

Mustang Minute: June 2, 2017

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Field Day- Field Day is Tuesday, June 6th. Please make sure that students are prepared. They should wear comfortable clothes, gym shoes and socks, sunscreen and bring a labeled water bottle. As of now, we are planning on an outdoor Field Day! We can't WAIT!

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.

Six Flags Tickets: Six Flags Read to Succeed tickets are here and will be distributed on the last day of school to students who have participated in the program. They will be included in student report card envelopes. Please note that there is a short window of time to use the ticket. An additional benefit is that these free tickets can be upgraded to season passes for just \$30! (This might be something to consider when planning for next year too.) If you have any questions about this year's tickets, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or Renee Marasco at rmarasco@millburn24.net.

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. 1st -5th 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 5th grade farewell as all students in K-4th 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!

2017 Cross Country: All 5th through 8th graders interested in running cross country this fall should have their parents/guardians email Coach Perusich at dperusich@millburn24.net. When emailing Coach Perusich, please include your son's/daughter's name, his/her grade this fall, and your email contact information. Coach Perusich will be emailing information regarding August workouts, spirit wear, and the upcoming 2017 cross country season. Expect to receive an email by the end of July.

Additionally, if you would like to receive 2017 Millburn XC information via your smartphone, please see the Virtual Backpack for instructions on how to download the Remind App.

Love and Logic Pearls: How do you react when your child comes home saying they are being picked on?

Option 1: "Don't worry, I'll tell the teacher to straighten that kid out for you."

Option 2: " You smack that kid the next time and he'll stop."

Option 3: "That's really sad. Would you like to hear what some other kids have done to solve that?"

This week's article is about types of parents and the strategies to create self-worth and strength in children.

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).

MILLBURN PTO END OF YEAR WRAP UP

The Millburn PTO Board would like to thank our members and Millburn school community for another successful school year.

With your help we were able to raise over \$52,885.

Check out what we were able to accomplish because of our wonderful members!

- **Supply Kits and Locker Works** were provided for purchase to many of our students.
- **3 Educational Assemblies** were sponsored including: Matt Willheim BMX at MMS, Chris McBrien, Scientist and Sky Squad, Slam Dunk Group for MES
- **Activity Night** was held at MMS three times during the school year giving middle school students a place to gather for fun, games, snacks and music.
- **Family Fun Night** was held at MES on three nights, including Halloween Bingo, Roller Skating and Taco Night Dinner.
- **Halloween and Valentines holiday celebrations** were held at MES providing 30 classrooms with holiday fun, crafts and games.
- **Holiday Surprises** were provided at MMS for all students including a photo booth and a DJ.
- **Staff Appreciation Committee** hosted monthly dessert raffles donating to 140 staff members. Staff luncheons were also sponsored throughout the school year.
- **District Wide Talent Show** took place at MMS with 29 acts.
- **8th Grade Farewell Celebration** was planned and sponsored to honor our 159 graduating 8th grade students and their parents.
- **Decorations committee** kept our schools beautiful all year long.
- **Recess volunteers** kept our kids safe at play all year long.
- **Spirit wear committee** kept our school looking good all year long.
- **Fall Fest** took place at MES and raised over \$3300.
- **Fall and Spring Book Fairs** were held at MES and MMS. They raised over \$19,160 in Scholastic dollars to provide books for the district LRCs.
- **Fall and Spring Kids Resale** was held and raised over \$15,300 in revenue.
- **School portraits** were provided for all students and raised \$4700 for the district.
- **Kidstuff coupon book sale** raised over \$3200 in funds.
- Community partners such as **Wendy's, Uno's, and Box Tops** have donated \$5,590 to the district so far this year.
- **Millburn Family Fun Run** brought out over 225 runners and raised over \$2100 for playground upgrades.
- **World's Finest Chocolate** raised over \$9800 in revenue.
- **Student Enhancement Funds** of \$21,800+ were donated by the PTO to all grades throughout the district to help fund: End of year picnics, Field trips to Green Meadows Farm, Animal Gardens, Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre, Lake County Discovery Museum, Milwaukee Public Museum, Volo Bog, Raupp Museum, Creative Smarts, Camp Timberlee, Holocaust Museum, Springfield trip, and various in-house presentations/projects.
- **Teacher Stipends** of \$2400 were provided to all teachers to help offset the cost of classroom supply expenses.
- PTO approved over \$10,688 in funds throughout the school year for **Special Requests** including new color & black/white art printers, Zoo admission for EC, Speech/EC supplies, a new Greg Tang Math Kit program, Smart TV & playground bench for MES, playground canopy & water bottle filler for MMS, and a new Raptor Visitor ID system.

Thank you for all you do to keep Millburn District 24 great. Please consider joining us to help keep all these fabulous programs alive for the 2017-2018 school year.

Learn more or become a member at www.millburnpto.com.

"The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." - DeAnn Hollis

If I can be of any assistance or if you have questions, please contact me at bwalshire@millburn24.net or (847) 356-8331.

Mr. Ben Walshire
Millburn Elementary Principal

June

6th KDG Picnic, 1st-5th Field Day/ Assembly / DJ

7th Last Day of School

Dates to Note for Summer

7/4- Building Closed

8/7-8/8- Kindergarten Screening

8/8- Supply Kit Pick Up

8/23- Supply Drop Off

8/24- First Day of School

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

Virtual Backpack:

Millburn Cross County Remind App Directions

Love and Logic- Consulting Parents- RAISING BOY READERS, CONNECTING BOYS WITH BOOKS

Grayslake Park District- 4th of July, Ultimate Frisbee, Summer Beach Party

Hunt Club Park District Community Days

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