

*Mustang Minute: May 26, 2017*

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\*\*\* The deadline to register for the 2017-2018 school year is June 2. A \$50 increase will be added after this deadline.

**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 **TONIGHT** 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!

**Lost and Found:** We have encountered HUNDREDS of items that have been left behind at school this year. Maybe your child has come home without a mitten, hat, coat, we even have a few pairs of pants???? We will have all of our Lost and Found items on display throughout the week. We encourage families to take a peek during school hours so we can find homes for all the missing items. At the end of the year, all items will be donated.

**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 also be providing popsicles in the afternoon. If you would like to know the nutritional information and ingredients, please see the Virtual Backpack for information on the product. If you do not wish to have your child have one, please let the homeroom teacher know.

We will conclude the day by wishing our 5<sup>th</sup> grade farewell as all students in K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade will 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!

**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!

**Love and Logic Pearls:** Students who encounter conflicts between their peers is inevitable. If your child approaches you about a conflict, how do you respond? Protect them at all costs? Let them handle it? This week's read shows some great tips on how to address these issues when they come to you.

**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:

- June 2nd - crazy hair day

**Summer Office Hours:** Our office will be opened daily during the summer from 8AM-12PM. Feel free to step in or call if you need any assistance.

**Bella's Bouncies and Skate:** Bella's has provided free tickets for their skating rink. If interested, please stop by the main office to pick one up for your child(ren).

### PTO News

**PTO UPDATE!!** Thanks to all who attended our last PTO meeting of the year! Sharing ideas and getting feedback is priceless and adds to the success of our PTO.

We approved the PTO purchase of a **RAPTOR TECHNOLOGIES VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** for both schools that will be set up over the summer. This technology system will replace ineffective sign-in sheets with the RAPTOR system that is designed to protect students, faculty, and staff. Every visitor, volunteer, and vendor will be instantly screened through a database by scanning their driver's license. Custom settings can be set up for custodial alerts, banned visitors and other custom alerts. The RAPTOR system ensures accurate records are kept for every visitor and reports can generate a list of who is in the building instantly. THANK YOU to all families who have supported the PTO this past year in any of our fundraising so that we were able purchase the nation's leading developer of integrated safety technologies for K-12 schools!

We successfully passed an amendment to our By-Laws changing our Board to (1) MES President, (1) MMS President, (1) Vice President, (1) Treasurer and (1) Secretary. We nominated and elected our 2017-2018 Board positions by adding Janis Moore as MES President, Melissa Hyde as Vice President, Dani Krieschen as Treasurer and Amber Fendel as Secretary. A HUGE thanks to these ladies for taking on these important roles in the PTO. Janis, Melissa, Dani and Amber will join Lisa Griesser with one more year as MMS President, and begin their new roles on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

A HUGE thanks to our outgoing Board Members who will finish their roles on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Rimi Singh served as MES President for 3 years, Marci Simmons served as MES Vice President for 3 years, Janis Moore served as Treasurer for 2 years and Alicia Keys served as MMS Vice President for 2 years. These ladies have worked hard, donated a lot of time and made a HUGE difference at Millburn!

**SEF UPDATE!!** Student Enhancement Funds are provided each year to ALL students. This past year we promised \$18 per student through our PTO Fundraising. Here are some SEF Dollars at work this month!

PTO wrote checks for \$2520 for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Springfield trip, \$1246 for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Illinois Holocaust Museum Field Trip, \$1375 for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Milwaukee Zoo Field Trip, \$220 for Bubble Wonders for Kindergarten, \$500 for Susan Salador Guest Reader for Kindergarten, \$918 for Green Meadows Farm for Kindergarten, \$834 for Animal Garden for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and \$775 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic. That's \$8388 just for the month of May!!! Thanks to all families who supported our fundraising this year to help us send our kids on FABULOUS Field Trips!!

**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!!** Thank you so much for signing your student up to volunteer, we are very happy to say that all student spots are now filled. We are still desperately in need of adult volunteers and would truly appreciate it if you can find some time to help us out. Please use this link to look for available time slots. Thank you! <http://signup.com/go/KoSINwI>  
If you have any questions, please contact us at [farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com](mailto:farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com)

Upcoming Events: 8FC 6/2, 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.

Mr. Ben Walshire  
Millburn Elementary Principal

**May**

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

**June**

6<sup>th</sup> KDG Picnic, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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- Student Conflicts

Flav Or Ice Nutrition Facts for Field Day

Gurnee Park District- Junior High Night, Swim Lessons

Lake Villa Library Summer Reading Program/ Tweens and Teens Program

Huntington Learning Center Info

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