

## *Mustang Minute: September 16, 2016*

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**MAP Testing:** We will be conducting our fall MAP testing starting next week for our 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders. MAP testing is a computer-adaptive assessment that assists us in identifying where students are at with their learning. There are two assessments: one assessment for reading, another for math. Depending on how they answer the question determines the level of difficulty in the next question. Students will head to one of our computer labs and take their assessment on two different days. Since it is an adaptive test, students may take up to an hour to complete their assessment.

These assessments are conducted twice a year, first in the Fall and then in the Spring. Reports will be sent home in report cards later in the year which will highlight their score and how it compares to similar students at Millburn and nationally. If you have any questions about the assessment, please contact your child's teacher or Mr. Walshire.

**Absence Calls:** Next week, we will begin to use our SchoolMessenger system to notify parents of unreported absences. Parents will receive both an email and a phone call if their child's absence has not been reported by 9:00. Parents will be asked to contact the school immediately with the reason for the absence.

**Millburn Art Club:** Mr. Lacey, our new Art Teacher, is planning on starting an Art Club at Millburn Elementary with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Information on this club is in the Virtual backpack. The cost of the will be \$50 for 10 sessions. To get an idea on how many would be interested, we ask you to read the information and complete the survey that is provided in the flyer. That will help us determine numbers and how many session we would need.

**Visitor Information:** We have been very fortunate to have many volunteers come in the first days of school and we appreciate your help. From Kindergarteners in the lunchroom, to being a recess supervisors, thanks to all of you that have helped. If you do plan on coming in to help, always check in with the office, get a badge, and sign out when you leave. Also, refrain from taking pictures of students as we want to honor privacy with our families.

**Yearbook:** You still have time to order a yearbook for your child(ren). As was last year, you will order it on line. You can purchase a hardcover book if you wish and you can even get your child's picture on it!

On the form in the Virtual Backpack, there is a link and code to use. Please make sure to only order Elementary yearbooks using this code. There is a separate one for the middle school. Please make sure to fill out all the sections properly to ensure correct delivery.

Order deadline is October 1st.

### **PTO News**

**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! If you want to be in the directory and receive a directory, please register at [www.MillburnPTO.com](http://www.MillburnPTO.com).

**SPIRIT WEAR!!** Our ONLINE ONLY Fall Spirit Wear Sale ENDS this Sunday, Sept. 18. You can purchase tanks, performance t's, leggings, pull overs and more, all with limited edition designs. Please use the link to place your order.  
[http://americanoutfittersltd.com/Millburn-Mustangs-ORDER-BY-9-18-16\\_c369.htm](http://americanoutfittersltd.com/Millburn-Mustangs-ORDER-BY-9-18-16_c369.htm)  
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We will have our in stock designs available for purchase on the PTO website. There will also be a sale on discontinued designs. All discontinued t's are \$5.00 (MES SOLD OUT) and hoodies \$12.00 (Only 2 MES Adult Medium Hoodies left).

**KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!!** We hope you are enjoying browsing your Kidstuff coupon book. It's easy to use just a few great coupons from retailers like H&M, Dick's Sporting Goods, Jewel-Osco or Macy's and save more than the \$25 cost of the book! You can also POST! TWEET! or EMAIL! family and friends to order for them. They will LOVE saving with KidStuff...Great for gifts too. KidStuff offers 24 valuable editions. Sell 5 books, get one FREE! Book payment of \$25 due by 9/23 (payable in cash, check to Millburn PTO or online at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com)) or return the unused book by 9/23 to your child's homeroom. Our school keeps 50% of the profit from this sale. Thank you for your support! Questions? E-mail us at [kidstuff@millburnpto.com](mailto:kidstuff@millburnpto.com). Thanks for your support!

**FALL FEST!!** Thanks to ALL who came out to Fall Fest!!

**BOX TOPS!!** Please remember to turn in your Box Tops collections sheets on **Friday, October 7**. For every Box Tops collection sheet (complete with 25 Box Tops) that you send in, your child will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Target gift card. If you don't have enough to fill a sheet, please send in what you can in a baggie with your child's name on it. Every Box Top helps! If you need extra collection sheets, they can be printed out from the virtual backpack. If you have Campbell's Labels 4 Education labels, please put those in a separate baggie with your child's name on it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Denise Ide at [boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com](mailto:boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com).

**RECESS VOLUNTEERS!!** Millburn Elementary School is looking for Recess Volunteers to help all students on both outdoor playgrounds from 11am until 12:20pm, Monday through Friday. Recess volunteers can choose to help one day a week, one day every other week or even one day each month. Please contact Tracy Behnke at [recessvolunteer@millburnpto.com](mailto:recessvolunteer@millburnpto.com) with any questions or sign-up information. Thanks!

**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.

*Upcoming Events: SPIRIT WEAR FALL ONLINE SALE ENDS 9/18, PTO Meeting 9/21 at 7pm at MMS, KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOK SALE ENDS 9/23, KIDS RESALE DONATION DROP OFF 9/24*

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

#### **September**

16<sup>th</sup> Millburn Education Foundation Golf Outing  
20-27<sup>th</sup> MAP testing 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup> PTO Meeting @ 7PM

**October**

5<sup>th</sup> Early Release at 1:00  
6<sup>th</sup> Mid Trimester  
7<sup>th</sup> NO School- Teacher Institute Day  
10<sup>th</sup> NO School- Columbus Day  
14<sup>th</sup> PBIS PARTy Day  
28<sup>th</sup> Classroom Harvest Celebrations

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

**Virtual Backpack:**

**MES Art Club  
Elementary Yearbooks  
Haunted Trailer Flyer  
4H Club Information**

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