

8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

Welcome



***501(c)(3) charitable organization**

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What does the Foundation do?

The purpose of the Foundation is to creatively generate, accept and distribute resources to enrich and enhance the opportunities and educational experiences of the District's students.

Where does the money go?

- Annual college scholarships awarded to graduating high school seniors who are Millburn graduates
- Over \$300,000 given to the District for the purchase of classroom projectors, iPads/carts, interactive touchscreens and audio enhancements.
- Annual funding to the District for at need student participation in the Camp Timberlee (6th grade) and Springfield (8th grade) trips
- **Starting this school year, the Foundation will be focusing its fundraising efforts to support the district's implementation and vision in STEM education at the elementary and middle school.**

Fundraising Efforts

- 24 for 24
 - Included in registration packets
- Millburn Cup Golf Outing – September 16, 2016 at Brae Loch Golf Course
 - 18 hole shotgun start
 - Food truck lunch
 - BBQ Productions Pig Roast with raffle
- Millburn Madness – February 25, 2017 at Austin's Fuel Room
 - Silent & live auction
 - Private band performance

How can you support the Foundation?

- Attend one of our annual events.
- Volunteer your time as a board member or provide assistance with a Foundation event.
- Direct financial gifts and check to see if your company will match your donation to the Foundation. All donations are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged with a letter for tax purposes.
- Provide donated goods or services for our silent and live auctions at our events.

Contact us

Website:

www.millburneducationfoundation.org

“Like” us on Facebook



What is the Millburn District 24 PTO?

Our mission statement is to enhance the relationship between home and school. To maintain the working rapport that exists between parents and school staff. To supplement the needs of the school with funds in order to provide the best possible educational experience for the students in Millburn District 24.

Investment in Technology

- The PTO helped purchase LCD projectors for all district classrooms in 2013
- The PTO purchased a cart with 30 iPad minis for the district in 2014
- The PTO purchased another cart with 30 iPad minis for the district in 2015

With your help last year we were able to raise over \$52,700 for the district

- \$24,000+ was donated to all grades through the Student Enhancement Fund where every student receives \$18 to help fund FIELD TRIPS like Camp Timber-lee and Springfield!
- \$3150 was provided to all teachers to help offset the cost of classroom supply expenses with a stipend at Brainstorm!
- \$2100+ was provided in funds for SPECIAL REQUESTS including an ADA swing, Recess Supplies, Social Work Supplies and more!
- \$2000+ was provided to purchase a gaga ball pit for MMS!
- \$4000+ was provided to sponsor School Assemblies!

How did we raise \$52,700?

- KidStuff Coupon Books
- World's Finest Chocolates
- School Portraits
- Wendy's Nights
- Box Tops
- Kids Resale
- Millburn Family Fun Run

What else does PTO do?

- PTO coordinates Fall and Spring Book Fairs and last year we raised over \$21,900 in Scholastic dollars to provide books for both LRCs!
- PTO offers Supply Kits and LockerWorks!
- PTO sponsors three Activity Nights at MMS giving middle school students a place to gather for fun, games, snacks and music!
- PTO sponsors Holiday Surprises at MMS!
- PTO sponsors a District Wide Talent Show at MMS!
- PTO sponsors our honored tradition, the 8th Grade Farewell Celebration!
- PTO hosts staff luncheons and treats throughout the school year!
- PTO decorates the schools, offers Spirit Wear, and much more!

How can you help?

- EASY! Become a PTO Member! Your membership dues alone help us!
- Choose to support us with a purchase of a KidStuff Coupon Book and/or World's Finest Chocolate!
- SEND IN BOX TOPS!!! We earned almost \$6000 last year!
- Sell at Kids Resale! It's a WIN WIN!
- Eat at Wendy's on the 1st & 2nd Tuesday of the month!
- Choose ONE committee and give ONE hour of your time!

PTO Membership

- Register at www.MillburnPTO.com
- BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!! We will be printing directories this year. Cut-off is 9/30 to be included!
- \$15 membership benefits include: printed directory, paperless PTO app for one device, vote on how money is raised and spent, funds our website where you can access sign-ups, calendars, membership directory, purchases and more!
- We meet FIVE times per school year! If you can't attend, our minutes are posted online!

