



Mills Moments

John Mills School

“...Going On...”
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Aug 29** Student Council Posters Due
- Aug 31** Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.
- Sept 1** Picture Day; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.
- Sept 5** No School, Labor Day Observance

Principally Speaking

Now that the students have settled into their daily routine, I want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding as we started the new year. I would also like to thank all of the parents who attended their child’s Curriculum Night. It was a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and get to know what your child(ren) will be learning in the upcoming year.

On another note, I received a complaint from one of our neighbors that parents and students are taking short cuts through their property to get to school. No one is to go on people’s private property, but to use the sidewalks and cross at the crosswalks. I ask your cooperation in this matter.

Lastly, renovation work was done this summer on our cafeteria and kitchen. Walls were painted, new tile on both cafeteria and kitchen floors and new kitchen equipment installed. In speaking for our students and staff, thank you Aramark and District 401 for making our cafeteria a pleasant, colorful place to eat!

Band Notes

On **Monday, August 29th** all **5th** grade parents and students are invited to the Beginning Band Open House/Rent an Instrument in the **Elmwood School gym** located at 2319 N. 76th Avenue. Come on in any time between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. to rent your instrument and meet Mr. Hawk, our band teacher. The Q & F music store will also be in the gym with instruments for you to rent and take home. Plan to stay about 20 minutes.

On **Wednesday, August 31st**, all beginning band members and parents are invited to attend a “Band Basics” lesson in the **John Mills gym**. Players and parents will learn how to assemble your instrument, produce a musical tone, and play a tune!

- 4:00 - Alto Saxophones 4:45-Flutes and Oboes
- 5:30 - Trumpets, Trombones, Baritones and French Horns
- 6:15 - Clarinets 7:00-Percussion

6th grade students new to band are welcome to attend both events.

Forgotten Homework or Books?

Children returning to school to pick up forgotten homework or books **must be** accompanied by an adult after 3:15 p.m. Please stop by the office first. Custodians are not allowed to permit entry **after 4:00 p.m.** for the purpose of picking up homework or books. Note: All hardcover books are housed at the Elmwood Park Library, 1 W. Conti Pkwy (in the Circle).

Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

Get ready for school. It’s the beginning of another school year. Here are five things that can get your child off to a good start:

1. If you were not able to make the “Meet the Teacher” or Curriculum Night, please contact your child’s teacher to set up a meeting to hear about classroom expectations and how you can support your child at home.
2. Use routines...morning, bedtime and study routines are especially key to school success.
3. Monitor your child’s homework. Offer help, but do not do the work.
4. Make sure your child is on time each and every day.
5. Support John Mills...attend Parent Conferences, join the PTA. Show your child that school is a family priority.

T.A.P.



On **Tuesday, August 30th**, there will be a brief information meeting in Mrs. Berkery’s room, after school from 3:05 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students interested in joining T.A.P. (the Technology Advancement Program). If you are interested in computers, website design, digital storytelling, cartoon/animation and more to help you become better digital learners, this club is for you! T.A.P. will meet this year on Monday mornings starting at 8:00 a.m. The starting date is to be determined. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Berkery.

Picture Day

We are excited to have Lifetouch Photography take portraits of your child on **Thursday, September 1st**. Your child’s portrait is something that both of you will cherish for years to come so we encourage you to dress your child appropriately and remind them to bring their best expression.

Please visit www.schoolportraits.lifetouch.com/students to learn more about the portrait program that Lifetouch is offering.

Market Day

PTA would like to thank everyone who made a purchase at their first Market Day of the year. Through your participation in Market Day, PTA will be able to provide many exciting items and programs for our children. Let’s try to boost this year’s sales and help support our school! The next Market Day Pick-up is **Friday, September 16th**. Order forms are due by **Tuesday, September 13th**.

Payment of registration fees for returning students must be made by **August 31st** or a 40% late fee will be applied. New students to the District have until **October 1st** to pay their fees.