



*Cougar Catch: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

**Good Luck Cheerleaders!** The Millburn Cheerleaders are competing in the State Cheerleading Competition in Peoria this weekend. They have been practicing all year for this event. We wish them the best of luck in this competition. Way to go girls!

**AIMSweb Testing:** We start our Reading AIMSweb assessment on Monday. These are short read-aloud stories that measure student reading fluency. We use this as a screening tool to help identify students that may be struggling and need more reading support.

**Lakes High School Class of 2018 Open House:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents of children going to Lakes High School, please check out the backpack information on their open house. The date is Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Times are by last name.

**High School Visit January 14<sup>th</sup>:** Each year the area high schools like to meet with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders during the school day to talk about signing up for classes, explain electives and other ways to be involved in the high school. We have coordinated this visit on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The high schools will have time starting at 1:30 to meet with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders going to each high school. This is a good way for the high schools to get more information to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournaments:** The end of the season conference tournaments are next week for basketball. Good luck basketball players and coaches in your upcoming games!

**End of Quarter 2:** We quickly ended quarter two on Friday of this week. The kids will change to new related arts classes on Monday. Report cards go home on Friday.

**National Junior Honor Society:** New to the Middle School this year will be a NJHS Chapter. Plans are underway. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be invited to join if they have a 3.5 cumulative GPA and no (or very limited) behavior referrals. Maintaining

GPA, behavior, meeting attendance and completing service hours will be factors for continued membership. The induction ceremony is currently planned for Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Look for more information on NJHS in future weeks.

**March Madness:** The Annual March Madness Auction and Casino Night will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Gurnee. From your generous support, the Millburn Education Foundation had the opportunity to make significant grants to the school district in 2013. Specifically, money was granted to help both schools expand all classrooms to become equipped with projectors and audio systems for teachers. All proceeds raised at the 2014 March Madness will allow the Foundation to continue its focus on funding an increase in technology hardware that supports the new curriculum that is coming into the District. The Foundation works closely with the school Administration to grant the dollars that create the biggest impact to students.

You have an opportunity to play a significant role in the success of the event! A critical fundraising activity for the evening is the themed baskets, which are only made possible from generous parent and community donations. As the holiday season is upon us, many will be shopping for those great deals, and we are hoping you think of the Millburn Education Foundation while out. Several basket theme ideas have been identified and can be found in the attached letter. Additional details on how to donate can also be found in the attached.

Thank you in advance for your support of this year's March Madness and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

**Backpack Items:**

**LPD Kindergarten Soccer**

**PTO Newsletter**

**Market Day**

**Lakes H.S. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House**

**Warren Township Girls Softball Flyer, Registration**

Take care,

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