



# Mills Moments

## John Mills School

“...going on...”  
January 27, 2012



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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Jan 30** TAP, 8:00 a.m.; Student Council Meeting, 3-3:30 p.m.; Spanish Class, 3:05-4:05 p.m.; Basketball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.  
**Jan 31** 6<sup>th</sup> Gr Band, 7:45 a.m.; After School ISAT Prep, 3-4 p.m.; Art Club, 3:05-4pm  
**Feb 1** Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; Basketball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Yearbook Meeting, 3:15-3:45 p.m.  
**Feb 2** Choir, 7:45 a.m.; After School ISAT Prep, 3-4 p.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.; Basketball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.  
**Feb 3** 5<sup>th</sup> Gr Band, 7:45 a.m.; Mills Community Closet, 8:30-10am; PTA Family Movie Night, 6-9 p.m.

### Bilingual After School Program , 3-4pm

1st-2nd Gr.—Tuesdays & Wednesdays (Mrs. Drozd & Mr. Hernandez)  
3rd Gr—Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (Ms. Arias)  
4th-6th Gr—Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (Ms. Herrera)

### Principally Speaking

I would like to remind parents that your child must not be dropped off for school before 8:20 a.m. or 8:55 a.m. (on Wednesdays). There is no supervision prior to those times. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students listed on the backside of Mills Moments for achieving honor roll for the second grading period. Keep up the good work!

### Spelling Bee

We are pleased to announce the student who will represent District 401 in the area BEE. It is Max DiFrisco, a fifth grader from Elmwood School. He was one of 30 students from both John Mills and Elmwood Schools who competed. Ivan Popov, a John Mills' fifth grader, was runner-up. We want to congratulate all of the students who participated in this event.

### Six Flags Read to Succeed Program

**ONLY 3 WEEKS LEFT** to complete the 6 hours of reading for the SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED reading incentive program. How many minutes does your child need before he or she completes the goal? If you have any reading questions, please contact Mrs. Dahmer at [dahmer@epcusd401.org](mailto:dahmer@epcusd401.org).

### John Mills Choir

Do you like to sing? The John Mills Choir will begin practicing for our spring show on **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Choir meets every Thursday morning from 7:45-8:30 a.m. If you would like to join Choir as a new member, please see Mr. LoPresti for a permission slip.



American Heart Association  
Jump Rope for Heart  
Tuesday, February 14th

### Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

**Make it personal...**look for ways to tie school lesson to your child's life. For example, if they are learning about verbs, ask them to name their favorite actions—eating, pretending, skate boarding. Relating subjects to their interests builds enthusiasm.

**Reward effort...**when you child works hard on an assignment, let them know you know you noticed. Focusing on progress, not just on grades, encourages hard work and discourages the give-ups.

**Be a guide...**invite your child on your own learning journeys. Tackle a craft together or let them find information on the internet or in an atlas. The desire to learn can be contagious! \*Resources for Educators, 2002.

### 2011-2012 Yearbook

Yearbooks will be on sale until **Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$16.00 payable by cash, check (payable to EPCUSD 401) or charge. For those of you new to our school, our yearbook contains pictures of your child(ren) and all of the events of the year and it is surely a keepsake of many memories the students will have of their time at John Mills School. Please look for the order form, along with a list of those students who have already ordered a yearbook, being sent home today.

### PTA Family Fun Movie Night

**Featuring:** *Dolphin Tale*

**When:** Friday, February 3, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** In the Gymnasium

Bring your blankets & pillows and enjoy the show.

Popcorn, candy and drinks will be available for sale.

Students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Please return RSVP Form by **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**.



### Physical Education Information for Gr. 4-6 Only

**Extra Credit** - Students may take advantage of extra credit for Physical Education class every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** (unless noted otherwise). Students must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. in the gym to earn the extra credit.

**Absences** - Students may earn full points for excused absences by arriving in the gym no later than 8:00 a.m. every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** (unless noted otherwise). If the student arrives in the gym after 8:00 a.m., they will not earn full points.

**SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL - 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADING PERIOD  
2011-2012**

Jorge Alvizures Lopez  
Jad Barakat  
Vincent Bilotti  
Peter Bitterman  
Christian Caballero  
Sarai Camacho  
Katherine Carvajal  
Jennife Catanzaro  
Eliana Chavez  
Sarah Coleman  
Sebastian Corral  
Anaid Cortes  
Bartlomiej Dabrowiecki  
Anna Dabrowiecki  
Alexandra Domagala  
Kristina Drosos  
Justin Eigenbauer  
Gabriella Ettorre  
Cristian Feliciano  
Julia Furgal

Jakub Gornik  
Christopher Grimpe  
Petr Hofmann  
Nikolai Hristov  
Adam Jarocki  
Kamil Kaszuba  
Ewa Kiluk  
Natalia Klotowski  
Paulina Kotarski  
Marcin Krol  
Thomas Lach  
Tara Lakis  
Valeria Lazu  
Oskar Lukacz  
John Maniates  
Wojciech Marek  
Paula Martinez  
Jacob Mazur  
Justin Nieves  
Dagmara Nowik

Talia Nuzzo  
Hallie Padden  
Alyssa Pankey  
Madison Parker  
Gwyneth Pastores  
Hannah Peterson  
Anthony Quinones  
Alex Rak Balzer  
Vittorio Reno  
Aiyana Romero  
Ivan Salazar  
Daniela Salgado  
Samantha Sanchez  
Devon Schumann  
Daniel Spathies  
Jesus Trujillo  
Kate Veliz  
Tatyana Villarreal  
Maddison Walker  
Christopher Whittington

The John Mills  
**Community Closet**  
Is Opening Its Doors!



Do your kids grow like weeds? Do they seem to outgrow clothes before the seasons change?

Then come to the John Mills Community Closet. We will have gently used clothing for children and adults. We will also have gently used blankets and other household linens.

When: Friday, February 3, 2012  
Time: 8:30 a.m.~ 10:00 a.m.  
Where: John Mills lunchroom (in the basement)  
Enter: Through the main door on 76<sup>th</sup> Ave.



(Turn over for Spanish and Polish)