

**Mustang Minute: September 2, 2016**  
**NO SCHOOL on Monday!**

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**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 goals to provide the highest 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 then proceed to homerooms to hear from their teachers.

\*\*\*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents- We are postponing the iPad information night next Thursday after Parent Night. We will be rescheduling for a later date this month.

**Visitor Information:** We have been very fortunate to have many volunteers that have come in the first days of school and we appreciate your help. If it has been helping our Kindergarteners in the lunchroom, to being a recess supervisors, thanks for 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.

**Media Center News:** Your student has been busy in the Media Center this week. They have taken tours of the Media Center and have gone over the Media Center Policies. Many students have already checked out books. Please review the Media Center Policies with your child. They are included in the Backpack.

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir-** A letter from Mr. Gorr on this year's Choir is in our Virtual Backpack. Choir will start on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Council:** Next week during the lunch hour, Mrs. Cipolla will be speaking with the 4th and 5th graders about Student Council. Students will receive a form to fill out if they are interested. There will also be a form on Mrs. Cipolla's website. Our first meeting will be Friday, Sept. 9th. Please send in the paperwork with your student as soon as possible. She will need to have that paperwork filled so your child will be able to stay for Student Council. Student Council will be meeting 2:30 - 3:45 on Fridays. Meetings will be every other Friday with some exceptions (these listed on her calendar on her website). Any questions, please contact Mrs. Cipolla @ [lcipolla@millburn24.net](mailto:lcipolla@millburn24.net).

**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.

**Golf Outing:** The annual DISTRICT FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING is approaching! Grab a foursome and join your neighbors for a great day of fun on Friday, September 16th! This is a great way to meet some new people if you are new to the District. The foundation has lowered the price this year, and there are some exciting activities planned! You can also just join us for the dinner hour! The foundation has been a HUGE help in supporting access to technology and varied learning experiences for our children.

**Fun Fluency:** Our school is offering an exciting opportunity for students to learn Spanish after school with Fun Fluency. Fun Fluency teaches Spanish—the way your brain was meant to learn it!

Students learn Spanish naturally through immersion, movement, games, songs, rhythm, reading and acting out/listening to stories. Fun Fluency's storytelling-based method focuses on long-term retention, not just memorization. Students will quickly see how fun and easy it is to understand, read, and write in Spanish while being immersed in language, play, and laughter.

Don't miss out on your child's window of opportunity to learn a language with ease at a young age. Classes are taught by native speakers and experienced/certified Spanish teachers.

Class fee includes workbook and useful online resources to continue studies outside of class.

Register today at [www.funfluency.com](http://www.funfluency.com)

Email or call owner Anne Dunn with questions 847-845-1166 [funfluency@gmail.com](mailto:funfluency@gmail.com)

Class sizes are limited and do fill up quickly, so register now to ensure your spot in class.

### 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! 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).

**KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS!!** The youngest child in each district family should come home with a coupon book next Tuesday. KidStuff Coupon Books are filled with hundreds of national, regional and local coupons for all ages! The KidStuff Book is conveniently organized, offers incredible savings and is sold exclusively through schools! Our school earns 50% or more profit for every book we sell! Use just a few coupons and easily save more than the \$25 cost of the book...Remember to keep KidStuff in your car! Most coupons are long-term and valid for 16 months! You will enjoy fabulous savings from: Macy's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Sears, Limited, Charming Charlie, Aéro, Payless, Joe's Crab Shack + more! This is a **NO OBLIGATION** fundraiser. Browse the book, if you like it and want to buy it, return \$25 in cash or check (made out to Millburn PTO) to the school by 9/23. You may order additional copies for friends or family on the order sheet enclosed in the book. For every 5 books you sell, you earn one free. There are 24 editions for areas throughout the country. See all 24 editions at <http://www.kidstuffcb.com/kidstuff-coupon-book-editions>. If you are not interested, simply have your child return the book to their homeroom teacher. Questions? Contact us at [www.millburnpto.com](http://www.millburnpto.com) or email [kidstuff@millburnpto.com](mailto:kidstuff@millburnpto.com). Thanks for your support!

**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.

**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. Any recess volunteer help is welcomed and appreciated. 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.

**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).

**WENDY'S NIGHTS!!** Please join us next Tuesday, September 6, between 5-8pm for Wendy's Night. Dine in or drive thru at the Wendy's on Route 45 & Sand Lake Rd in Lindenhurst. Wendy's will donate 15% of all sales back to the Millburn PTO!

*Upcoming Events: WENDY'S NIGHTS 9/6 & 9/13, KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOK SALE 9/6-9/23, 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

### 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, PTO Wendy's Night  
16<sup>th</sup> Millburn Education Foundation Golf Outing  
21<sup>st</sup> PTO Meeting @ 7PM

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

### **Virtual Backpack:**

**Media Center Policies**  
**Beginning Band Information**  
**Choir Letter**  
**Fun Fluency Information**  
**Fall Fest Raffle**  
**Gurnee Park District Fall Activities**  
**Cub Scout Information**

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

