

PARENT NIGHT

Seventh Grade

AGENDA

- 1) PT0/Foundation
- 2) Co-Taught Classes
- 3) ELA
- 4) Social Studies
- 5) Science
- 6) Math
- 7) Specials
- 8) PE
- 9) Questions

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!
- \$1100+ was provided to sponsor MMS Holiday Celebrations!

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
- Fall Fest

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?

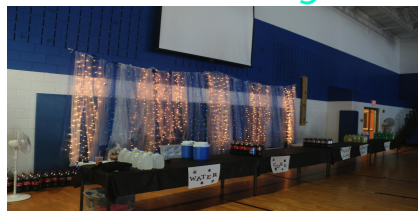
- Please feel free to contact any of the 2016/17 Millburn District 24 PTO Members:
- Lisa Griesser _ Middle School President
- Rimi Singh _ Elementary School President
- Alicia Keys _ Middle School Vice President
- Marci Simmons _ Elementary School President
- Janis Moore _ Treasurer
- Secretary _ Open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



Kids Resale!!



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



8th Grade Farewell Celebration!!



Book Fairs!!



Family Fun Run!!



Gaga Pit!!



Surprise Holiday Celebrations!!





Board Members

Kari Gedville-President

TJ Kelly- Vice President

Mike Silk- Treasurer

Abby Bradley- Secretary

Tammy Harris

Megan Konicki

Shynell Newell

Valerie Powley

Ron Vawter

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

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CO-TAUGHT CLASSES

- Both teachers share in the instruction of students.
- Both teachers share in the planning, organization, delivery, and assessment of instruction.
- Co-taught classes move at the same rate as non co-taught classes.
- Both teachers help all students.
- Both teachers share in the grading process.

ELA

1) Units of Study

- a) How does writing reflect life?
- b) Science-Fiction
- c) Heritage and Culture (Ellis Island)
- d) Characters with Character
- e) Perseverance
- f) Courage (Holocaust Interdisciplinary Unit)

2) Self-Selected Novels

- a) Goal is to read 20 this year!
- b) A new book will be assigned about every 2 weeks.
- c) We may have students choose a book within a specific genre, but many times, they will have free choice.

ELA, CONTINUED

- Website

- One ELA website this year.
- Assignments will have the sheets and rubrics attached on the website.
- Vocabulary section--will have sheets attached and review games for students to use while studying for quizzes.
- Parts of Speech section--will have practice for upcoming quizzes
- Powerschool
 - LT assignments--checkmark to indicate turned in.

- Binder

- 5 sections (reading, writing, vocabulary, parts of speech, notes)
- Vocabulary and parts of speech are cumulative.
 - Students will need to keep practice sheets and quizzes for both
- Many reading and writing handouts will be referenced all year long
 - Maximizes learning time in the classroom if they can find handouts quickly.
 - Have had students in the past keep it at the end of the year to use as a resource for 8th grade/high school.

SCIENCE

- Units

- Life Science-Cells, Heredity, Genetics
- Physical Science-Waves, Electromagnetic spectrum, Force and Motion
- Engineering

- Powerschool

- Grades will be entered as soon as possible after assignments are collected.
- Larger assignments can take up to a week to be graded and entered, but will have checkmark or missing indicator sooner than grade.

SCIENCE, CONTINUED

- Block schedule
 - How does this work?
 - Purpose
 - Blue days-period 3, 6 and 8
 - White days-period 4, 7 and 9
 - Red days-all class periods
- Website
 - Assignments on calendar with color days
 - Resources tab will have notes/copies of some assignments
- Homework folder

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Focus on Civics and US History
 - US Geography, US Constitution
 - US History from Late 1800s to the Cold War
- US Constitution Test
 - Illinois state mandate, all students will take and pass
 - Begin studying in October, test in early November

SOCIAL STUDIES, CONTINUED

- Interdisciplinary Units
 - 9/11 Day of Remembrance, Immigration, Great Depression, Genocide
- Website
 - Assignments on calendar with color days
 - Resources tab will have notes/copies of some assignments

MATH

Millburn Middle School - HS Typical Math Course Progression

	Grade Level Math Courses	Honors II	Honors I
6th Grade	Math 6th Common Core	Math 7th Common Core	Accelerated Math
7th Grade	Math 7th Common Core	Accelerated Math	Algebra I Honors
8th Grade	Math 8th Common Core	Algebra I Honors	HS Honors Geometry
NWEA	Up to 75%	75-95%	95-99%
Warren HS Freshman Year	Algebra I/ Algebra 1.5/ Algebra I Concepts and Skills	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra II/ Trigonometry
Grayslake HS Freshman Year	Algebra I/ Algebra IA/IB	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra II/ Trigonometry
Lakes HS Freshman Year	Integrated Math I	Integrated Math I Honors	Integrated Math II

MATH, CONTINUED

- Access to the textbook online for the common core and accelerated levels
- Notes posted online for all levels - individual teacher websites
- Other online resources (i.e. KhanAcademy.com) have been helpful in the past

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	

COMMUNICATION

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

PowerSchool Notifications Through Email

Navigation



Grades and
Attendance



Grade History



Attendance
History



Email
Notification

1. Log in to PowerSchool.
2. Click on Email Notification on the left side.

What information would you like to receive?

- ☒ Summary of current grades and attendance
- ☒ Detail report showing assignment scores for each class.
- ☐ Detail report of attendance.
- ☐ School announcements.
- ☐ Balance Alert (Note: will only be sent when student is low on funds).

How often?

Weekly



3. Then click on what information you would like sent to you and how often you would like to receive notifications.
4. The last thing you will be asked to do is enter the email address that you would like to use to get notifications.