



Mills Moments

John Mills School

“...going on...”

November 18, 2011



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Nov 21** TAP, 8:00 a.m.; Spanish Class, 3:05-4:05 p.m.; Flag Football, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- Nov 22** 6th Gr. Band, 7:45 a.m.; **Choir, 7:45 a.m.**; Art Club, 3:05-4:00 p.m.; Flag Football, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- Nov 23** Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.
- Nov 24-25** Thanksgiving Break – **No School**

Principally Speaking

I would like to thank all of our parents who were able to visit their child's classroom or participate in activities in celebration of American Education Week. I would also like to recognize my staff for all they do to make your child's educational journey an interesting one!

Progress reports for the second grading period were sent home today. After you review the report, please sign and return to your child's teacher.

Due to the Thanksgiving break, we will not have a Mills Moments next week. Mrs. Kutrubis and I, along with the staff of John Mills School, would like to wish everyone a “**Happy Thanksgiving!**”

Student Council News

Student Council would like to thank you for your support of its Taffy Apple Sale. There were **113 cases** ordered for a total of **2,712 taffy apples!**

Student Council will be decorating trees at Central Park on **Tuesday, November 22nd** (rain date Wed., Nov. 23rd). There will be no Student Council meeting on **Monday, November 21st**.

2011-2012 Yearbook Cover Winners

Congratulations to **Dmytro Kuzin** and **Kristina Drosos!** Their work will be featured on the front and back covers of our 2011-2012 yearbook. These two students will also receive a free copy of the yearbook.

PTA News

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our fundraiser this year. Profit sales totaled approximately \$12,000, which will enable us to meet our budget and fund this year's activities, such as enrichment assemblies, ice cream social, birthday books and much more. Congratulations to the “30” and “35 and above” fundraiser sellers (listed on the back of Mills Moments) who will enjoy a limo ride and lunch at Culver's on **Thursday, December 1st**.

Student Council Needy Fund Drive
Collecting Until Friday, December 2nd

Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, I think that this week's parenting tip should reflect giving thanks. Please enjoy the time with your families, remembering to take time out of the hectic season to spend some quality time with your children. Read a good book, take a walk, go shopping, see a Holiday movie, play a game... just enjoy the season!

Santa's Workshop

Santa's Workshop is coming up! Student sale dates are **Tuesday, November 29th** through **Friday, December 2nd** from 11:00 to 3:30 p.m. Contact Vicky Ottenfeld at 1-773-991-8479 or otto7943@juno.com with questions.

PTA Santa's Workshop Presale will be held **Monday, November 28th** from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. *Please join us for an advanced look!*

Musical Moments by Ms. Iovinelli

We have our first musical event of the year, “North Pole Musical,” scheduled for **Thursday, December 15th**, at **1:00 and 7:00 p.m.** **First grade through third grade** will be performing a total of seven songs at **both** day and evening performances. Parents, friends and families are invited and encouraged to attend both. In addition to being a part of the curriculum, they have worked very hard and it is important for them to be recognized. You should have received a song booklet with all the lyrics for the songs in it. Please practice with your children – they love singing for you! More specific information about the concert, including DVD forms, will be passed out at a later date.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all the fifth and sixth graders who applied for music concert jobs. A number of them will be assisting me in making the concert a success.

Back in the classroom, fifth graders have been working on composer projects. They chose a composer to research, designed a biographical poster and made a presentation for the class. **Fourth through sixth graders** have been busy working on their music reading and instrument playing skills for their concert in the spring on May 17, 2012.

Dates to Remember:

- December 15, 2011 – North Pole Musical, grades 1 -3 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- May 17, 2012 – Spring Concert, grades 4 – 6 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Community News

Elmwood Park's Holiday
Lighting Ceremony
Saturday, November 26th, 5:00 p.m.
Central Park (75th & Fullerton)



TOP FUNDRAISER SELLERS

Student Name	Items Ordered
Isabella Lemus	49
Frankie Salerno	45
Nicholas Lombardi	45
Justin Eigenbauer	45
Miquel Ramirez	41
Danielle Roxas	40
Oliwia Chomicki	38
Raya Anabtawi	38
Justyna Kiluk	37
Konnie Kakridas	37
Michele Catucci	37
Isaiah Cartagena	36
Eliana Olivares	36
Julie Diaz	35
Violet Esparza	35
Aliyah Hernandez	35
Tyler O'Hagan	35
Rebekah Spathies	35
Daniel Spathies	35
Marco Lopez	34
Cassidy Lien	32
Luciana Afryl	32
Hannah Peterson	32
Kendall Malmstrom	31
Andrea Ormaza	31
Konstandinos Bouboulinis	31
Ariana Alvarez	31
Jakub Gornik	31
Timothy Luchtman	30
Paula Martinez	30
Brianna Hernandez	30
Jesalin Huerta	30
Ahmed Hussein	30



Students who sold 35 or more items will bring a friend along!