

Mustang Minute: June 7, 2017

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2016-2017 Year In Review: What an amazing school year! We started the year with many new faces in our staff. Each of them brought a special talent that made our school even better this year. We look forward to more years to come working with them. We also added many new activities throughout the year. Thank you to Mr. Lacey (Art Club), Ms. Lafferty (Writing Club), Ms. Maier, Ms. Dekorsi, Ms. Cipolla (Math Club) for kicking off new after school programs for our kids. We also had brought back some popular events. Thank you to Ms. Marasco for our Veteran's Day assembly. Ms. Dekorsi, Ms. Konicki, Ms. Stone, Ms. Kilcoin-Johnson, Ms. Laughman, Ms. Edelmann, and Ms. Ide for organizing Literacy Night. Finally, with Mr. Lacey for the first ever Art Night. Great events for families to come in and celebrate learning.

I also want to thank all of our staff for their hard work this year. It takes special people for a school to be outstanding, and Millburn Elementary is luck enough to have a staff that puts everything they have into our kids. Great work!

Most importantly, our students did an amazing job this year. School is not an easy thing to do and be motivated to do it each and everyday. Our Mustangs worked through challenges, made progress, and found successes everyday. Great work!

We say goodbye to our 5th graders who are entering the Middle School world. I look forward to seeing them grow in the coming years. Do note, I still plan to check in on them at times, just to make sure☺

Have a great summer break and see everyone in August!!!

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. **Items will be on display until Friday, June 16.**

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.

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 REGISTRATION!! Our District PTO is only as strong as the members and volunteers that support it. If EVERY Millburn District family became a PTO member and volunteered ONE HOUR at a PTO Event each year, our work would be a breeze!

Did you know that EVERY District Student currently receives \$18 from the PTO for Field Trips? We want to continue to provide these funds and send your students on these fun and educational trips, but we need your support!

Annual FAMILY membership is only \$15 and provides you with a membership directory app for one smart device AND a paper directory!

Registration will be online again this year beginning July 1, 2017 at www.millburnpto.com Existing members can log in and new members can create a new account. Click on For Sale-PTO Membership, Checkout, then Use the Registration Key found in your email receipt to activate the app!

We know that life keeps getting busier and time is a precious commodity, but we really hope to continue supporting the District with one of the BEST PTOs in our area. Please join us! See our END OF YEAR WRAP UP below and see exactly how much money we raised this past year and where we spent it!!

LOCKERWORKS!! LockerWorks are being offered again and a flyer is in the Virtual Backpack! Forms and checks made payable to MILLBURN PTO are due in either front office by June 15th. These organizers are AMAZING and many students bring them to high school! Any questions please email presidentelementary@millburnpto.com

THANK YOU!! Thank you to our AMAZING volunteers this year. Our success is only made possible with YOU! We want to give a SHOUT OUT to our AWESOME CHAIRPEOPLE this year!! THANKS to Janis Moore, Sarah Moore, Denise Ide, Alicia Keys, Suzanne Pursell, Christine Sielsky, Laura Kelly, Heather Hallman, Anne Arnholt, Carissa LaTourette, Julie Murray, Heather Chorazy, Kandi Silk, Judy Strong, Tammy Harris, Marci Simmons, Dani Krieschen, Jennifer Hauhe, Tracy Behnke, Melissa Giametta, Melissa Hyde, Victoria McCabe, Allison Ramos, Margaret Muscia and Shannon Grzesiak!! Thank you for the extra time you so graciously gave to make your committee outstanding!! We look forward to working with many of you next year and we look forward to meeting and working with new PTO volunteers in the 2017-18 school year!

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.
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- **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** were 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.

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

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:
Tutor Doctor

Greg Tang MathPacks- <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/483833943/tang-math-home-pack-addictively-fun-math-games?token=5cb789d2>

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