

*Mustang Minute: May 19, 2017*

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**Author Visit:** A special thank you to author and illustrator Jeffrey Brown for coming out yesterday to speak with our students. He did a great job and our students were so excited to see him. A special THANK YOU to Alicia Keys and the PTO for arranging his visit with us. We have extra signed copies of his books at the Book Fair. Come on out tonight for Family Fun Night to get a copy.

**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!

**Field Day-** Field Day is approaching fast! We can't make Field Day GREAT without the help of fantastic volunteers. We would love for anyone that would like to help, to join us. Due to the large numbers we will be working with, please don't bring any extra children under age 16. If you are interested in helping please click on the link below and add your name and email address to the list.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1P6fyLJ1ISG3ohVc8dUET7AXujXuNLtet2wLnLsPw-Tw/edit?usp=sharing>

Please note that 1st and 2nd Grade sign ups are on the left side of the sheet, and 3rd-5th Grade sign-ups are to the right of those. If you can't get it to work or just want us to plug your name in, simply email Erin Michel at [emichel@millburn24.net](mailto:emichel@millburn24.net).

Thank you so much! We couldn't do it without you!

**PBIS:** Our PBIS Team has developed a monthly newsletter to showcase a variety of different aspects of our program. Follow the link below to find out our latest work!

<https://www.smores.com/w79ub-millburn-elementary-pbis>

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade will have Field Day in the morning at MES, then dance to a DJ, and finally a dynamic 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.

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(s) 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!

**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!!!

**Love and Logic Pearls:** As adults, We control our casr, our careers, the clothes we wear, and our choice of food, but what about control of your kids? When do we allow our control over students to loosen to let them starting making choices and learning from them? This week's Pearl addresses aspects of how to allow students to learn from their mistakes.

**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 26th - dress as your favorite character from a book and bring your book to school
- June 2nd - 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 10th. 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 is 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 2nd and will be available for pick-up at MES on August 8th 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)

**MES BOOK FAIR!!** Today is the LAST DAY for the MES Book Fair! The book fair will be open during the school day and tonight during the PTO's FIESTA Family Fun Night! Don't miss out on this BOGO book fair! 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!!** TONIGHT is the FIESTA style Family Fun night featuring Grande Jake's Taco Bar! Hope to you see there!

Upcoming Events: MES Book Fair 5/19, Family Fun Night 5/19, PTO Meeting 5/25, Volunteer Appreciation Night 5/25, Supply Kits Orders by 6/2

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.

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Millburn Elementary Principal

**May**

25<sup>th</sup> Portillo's Fundraiser- MES PBIS

26<sup>th</sup> Art Night 5:30-7:30PM

**June**

6<sup>th</sup> KDG Picnic/ Field Day/ Assembly / DJ

7<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School

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

**Virtual Backpack:**

Love and Logic- Control

Blue Devil Swim Team

Gurnee Aquatics Center

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