



Cougar Catch: September 7th, 2018

Backpack Items:

MMS Parent Night Slide Show

MMS 24 Hour Challenge Information Sheet

MMS Yearbook Order Procedure (this was not part of registration)

Blood Drive at MMS sponsored by Millburn Federation of Teachers

Warren Township Youth Programs and Groups

STEM Conference for Middle School Girls

Fall Fest: Advance Ticket Sales, Pot of Gold, Bakers and Volunteers

Millburn Kids Resale Registration, Seller Pricing Guidelines

Calendar:

Parent Night and Schoology Accounts: It was great to have a good turnout of parents at Parent Night. Hopefully the information presented was helpful and worth the time navigating schedules to be here. The teachers and I appreciate the efforts that were made.

Parent access codes for Schoology were available for pick up at Parent Night with directions on how to log in. If you were not able to attend, please stop in at the school anytime next week between 7:30 and 4:00 to get your access code. Schoology is the line of communication for grades, assignments, class announcements, etc. If you created an account for your child last year, we believe that account is still active and you can just use that.

24 Hour Challenge: Please see the detailed information sheet in the virtual backpack.

7th Grade 9/11 Remembrance: The 7th Grade Team is holding their annual September 11th Day of Remembrance on Tuesday. We dedicate this day to educating the 7th grade students about the events that occurred 17 years ago. The culminating activity is a 9/11

panel discussion comprised of parents with military, fire, police, and first responder backgrounds that share their stories. The sensitive nature of this topic is addressed, and the students leave knowing a huge amount of information.

Sincerely, The 7th Grade Team

Informational - Road Closure: Starting September 17th, IDOT will be closing Independence Road from Route 45 toward the school entrance at Freedom Way. During this time, the route to and from Millburn Middle School will be off of Grass Lake Road on to Heritage Drive. Then you will go east on Independence to Freedom Way. This will last for several weeks. As always, be alert and respect the speed limit, especially when driving through residential areas.

Yearbook: The yearbook online ordering site is up and running. Our final deadline is April 1, 2019 and that is also the date when the final quantity needs to be submitted. So you can order all the up until April 1st of next year, but you may want to beat the deadline and order now.

There is a page of instructions on how to either order a yearbook OR check to see if you have ordered a yearbook. It is titled Procedure for Purchasing and/or Checking to see if you have Purchased a Yearbook. It is located on the virtual backpack. Please follow those instructions to place your order. Please make certain that you are ordering from Millburn Middle School and not Millburn Elementary. Also, if you are ordering multiple copies for siblings who attend both schools, please be certain you order from the correct school.

Important Dates:

9/13 and 14 NWEA Testing Reading (during ELA class)

9/17 and 18 NWEA Testing Math (during Math class)

9/21 and 22 24 Hour Challenge (located at MES Track)

8th Grade Springfield Trip: The dates for this 8th grade trip are set for November 8th and 9th. We leave early in the morning like 5:30am and we return on the 9th approximately 4:30/5:00. The cost of the trip is not firm yet but it is typically around \$230. The trip includes great sites like: The Capitol, Old State Capitol, Military Museum, Lincoln's Tomb, Lincoln's Home, Lincoln Museum, Dana Thomas House.

6th Grade Camp Timberlee: The dates for this trip are October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. This is an outdoor education trip. Some events include: Zip Line, Gaga Ball, Carpet Ball, Canoeing, Leather Shop, Science, Wolf Pack, and more! The cost for this trip is normally around \$160.

Future Freshmen to Lakes High School: Lakes requires this year's 8th grade students to take the PSAT. Please reserve Saturday, October 27th in your calendars for this assessment at Lakes High School. Students should arrive by 7:30 am and expect to be

done and ready for pick up approximately 11:15. Please see the flyer in the virtual backpack with complete details.

Thanks! Jake Jorgenson

PTO News:

PTO Registration: We are still accepting registrations for this school year. Please go to millburnpto.com to register.

Website – www.millburnpto.com School CODE: 5SRAMT

Our new PTO website this year will have a ton of information available and all at your fingertips. If you haven't had a chance yet to view it, please do and set up a login and password, so you don't miss out on any PTO related communications. Also, new this year, ALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES will also be on the PTO website and housed under "Volunteer Sign-up." You do not have to be a PTO paid-member to volunteer.

Millburn Kids Resale: FALL IS COMING and so is our resale!

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 8th 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:

[VolunteerLink - Fall Millburn Kids Resale](#)

PTO Fall Fest: The Millburn Fall Fest is a fun way to kick off the school year, hang out with friends and meet other parents. Please join us at the Millburn Elementary School on **September 15th, 12pm - 4pm**. We have pony rides, inflatables, food, 50/50 raffle, teacher/student activity, games and prizes!

Advance Ticket Sales are now open! Buy 40 or more tickets get 10 FREE or buy a wristband at a discount. Advanced ticket purchase is due **Wednesday, September 12th**. See your child's backpack, the virtual backpack or visit www.millburnpto.com for more information.

Pot of Gold our 50/50 Raffle Tickets can be found in the virtual backpack. Try your luck – one **lucky** winner will receive half of the money collected.

Fall Fest is sponsored by the PTO and volunteers are needed to help make this event happen. Please sign up to volunteer on the PTO website at millburnpto.com, any help is appreciated! High School and Middle School students may volunteer as well! Any questions, please contact Catherine Kelly - fallfestival@millburnpto.com.

Box Tops: Our first Box Top Collection will be on September 14th – gather all of the Box Tops that you saved over the summer and send them into your child's classroom by **Friday September 14th**! Collection sheets will be sent home soon – you can glue them on or put them all in a baggie or envelope. Please discard any expired Box Tops.

The classroom with the most submitted will win a classroom party (after the final counts). For every 25 (non expired) box tops your child submits, they will be entered in a raffle for \$25 *Target Gift Card* (this is a random raffle). For every 200 (non expired) box tops submitted get an exclusive *PTO drawstring bag*.

Lockerworks: We have a limit quantity of Lockerworks for sale. They are \$20 each and come in 5 colors. Contact presidentelementary@millburnpto.com if you are interested in purchasing one.