

*Mustang Minute: May 5, 2017*

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### **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!

**Author Visit:** We are excited to announce that author Jeffrey Brown is coming to Millburn Elementary on May 18. 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.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Invited to Millburn Middle School:** Attention all 5th grade parents and students!! On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Love and Logic Pearls:** It is hard enough to make clear expectations for your child, but when the child gets confused with what they are hearing with multiple adults in the home, who do they listen to. It is important that families have a united front and communicate the same expectations to their child. This week's Pearl discusses this very phenomena and the best way to assure consistent with 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 12<sup>th</sup> make a necklace, hat, clothing, out of recycled materials
- 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 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

### MILLBURN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

#### May 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Muffins for Moms - Last name A-M
- 9<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation (for current 5<sup>th</sup> Graders) @ MMS- 6PM
- 10<sup>th</sup> Muffins for Moms- Last Name N-Z
- 10<sup>th</sup> MES Band Concert- 7PM
- 11<sup>th</sup> MES Choir Concert @ MMS- 7PM
- 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>)
- 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:**

Jeffrey Brown Bio  
Jeffrey Brown Book Pre-Order Form  
Love and Logic- Consistent Messages  
PBIS Portillo's Fundraiser  
Boy Scout Fundraiser  
Chicago Kickers Soccer Club  
Improve Workshop

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