

*Mustang Minute: August 26, 2016*

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**PBIS:** Positive Behavior, Interventions and Supports is a way for us to promote positive behavior with our students during the course of the school year. We want to limit the inappropriate behaviors in order to maximize learning. We do a variety of acknowledgments during the year to showcase positive behavior and celebrate our accomplishments. We are in continual communication with students as to where we need to focus our attention.

Last year we decreased the number of inappropriate behaviors by 30 incidents. We want to build on that momentum and keep students motivated to make the right choices.

Some changes have been made to our program this year that we hope will continue this trend. Three times a year students will have celebration days, which we call **PARTy** (Do Your Part) Days. On those days, students will get to participate in fun activities in different classrooms within their grade level. They might involve having a movie room, game room, arts 'n' crafts room, and other fun activities we find for our students.

We will have a handful of assemblies during the year that will resemble our traditional PBIS assemblies involving celebrations, skits, and fun times.

Students of the Month will continue. When students get this award their name will be announced on the morning announcements, they will have their pictures taken and displayed in the hallway for the month, and parents will be invited to either take their child to lunch or have lunch with their child.

We will also continue our Bus Star awards, weekly raffles, and Students of the Week.

More information on our PBIS program can be found on our website under Quick Links.

If you have any question about our PBIS program, please let us know.

**Beginning Band Information:** Please check out the Virtual Backpack for Beginning Band information.

**Cross Country:** If you have a 5th-8th grade son or daughter interested in joining the cross country team, please email Mr. Perusich at [dperusich@millburn24.net](mailto:dperusich@millburn24.net). Include your son's/daughter's name along with his/her grade level on the email. See the attachment in this week's Virtual Backpack for information on this year's cross country season

**1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PTO Fall Fest:** Come join us and kick off the school year at Fall Fest Saturday, September 10th from 12:00-4:00 at Millburn Elementary. There will be games, prizes, food, inflatables, pony rides and new this year-Slime the Teacher! Also new will be the inflatable Leaps and Bounds just like on TV show Wipe Out. We need lots of volunteers to make this event successful. Please sign up to volunteer at:

Volunteer Spot: <http://signup.com/go/j5m2Vg>

See the virtual backpack for pre-sale tickets, 50/50 raffle, and volunteer forms.

## PTO News

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL & LOCKERWORKS!!** It was great seeing everyone at both PTO Ice Cream Socials this week! Thanks for stopping by! We still have some LockerWorks preorders that did not get picked up. We will place them in teachers' mailboxes on Monday. We have a few LockerWorks available for purchase. Please contact [presidentelementary@millburnpto.com](mailto:presidentelementary@millburnpto.com) to purchase.

**PTO DIRECTORY!!** BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND is our coveted PAPER directory. This year you will be able to access the Directory on the App and a paper copy will be distributed. Our membership drive will be the month of September and then we will go to print! Please register at [www.MillburnPTO.com](http://www.MillburnPTO.com). Don't be left out! Register today! Our PAPERLESS PTO system is where all signups, calendars, eblasts, membership directory and purchases can take place in one centralized location. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the PTO Board Members at [www.MillburnPTO.com](http://www.MillburnPTO.com).

**FALL FEST!!** Save the Date!! PTO Fall Fest is Saturday, September 10th from 12:00-4:00 at Millburn Elementary. Games, prizes, food, inflatables, pony rides, and slime the teacher will all be a part of this year's fun! Volunteers are needed to run games and bake goods. Please sign up for an hour time-slot at: <http://signup.com/go/j5m2Vg>. See the flyer in the virtual backpack for more information.

**KIDS RESALE!!** It's back! The Millburn Kids Resale is coming up before you know it - October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. What a great opportunity to clean out those closets and basements and earn some money! Any district parent, student, or employee can register to be a seller. The registration form and spring guidelines can be found on the PTO website and in the virtual backpack.

**Donation Drop Off** - The PTO is offering an EASY way to pay it forward! We are hosting a Donation Drop Off on Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> from 8AM-10AM at the Middle School. If you have yard toys, bikes, dollhouses, other toys or baby equipment in good working condition that your house has outgrown, come drop it off!

We will take all toys for kids ages Infant to Teen in good working condition. We will also take baby equipment, sports equipment and room furniture. Thanks for your support. This event is a success for our students each sale because of the families that sell, the families that donate and the families that shop the sale. Please contact Dani Krieschen at [millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com](mailto:millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**BOX TOP CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** The PTO has kicked off our General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education programs for the 2016-2017 school year. Thank you so much to the parents who volunteered at supply drop off. We are still looking for a few more volunteers. The envelopes will be sent home in your child's backpack and all you have to do is check the labels expiration dates, tally them up and return the envelopes to school. If you are interested in volunteering from home and helping our school earn some free money, please contact the Committee Chair, Denise Ide at [boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com](mailto:boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com).

**SPIRIT WEAR!!** We have NEW Spirit Wear this year! The new design was so popular we SOLD OUT at Supply Drop Off Night at MES! Last year's design is on clearance! \$5 T-shirts and \$15 Hoodies for what's left in stock! Please contact Melissa Giametta at [spiritwear@millburnpto.com](mailto:spiritwear@millburnpto.com) before all sale items are gone for good. New designs and anything left from last year will be for sale at Fall Fest! Get your Millburn Spirit on!!

Upcoming Events: FALL FEST 9/10 at MES, PTO Meeting 9/21 at 7pm at MMS

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

**August**

30<sup>th</sup> AIM Parent Meeting @ MES, 7PM

**September**

5<sup>th</sup> No School- Labor Day  
6<sup>th</sup> Beginning Band/ Instrument Rental @ 4PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Early Release @ 1PM  
8<sup>th</sup> MES Parent Night (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00)  
10<sup>th</sup> PTO Fall Fest @ 12:00  
13<sup>th</sup> EC/SEDOL Pictures  
16<sup>th</sup> Millburn Education Foundation Golf Outing

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

**Virtual Backpack:**

**Millburn Cross Country Information**  
**Beginning Band Information**  
**PTO Fall Fest Flyer**  
**PTO Fall Fest Pre-Order Form**  
**PTO Fall Fest 50/50 Raffle**  
**PTO Fall Fest Volunteer Flyer**  
**Youth Basketball**

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