

Mustang Minute: September 23, 2016

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Attention 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Parents: Starting this year, we will begin to report grades for students in 3rd-5th grade for the Specials classes (Technology, Art, Music, and PE). These grades will be on mid-term report cards, as well as, end the trimester Report Cards. If you ever have any questions about your child's progress and learning in those classes, please reach out to the teacher and they will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Mr. Gorr (Music)

Mr. Lacey (Art)

Ms. Dajka (Technology)

Ms. Michel (PE)

Ms. Hoetzer (PE)

Bully Prevention Day: Monday, October 3 is Bully Prevention Day around the nation. We are asking all students and staff to wear blue on that day to make a stand against bullying. Unfortunately, bullying does occur, and we want to show others that we not only know how to handle a bully situation, but deter individuals from bullying behaviors. We have committed ourselves at Millburn Elementary to make this a bully-free school. We need the help of everyone to make this happen. Please support this cause by wearing blue on Monday, October 3.

Millburn Art Club: Mr. Lacey, our new Art Teacher, is planning on starting an Art Club at Millburn Elementary with 4th and 5th 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 sessions we would need.

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!! Would you like a copy of the PTO DIRECTORY? Please make sure you register by 9/30/16! This year you will be able to access the Directory on the App AND a paper copy will be distributed. If you want to be in the directory and receive a directory, please register at www.MillburnPTO.com.

BREAST CANCER T-SHIRT!! The PTO is offering a t-shirt in support of breast cancer. The sale is online and will run from 9/16 - 9/25. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to The BreastFest of Champions team which has been walking in the Chicago Avon Walk for 10 consecutive years and has raised over \$400,000 in funds that are given directly to the Avon Foundation-Chicago Walk. Avon takes these funds and immediately allocates them to the local community (hospitals, clinics, research teams, etc.). Our team is made up of survivors and other team members from Millburn and the community who each walk in memory or support of someone that has been affected by this disease. Anne Schiever is a past friend and colleague who is in our memory during our annual walk. Please use the link provided to support this cause.

http://americanoutfittersltd.com/Millburn-Cares-ORDER-BY-9-25-16_c804.htm

KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!! KidStuff Coupon Savings Book Fundraiser ENDS ON 9-23-16!! We hope you are enjoying browsing your Kidstuff 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! Most coupons are long-term and valid for 16 months. AND...our school earns 50% or more profit for every book we sell. This is a NO OBLIGATION fundraiser, but it is the sale DEADLINE TODAY! Please return your envelope with payment of 25\$ (cash, check made out to Millburn PTO or online at www.millburnpto.com) OR return the unused book to school to your child's homeroom ASAP if you have not done so already. You can also order more books for family and friends, which is a great gift idea for the holidays. Sell 5 books and get 1 FREE. Questions? Contact us at www.millburnpto.com.

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.

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 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 21st and 22nd. 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. 24th 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 with any questions.

Upcoming Events: KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOK SALE ENDS 9/23, KIDS RESALE DONATION DROP OFF 9/24, BREAST CANCER T-SHIRT ENDS 9/25, PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR PRINTED DIRECTORY ENDS 9/30

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

October

3rd Bully Prevention Day
5th Early Release at 1:00
6th Mid Trimester
7th NO School- Teacher Institute Day
10th NO School- Columbus Day
14th PBIS PARTY Day
20th Picture Retakes
28th Halloween Celebrations @ 1:00, PTO Family Fun Night @ MES- 7PM

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

Virtual Backpack:

MES Yearbook Cover Art Contest

Hi Five Little Heisman Flyer

Hi Five Little Ballers Flyer

Gurnee Blue Devils Basketball

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