



Cougar Catch: August 25th, 2017

Backpack Items:

PBIS Matrix, Bus / Device Expectation

Foundation Golf Outing

PTO Fundraiser Buyout, Fall Fest, Locker Works, Donation Drive

PTO – Millburn Kids Resale: Registration, Seller Guidelines

Lakes High School PSAT Parent Letter

Lindhurst PD: Before and After Care, Fall Program Booklet

Grayslake PD: Frisbee, Dodgeball, Feeder Basketball Tryouts NEW

School Supplies Drive – Millburn students

Lakes Girls Basketball Camp

Gurnee PD Performing Arts, Program guide

Calendar Link:

First Week Recap: The start of the year is always so exciting. This year we had our schedules available one day earlier than anticipated. This helps to resolve the few schedules that are incomplete or double book prior to the school year starting.

We also had a successful rollout of iPad distribution the week prior to the start of the school year. At this point nearly all students have the required paperwork in and have a current Gmail account. This helps us get ready for instruction.

Also, during the first couple days of school, our staff shares the behavior expectations with all the students in all settings of our school. During the summer, a committee of students and staff edited the behavior matrix with middle school language and expectations. I have included this document and a slide from the bus expectations in the virtual backpack for our parents to view. Please check them out.

Golf Outing: Please join us for the annual Millburn Cup on Friday, September 15th. Chances to win \$10,000, \$500 Visa Card, 50” 4K Smart TV and Callaway Golf Equipment!!!

Open the flyer in the backpack for all the details and how to register or click this link:

<http://mef24.schoolauction.net/2017millburncup/>

Parent Night: We are going to try a new way of hosting parents for Parent Night on September 7th. This will involve a combination of a grade level meeting in the Cafeteria followed by smaller group meetings with your child's teacher in each subject area. The intention here will be to give parents more specific information about each subject area and methods of communication.

Times:

6th Grade 5:30 – 7:00

7th Grade 6:10 – 7:40

8th Grade 6:45 – 8:15

School Supplies Drive: A few 8th graders are working on a service project in which they try to collect **new** school supplies for kids in Ethiopia. The collection starts Monday and runs through Labor Day. See the flyer in the backpack for more information. Items that can be dropped off to school include: Crayons, whiteboard markers, Science posters, world maps, calculators, glue sticks, regular markers, stickers, pencils, pencil cases.

Lakes High School: There is a letter in the virtual backpack for parents of students in 8th grade that are going to Lakes High School next school year. There is an assessment session for kids to attend this Fall. So check out this flyer to make note in your calendars.

8th Grade Springfield Trip: We are in the process of making plans with our tour company, Brightspark, for a November trip to Springfield instead of the end of the year. We see many benefits of moving this special 8th grade event to an earlier date. I wanted to give you as much advance knowledge of this likely change. There are some specific details to work out with the tour company to firm up the exact dates in November but we are looking at **November 2nd and 3rd**. I will stay in touch with all 8th grade families with firm details as I get them.

Thanks! Jake Jorgenson

PTO NEWS!!

FUNDRAISER BUY OUT! We all want our students to enjoy field trips, assemblies, activity nights, family fun nights, holiday parties, and more! But most of us don't have the time or inclination to participate in fundraisers. Help the PTO fundraise smarter by participating in our brand new buyout! We are hoping this option will become our future and we can eliminate fundraisers while still achieving our goals to support our students and staff! Please see the flyer in virtual backpack!

LOCKERWORKS! We had a huge demand for these locker organizers at Supply Drop Off and SOLD OUT of our in-stock inventory. We will collect paid orders through 9/1 and place a final order for the school year. We won't be stocking these items, only

purchasing them for paid orders. Please complete the Order Form found in Virtual Backpack and send it in to the Main Office with a check for \$20 made payable to Millburn PTO. Any questions please email presidentmiddle@millburnpto.com

FALL FEST! Come join us and kick off the school year at Fall Fest, Saturday, September 16th from 12pm - 4pm at Millburn Elementary. There will be food, games, prizes, inflatables, pony rides and a balloon twister!! **NEW this year is an INFLATABLE HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPO GAME TO PLAY AGAINST YOUR TEACHERS!!**

Please sign up to volunteer at: [Fall Fest Volunteers 2017](#)

MILLBURN KIDS RESALE! FALL IS COMING and so is our resale! Please save the dates of Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21st for the sale. Seller guidelines and registration forms are now available in print at both schools and in the virtual backpack.

Have a donation for the sale? We are hosting an EASY donation drop off if you aren't planning to be a seller but still want to contribute to this great cause. Bring your donated items to the Middle school main entrance on **Saturday, September 9th from 9AM-11AM**. If you have yard toys, Fall/Winter clothing, shoes, 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 (infant to teen) in good working condition. We will also take baby equipment, sports equipment and room furniture. This event is a success for our students because of the families that sell, the families that donate and the families that shop the sale. Thanks so much for your support!!

Keep in mind, if you have items to donate and this donation drive time is not convenient for you, please contact us at millburnkidsresale@yahoo.com so we can make arrangements. We LOVE donations!

Also, we are now seeking volunteers to help out at the donation drive. Feel like getting your volunteer hours out of the way early? Click here to visit our site and volunteer today:

[Millburn Kids Resale Volunteers-Fall 2017](#)

Upcoming Events: LockerWorks Orders Due 9/1, Kids Resale Donation Drive 9/9, Fall Fest 9/16,
PTO Meeting 9/20

