

Mustang Minute: August 12, 2016

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New Staff: I would like to welcome some new faces to our staff this year. Mr. Gorr will be our new general music teacher taking over Ms. Grams, who retired at the end of last year. Mr. Lacy will be taking over our art program from Ms. Slimp, who also retired at the end of the year. Mr. Thomas is replacing Ms. Styx, who retired. In 3rd grade we have Ms. David who is taking over for retiring Ms. Overman. Finally, we welcome Ms. Paczosa who is joining our speech team. We also want to say goodbye to Mr. Goldberg in 4th Grade. He will be leaving Millburn to pursue other ventures and we wish him the best of luck. Welcome new Mustangs!!

Homeroom Assignments: Parents will be able to view their child's homeroom teacher in Powerschool on Monday, August 15. We will open Powerschool access starting at noon. We have provided some helpful information on how to access your Powerschool information in this week's Virtual Backpack. Feel free to contact Ms. Umarwadia in the office if you need any assistance.

Picture Forms: Color Portraits Picture order forms are in the virtual backpack. We updated the form since the one we had last week in the virtual backpack was cut off at the end. You can pay for your pictures in advance following directions on the form or you can bring payment and order form with you on the day of pictures. Additional copies of the order form are also available in the office.

Bus Schedules: Dr. Lind will soon be sending bus information to all parents.

Kindergarten Parent Night: KDG Parent night will be Tuesday, August 23, at 6:00. This night is designed for parents to become familiar with our school and programming for their Kindergarten child. That night will feature some information on procedures, bussing, and the curriculum that will be used during the course of the school year. This evening of presentations is structured for parents only. Students will have a chance to meet with teachers at Supply Drop Off Night on August 24.

K-5 School Pictures/Supply Drop Off/ PTO Ice Cream Social: On August 24th we invite families to come to MES to drop supplies off in classrooms, get school pictures taken and enjoy a PTO Ice Cream Social. All events start at 3:30 and run until 6pm. Pictures will be in the East and West Gyms and the PTO will be set up in the Cafeteria. We will open doors to the building at 3:30 and you can choose what event you and your child would like to do first. Student last names from A-L will take their picture in the East Gym. Last names from M-Z will be in the West Gym.

*****Early Childhood pictures will NOT occur on August 24. EC pictures will occur Tuesday, September 13th**

1st-5th Parent Night: Parent Night at MES will be Thursday, September 8th. Grades 1-3 will start at 6:00 PM and Grades 4- 5 will start at 7:00 PM. This night is designed to help inform parents of our curriculum and our goals to provide high quality instruction for our students. Special Area teachers will be available in their rooms if you would like to stop by and talk with them. This night is for parents only. Parents should report to the west gymnasium for a brief introduction and will then proceed to homerooms.

Kindergarten Lunch Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to come in daily to help with Kindergarten lunchtime from 11:20-11:50. This is a new arena for our kindergarten students and we want to provide them as much support as we can with getting through the lunch line, choosing their side dishes, or even poking that straw through their Capri-Sun. If you are interested, please come to school on Friday, August 26 at 11:00 so I can go through our procedures with you.

Band/Choir Registration: Many have asked about registering for choir and band. Information on registration will come in the next few weeks. This year's Choir will be lead by Mr. Gorr, our new music teacher. He is getting situated with not only his new role as our music teacher, but taking over the Choir as well. Mr. Gorr will send information out for students to register. Beginning Band Registration and

Instrument Rental Night will be Tuesday, September 6 starting at 4PM in the band room at MES. Band is for 4th and 5th graders.

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

August

15th Powerschool goes live @ 12PM (noon), KDG Make-Up Screening (by appointment)
23rd Kindergarten Parent Night 6-7PM
24th K-5 Supply Drop Off/Pictures/ Ice Cream Social 3:30-6:00
25th First Day of School, Early Release at 11:00, Lunch will not be served
26th First FULL Day of School
30th AIM Parent Meeting @ MES, 7PM

September

5th No School- Labor Day
6th Beginning Band/ Instrumental Rental @ 4PM
7th Early Release @ 1PM
8th MES Parent Night (1st-3rd @ 6:00, 4th-5th @ 7:00)
10th PTO Fall Fest @ 1:00
13th EC/SEDOL Pictures
16th Millburn Education Foundation Golf Outing

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

Virtual Backpack: **NEW Picture Order Form**
 Grayslake Park District Archery
 Grayslake Park District Ultimate Frisbee