PTO Upcoming Events

- September 10th - FALL FEST at MES
- September 21st - Welcome Back PTO Meeting at 7pm at MMS Media Center
- October 21st & 22nd - Kids Resale at MMS
- October 28th - Holiday Surprise at MMS
- October 28th - Activity Night at MMS

PTO-Who to Contact?

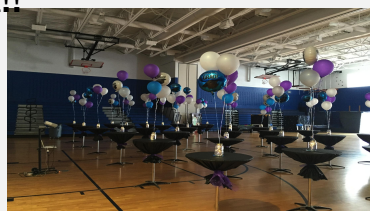
- Please feel free to contact any of the 2016/17 Millburn District 24 PTO Members:
- Lisa Griesser _ Middle School President
- Rimi Singh _ Elementary School President
- Alicia Keys _ Middle School Vice President
- Marci Simmons _ Elementary School President
- Janis Moore _ Treasurer



Kids Resale!!



Recess Balls, Spirit Wear, WFC
and Parent Night Out!!



8th Grade Farewell Celebration!!



Family Fun Run!!



Book
Fairs!!



Gaga Pit!!



Surprise Holiday Celebrations!!

YOUR SPECIALS TEAM

- **Mrs. Harpke –Technology**
- **Mrs. Reu-Art**
- **Mr. Cramer-Music**
- **Mrs. Steinert-Health**
- **Mrs. Rodríguez-Spanish**



NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Señora Rodríguez

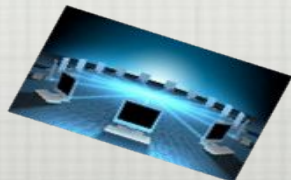
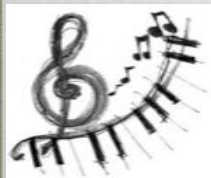


Mr. Cramer

- CHSD 117 and 121
- B.S.E. in English & Spanish, UW-Whitewater
- M.E. in School Administration, National Louis
- Looking forward to working with students, staff and community members at MMS. It's starting to feel like family already!
- Spends free time with 10 year old twins, 7 year old, and husband at kids' athletic events.
- LZHS (Women's Chorale, Treble Choir); Palombi Middle School (7th Grade Choir, 8th Grade Choir)
- Bachelor of Music Education from Wheaton College.
- I love the staff and students at MMS, and am really looking forward to working with and getting to know them.
- Performed in over 30 musicals; married my high school sweetheart (Emma); have a dog named Mozzie.

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT “SPECIALS” CLASSES?

- Well-rounded education addresses the needs of the whole child. That's pretty special! Here at Millburn, our goal is to stimulate and develop skills, talents, and interests that will help children succeed not only in a competitive high school arena, but in the global setting as well.



WHAT TO EXPECT

- Your child will be in a special either every nine weeks, a semester, or the entire school year.
- Art, Technology, Music, Spanish, and Health
- Homework, projects, quizzes, tests, group work, participation/preparation and effort.
- Courses impact GPA equal to core classes.
- Enrichment classes are not given a letter grade.
- Most students have the opportunity to participate in Specials. Some students may be receiving special services or study halls during this period of time.

Specials & Enrichments

Year Long Classes

18 Week Classes

9 week Classes

No Options

Grade	Art	Health	Music	Technology	Spanish
6th	Art	Health	General Music	Technology	
			Choir		
			Drama		
7th	Art	Health	Choir	Technology	Exploratory Spanish
	Art Enrichment	Science Enrichment	Drama	Technology Enrichment	
8th	Art	Science Forensics	Choir	Technology	High School Level Spanish I
		Science Enrichment		Technology Enrichment	

Our department feels that communication is extremely important for student success. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

- E-mail: Usually the quickest response. The Staff Directory is located on the Millburn Middle School Website
- Teacher websites are located under the Parent/Community tab on our school's home page. New Staff's are still under construction.
- Coming Soon! Some teachers may elect to use Schoology. Schoology is a learning management system (LMS) that connects all the people, content, and systems that fuel education.

