to school
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - crazy hair day

**Millburn School and Community Garden:** It is that 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](mailto:samanthakayhutchinson@gmail.com) no later than May 10<sup>th</sup>. There are small plots available (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.

### 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)

**SUPPLY KITS!!** Don't feel like racing around from store-to-store to find your child's school supplies? Simplify your life, order through Schoolkidz Supply Kits and help give back to the school! Orders will be accepted through June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be available for pick-up at MES on August 8<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm. Order online at [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com) and enter code 21809 for MES and code 21811 for MMS. See Virtual Backpack for more info! Any questions please contact [supplykits@millburnpto.com](mailto:supplykits@millburnpto.com).

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!!** We need KINDERGARTEN PICTURES of any students that DID NOT attend Millburn Elementary! If your child attended another school, please email your picture no later than May 23<sup>rd</sup>. See the Virtual Backpack for instructions! If you have any questions, please contact us at [farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com](mailto:farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com)

**MMS BOOK FAIR!!** THANKS to all who shopped our book fair! **The online fair will run through today, 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>

**MES BOOK FAIR!!** Millburn PTO is excited to host an **author visit with Jeffery Brown**. During the school day on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, our 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 18-19<sup>th</sup> 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!  
If you are interested in volunteering at our BOGO book fair, please click on this link: <http://signup.com/go/EMtJfDg> Thank you for considering!

**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 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Hope to you see there!

**Upcoming Events:** MES Author Visit 5/18, MES Book Fair 5/18 & 5/19, Family Fun Night 5/19, PTO Meeting 5/25, Supply Kits Orders by 6/2

### **MILLBURN EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

#### **Muffins with Mom was a great success!**

Thank you to all the elementary school moms who attended the Muffins with Mom event this week! We really had a great time and hope you all have a happy Mother's Day this weekend.

#### **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. **If you are going through the drive-thru, you must inform the first order taker that you are with the Millburn Education Foundation fundraiser.**

If you have questions about the Millburn Education Foundation 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

**May**

16<sup>th</sup> Portillo's Fundraiser- Millburn Education Foundation  
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>)  
25<sup>th</sup> Portillo's Fundraiser- MES PBIS  
26<sup>th</sup> Art Show 5:30-7:00PM

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

**Virtual Backpack:**

Love and Logic- Responsible Kids  
Gillespie Ford Test Drive Fundraiser  
Grayslake Children Health and Safety Fair  
Gurnee Hi-Five Birthdays and Summer Camps  
Gurnee Park District- [Mustache Dash](#)

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