



Cougar Catch: March 23rd, 2018

Backpack Items:

Millburn Volleyball and Basketball Camps
Discover Golf At Bittersweet (See Flyer in Backpack)
http://bittersweetgolf.com/golf/ecom_v2/ecom.php?cat=101384
Millburn Middle School Graduation DVD
Every Hero Needs a Hero – Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
PTO Luau Save the Date
Echo Day Camp
Twister Beach Party
GLN – Cheer
Gurnee Park District: Programs, Spring Break Events, April Events
WTHS - Cheer

Calendar Link:

Spring Break: I hope that you all have a safe and relaxing Spring Break. It seems like we all need some time with family around this time of the year. I look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Track Practice: See the email that I sent out this week to set up your contact with Coach Perusich. Practice starts on Tuesday, April 3rd. Remember that we need to have physicals on file for kids to participate. The activity bus will start after Spring Break for students that have signed up and paid. The transportation department gives a courtesy email once your child has been added to the roster.

Choral Festival: The Middle School Choir will participate in the Choral Festival at Lakes High School on Thursday, April 5th at 7pm. All area middle schools participate in this event.

ART SHOW: The Antioch Woman's Club Art Show, featuring work from Millburn Middle School artists, will be held on Friday, April 27th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Antioch High School. Come celebrate outstanding talent and enjoy refreshments, and be sure to vote for your favorite artist! Ballots are available at the treat table. See you there!

PBIS: Today we had an assembly to review our referral data. Our students decreased the office referrals from 35 in February to 19 in March! We recognized our Students and Citizens of the Month. Also, the Dance Team performed for our students during the assembly. It was awesome! Check out our newsletter here:

<https://www.smores.com/j8zck>

PARCC Assessment: In April, our middle school students will take the PARCC assessment. The dates for this are 4/10, 4/11, and 4/12. We have created a schedule in which the students will have a morning test session and an afternoon test session. The time between tests will be filled with activities like: lunch, recess, specials, PE, enrichments, and fine arts.

Illinois Science Assessment: Students in 8th grade take this test during Science class. The Science teacher and Social Studies teacher will share students the week we get back from Spring break to refresh on Science reasoning skills in advance of the assessment. The plan is for the students to take the test during Science on April 5th or 6th.

Thanks! Jake Jorgenson

PTO NEWS!!

FACEBOOK!! Please "LIKE" our Facebook page at Millburn PTO for daily updates and fun news!

8TH GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!! Our next meeting is **Monday, April 9th at 7pm** at the MMS Faculty Lounge. At this meeting, we will be finalizing food, decorations and more! Any questions please email presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com.

PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS!! The 7th graders and their parents are busy planning the 8th Grade Farewell Celebration for you. One of the highlights of the evening is a SLIDESHOW of the graduates. Please see your email for instructions on uploading your photos to our dropbox. In order to provide plenty of time to compile the slideshow, **please upload your photos by April 6th**. Any questions please email Denise and Kristin at farewellcelebration@millburnpto.com.

PARENTS OF 7TH GRADERS!! Attention 7th graders, a theme has been selected and plans are well underway for this year's 8th Grade Farewell Celebration. Compete for the chance to have YOUR ARTWORK selected and represented on the event's programs and

DVDs. Please see Ms. Reu TODAY for the competition details as **submissions are due April 3rd**. The 8FC Committee is looking forward to seeing the theme come alive in your artwork!

KIDS RESALE!! THE SALE IS A MONTH AWAY!!! NOW SEEKING SELLERS & VOLUNTEERS!!

Next Friday 3/30/18 is our first registration drawing for anyone who has sent their form into our mailbox or email. If you haven't registered yet but you intend to, please find the registration form in the backpack so that you don't miss out on the opportunity to receive 75% of your sales proceeds.

We are also still seeking volunteers for various times. Here is the volunteer link if you want to sign up and help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afa92ea4ff2-millburn3>
Volunteers are able to shop the presale at 3:15pm on April 20th before we open to the public.

Also let us know if you have older kids that would like to volunteer for the sale!!! We have **SERVICE HOURS** letters we can provide! Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks again for your support! We look forward to another successful sale! Contact us with any questions at millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com.

STAFF APPRECIATION!! We really want to continue this committee next school year, but we need a chairperson for the Middle School. We have two chairpeople for Elementary but we need BOTH schools covered to continue this committee at BOTH schools. If you're interested, please email Melissa Hyde at vicepresident@millburnpto.com and she can answer any questions you may have. Our joint committee is meeting the week after Spring Break to plan Teacher Appreciation Week and we would love to have a new Middle School shadow help us facilitate this last event of the year!

BOX TOPS!! There are 2 more chances during this school year to win the random gift card drawing - April and May. The next Box Top collection is due on Friday, April 13. Send in your box tops in a baggie, envelope or on the collection sheets sent home. Any questions - please reach out to boxtoplabels@millburnpto.com. Thanks!

SPIRIT WEAR!! PTO's **Spring Spirit Wear sale** is now open online for both the elementary and the middle school. The links below will take you directly to the site and we have items such as shorts, tank tops, t-shirts as well as glitter t-shirts and the Millburn combined logo design is back too! Our sale will be open until 4/8 so don't miss out on your chance to order!

<https://millburnmustangs.itemorder.com/>

<https://millburncougars.itemorder.com/>

MMS ACTIVITY NIGHT!! The **LAST Middle School Activity Night** of the year is **Friday, April 13th**. The theme for the night is *Under the Sea*. Students may choose to dress for the theme by wearing their most creative interpretation of the theme. This is a chance for them to be creative, however, please adhere to the dress code regarding short/skirt length, no masks, and no showing of any undergarments. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the student being asked to return home to change.

There will be a DJ & NITRO BALL!!!!

We are looking for volunteers to help chaperone this fun-filled evening! Please contact Denise Ide or Sarah Moore Primack at activitynight@millburnpto.com if you'd like to join us!

FUN RUN!! The Millburn PTO Family Fun Run is rescheduled for Saturday 4/28; 8:30 am check-in!

Mark your calendars for this fun family event! We are now accepting corporate sponsors! If you have a business that would like to sponsor our event or have any questions, please contact us at millburnfunrun@millburnpto.com. We appreciate any and all contributions to this great cause.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! **NOW SEEKING CONTESTANTS!**

Calling all meat smokers/grillers...enter the pulled meat contest at Family Fun Night on 5/18. The PTO is hosting a luau and a pulled meat "cook-off" as a great way to accompany this end of the school year event! All contestants will receive a free meal ticket at the event.

To make sure we have enough food, please be sure to register by 4/20 by clicking here:

[Family Fun Night _entry for pulled meat contest](#) or

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4daeac23a5fe3-ptofamily>

or contact us at familyfunnight@millburnpto.com directly.

Upcoming Events: Spirit Wear Orders Due 4/8, 8FC Meeting 4/9, MMS Activity Night 4/13, Box Tops Due 4/13, Kids Resale 4/20 & 4/21, Family Fun Night Pulled Meat Contest Registration Due 4/20, Fun Run 4/28