Gradebook Codes

Code	Meaning
CO	Assignment Collected
LA	Assignment Late
MI	Assignment Missing
EX	Assignment Exempt
AB	Assignment incomplete due to student absence
IN	Assignment Incomplete

8TH GRADE

Expectations

- **Heading on ALL papers: Name, Date, Period/Class**
- **Keep all your belongings in your locker – it must close**
- **Students will not be allowed back to their lockers**
- **Snack may be eaten during 4th period ONLY**
- **Be prompt: 3 tardies during a quarter = 1 detention**
- **Be sure to check the 8th grade website and Powerschool**

8TH GRADE

Expectations

- If you have a concern, talk to or email your teacher – be a self-advocate!
- Your phone must be OFF during the day unless told otherwise by your teacher
- Teachers will answer emails within 24 hours during the school week
- Work can be turned in late until the end of a unit or chapter – with a penalty

8TH GRADE WEBPAGE



Millburn Middle School 8th Grade

District 24



8th Grade Home Page

Welcome to 8th Grade!

Please join us for Curriculum Night.

Our 8th grade expectations are attached on this page.



RELATED FILES



[Behavior/Academic Expectations Letter](#) (PDF 116 KB)



[File 8thgradestudentexpectations.docx](#) (DOCX 15 KB)

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RED WHITE BLUE SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

A large, stylized American flag is waving in the background, with its stars and stripes clearly visible. The flag is positioned behind the text, creating a patriotic theme for the schedule.

Red day- Students attend periods 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 for 40 minutes

White day- Students attend periods 2, 5, 9 for 80 minutes

Blue day- Students attend periods 1, 4, 8 for 80 minutes

SOCIAL STUDIES

High School Articulation

Themes: History, Geography, Economics, Government, Culture

Units: Current Events, Political Science/Election Process, Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam Era, Genocide Memorial, IL St. Constitution

Textbooks: America, Civics, upfront (NYT Magazine), The Vietnam War by Tim O'Brien

PowerSchool & 8th Grade website Social Studies (Schroeder) updated on Fridays

Note: Please send political/election flyers in with your student for S.S. class

SCIENCE

- NGSS standards: physics, chemistry and ecology
- No textbooks
- We do hands-on/experiments often
 - working on a backwards design idea of allowing students to develop concepts after experimentation.
- Powerschool updated every Friday.
 - Symbols will be used to help you understand if assignments are late, missing or if the student was absent for the assignment.
- Homework
 - Have until the end of the day it is due to turn it in without being late, points will be taken off if turned in after.
- Check my web page every day to find out what we have been doing!

ELA

Curriculum:

UNITS

- Fiction/short story
 - Nonfiction
 - American history
 - Native American
- Within those units – poetry, drama, novels (*The Outsiders*, “Flowers for Algernon,” and *If I Ever Get Out of Here*)
 - Narrative, persuasive, analytical essays, and research including cities, careers, and Life 101
 - All work is now aligned with the Common Core Standards
 - Grammar – sentence structure, verb usage (verbals: participles, gerunds, conditional, subjunctive), punctuation

ELA CONTINUED

- Powerschool - Updated weekly - Longer projects may take longer to grade, but they will be indicated as “collected” by a check mark.
- Homework - Homework will be assigned nearly every night, though normally there is class time to complete it; longer projects are ongoing

ELA

New information including the following: late, missing, absent, collected, etc.

Kowal's grades are weighted: homework, classwork, papers and projects, stem words, quizzes and tests

McNeill's grades are based on total points

MATH

- Curriculum
 - Geometry
 - Honors Algebra
 - 8th Grade level Math
- Powerschool
 - Grades are updated at least weekly
- Homework: see 8th grade website
 - Expect homework nightly
 - Can be found on the website
 - We are available before school for extra help. Please email us to let us know you will be coming. We are not available Tuesdays or early dismissal days.



Math (Mrs. McGill)

- » Honors Geometry
- » 1/2 and 8/9 Periods



Math (Mrs. Watters)

- » Honors Alg 1/2
- » Honors Alg 4/5
- » Honors Alg 8/9

MATH

- Test/Quizzes Corrections
 - Actual test/quiz must have a parent signature
 - Corrections must be on a separate sheet of paper and all work must be shown.
 - Must be turned in on due date, no exceptions.
- Books online
 - Algebra (www.classzone.com)
 - Grade Level (www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com)

8TH GRADE EVENTS

- **Ceiling Tiles**
- **Student-led Conferences**
- **Bowling**
- **Lake's High School Musical**
- **Brewer's Game**
- **Springfield**