

Mills Moments

John Mills School

"...Going On..."

November 10, 2011



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov 11 No School

Nov 14-18 Flag Football, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Nov 14 TAP, 8:00 a.m.; Student Council, 3:00-3:30 p.m.; Spanish Class, 3:05-4:05 p.m.

Nov 15 6th Gr. Band, 7:45 a.m.; Art Club, 3:05-4:00 p.m.

Nov 16 Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; Yearbook Meeting, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., EPHS

Nov 17 Choir, 7:45 a.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.

Nov 18 5th Gr. Band, 7:45 a.m.; 1st Grade Scales & Tales; Reflections Entries Due; Progress Reports Sent Home; Market Day Pick-up, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Principally Speaking

I would like to thank all of our parents who attended their child's conference this week. Your continued involvement in your child's education is very important to their success in school.

Next week, we will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the National Education Association's American Education Week. According to the NEA, "Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

The conventions of both organizations subsequently adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week ... observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."

As part of our celebration, we are inviting parents to visit their child's classroom on the days and times listed on the backside of Mills Moments.

Student Council News

Student Council begins collecting for the Leyden Township's Needy Fund Drive on **Monday, November 14th**. They will be collecting canned food, toiletries and new unwrapped toys. Contributions will be accepted until **Friday, December 2nd**. Your participation in this needy fund drive will help many less fortunate families in our township have a nicer holiday season.

If any parent is interested in having a copy of the all school "Thanks" picture that was given to Project Fit America, please email Mrs. Kutrubis at: kutrubisd@epcusd401.org.

Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

Educational research clearly shows that the child is the winner when the home and school work together as a team. What does that mean? It's not as difficult as one may first think:

- Talk with your child's teacher regularly. Don't wait until there is a concern. Call the teacher and tell him/her you are just "checking in" to see how things are going for your child.
- Read to or with your child every night for 15 - 20 minutes.
- Make schoolwork a priority at home. Make sure the work is done and checked nightly.
- Talk in a positive way about school and your child's experience.
- Don't be a stranger. Visit the classroom, even if it's only for a few minutes. Your visit will send a powerful message to your child and the teacher that you are involved.

You are always welcome at John Mills! Remember, when the home and school work together, we will achieve outstanding results for your child!

4th - 6th Grade Physical Ed

Absentee/Band/Late Make-Up Dates

Monday, November 14 th	Monday, December 12 th
Tuesday, November 15 th	Tuesday, December 13 th
Thursday, November 17 th	Thursday, December 15 th
Friday, November 18 th	Friday, December 16 th

**Students must arrive in the gym NO LATER than 8:00 a.m. on the dates given in order to receive full credit.

**Students arriving after the 8:00 a.m. will NOT receive full credit.

**Students will remain in the gym engaging in physical activity until 8:20 a.m.

PTA News

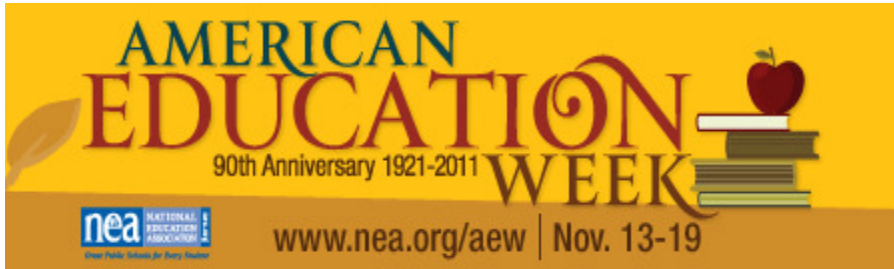
The fundraiser items are scheduled for delivery on **Friday, November 18th**. Pick-up time is 3:00 p.m. in the gym. Plans are underway for the students that served 30 items or more. There will be more information forthcoming.

The deadline for Reflections entries is next **Friday, November 18th**. Please encourage your children (and their friends!) to submit an entry with their interpretation of this year's theme "Diversity Means...". Extra entry forms are available at www.ptareflections.org. - Vicky Ottenfeld, PTA Reflections Chair



This Veteran's Day we remember our family & friends who are serving or have served in our country's armed forces.

Parents, Celebrate American Education Week at John Mills School!



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Tues., 11/15

4th Grade

You are welcome to come to one or all of the activities listed below:

11:00-11:30--Come read with your child in the classroom

11:30-12:10 -- Meet your student at their *special class* (Blair/Sylvano—PE, Johnson—Technology, Romano—Music, Sage—Art)

12:15-12:45-- Have lunch with your student in the *lunchroom*

12:45-1:10--Have recess outside with your student on the *playground*

Wed., 11/16

5th Grade

9:45-10:45--Visit homerooms to do a science lesson on owl pellets

10:55-11:25--Parents can eat lunch with their child.

6th Grade

9:30-11:05--Come join students as they begin their introduction to Ancient Egypt. Students will discuss the mummification process and the science behind it and will mummify chickens.

Thurs., 11/17

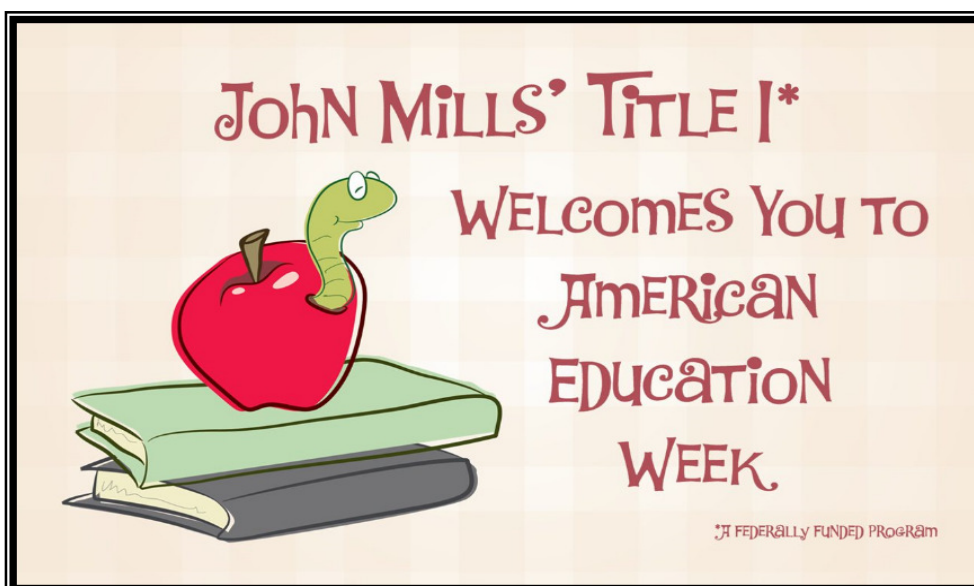
1st Grade--Come join us for a parent/student activity at 2:15 p.m.

2nd Grade

11:00-11:30--Come read with your child in the classroom.

11:35--You can go with your child to lunch and/or recess.

3rd Grade--Read-iculous Reading Activity, students & parents, 2:10-2:50 p.m.



November 14 - 18, 2011 is American Education Week. ALL parents and guardians are encouraged to stop by the table outside of the Mills' Office. Information about what parents can do to support their readers will be available for everyone.