

Mills Moments

John Mills School

“Simply Amazing”

September 18, 2009

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept. 21-24 PTA Book Fair, open after school until 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 21 Summer Reading Logs Due; Student Council, 3:05-3:30 p.m.; Softball Intramurals, 3:05-4:05 p.m.
Sept. 22 Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; Softball Intramurals, 3:05-4:05 p.m.
Sept. 23 Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., EPHS
Sept. 24 Art Club, 3:05-4:00 p.m.; Softball Intramurals, 3:05-4:05 p.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.
Sept. 25 No School for Students – Teacher Institute Day

Principally Speaking

Today marks the halfway mark of the first grading period. Please check your child's school bag to see if they received a progress report. This form must be signed and returned to your child's teacher. The progress report may indicate areas of concern that can be worked on before the grading period ends on **Friday, October 16th**.

Thank you for your participation in completing the Family & Friends Post Card Booklet for the PTA Fundraiser. The students were very excited to get their “Ball Splat” and key chain. Please take this weekend to show your family and friends all the great items for sale. Orders and money will be due on **Tuesday, September 29th**.

Student Council Election Results

We are pleased to announce the results of our Student Council election: Elizabeth Szymonik – President; Jennifer Carvajal – Vice President; Kayla Estrada – Secretary; and George Wiebe – Treasurer. All students in sixth grade who ran for an office and were not elected will serve as a student council representative. Fourth and fifth grade students elected a representative and alternate for their homeroom. Congratulations to all students who did so well in presenting their speeches! Student Council's first meeting is on **Monday, September 21st from 3:05 – 3:30 p.m.**

Physical Ed Make-Up Test

Any 4th-6th graders that need to make up a Fitness Test please come in on the following dates:

Monday, September 21st Endurance Run
Tuesday, September 22nd Curl-ups and/or Shuttle Run
Thursday, September 24th Sit –n– Reach and/or Flex-Arm Hang

Please arrive in the gym **NO LATER THEN 8:00 A.M.** Please remember to bring a partner to help take your time for the Endurance Run. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Rodriguez or Coach T at 708-452-3560.

Parenting Tips

Teaching Responsibility. Your child needs to learn responsibility at home that they can apply it at school. Teaching responsibility is a process and it takes time. Here are some ways to get the process started:

- **Expect good things from your child.** Let your child know that you believe they are capable. Rather than swoop in and solve every problem for them, give them the opportunity to figure some things out for themselves. This goes for everything from math homework to a jigsaw puzzle.
- **Give them chores.** Put your child in charge of certain tasks that are age-appropriate and insist that they complete them. Just make sure that that you are clear about what you expect. Rather than say, “Clean your room,” be specific. “Put your books back on the shelf and hang up your jacket.” Once you give the instructions, leave the room. If you hover, it will seem like you don't think they can handle the job.
- **Let them experience consequences.** So what if your child still won't put their dirty sock in the hamper? Don't wash them on laundry day. The same goes for their clothes. When they realize that their favorite shirt or pants are not clean and ready to wear, they may get the message about where dirty laundry is supposed to go. *2009, The Parent Institute

Simply Amazing!

In keeping with our theme this year, we will report to you when we have something “simply amazing” to tell you about our students. Here's our first!

- The John Mills Flexed-Arm Hang for the boys was by Nathan Robles since the spring of 2008 with a time of 1 minute and 10 seconds. A 3rd grader in Mrs. Penczek's class, James Coleman, broke that record with a time of 1 minute and 17 seconds!
- The John Mills Mile Run Record for the girls was held by Valerie Perrelli since the spring of 2009 with a time of 6 minutes and 53 seconds. A 6th grader in Mrs. Demas' class, Diana Czerwiec, broke that record with a time of 6 minutes and 33 seconds!
- Also, the John Mills Shuttle Run Record for the boys was held by Ernest D'Angelo and Michael Stankiewicz since the spring of 2009 with a time of 9 seconds. A 6th grader in Mrs. Rippe's class, Brandon Corcino broke that record with a time of 8.7 seconds!

PTA Book Fair

A letter and brochure has gone home with the students for the PTA Book Fair scheduled for next week. The book fair will be open from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Parents are welcome (sign-in in the office). Please note sales tax will be added to all purchases. Sales tax is 10% for our area.

Musical Moments by Ms. Iovinelli

Learning music is like learning another language and you should be impressed at how much your students have already learned. First through third graders have already been learning songs for their winter concert as well as learning about melody and how it moves. In addition to that, the third graders have been focusing on reading the names of notes and durations in preparation for recorder playing. Third graders can already play three notes on their recorders and are working on avoiding squeaking noises and correct technique. Fourth graders have their recorders back and have begun the recorder karate program in which they take tests to attain karate belts. Fifth and sixth graders have been working on music terminology in preparation for their upcoming units on music by famous composers and styles of music. We will keep you updated on future endeavors and thank you for your support of the arts!

Dates to Remember:

December 21, 2009 – Winter Concert, grades 1 – 3 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

May 18, 2010 – Spring Concert, grades 4 – 6 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

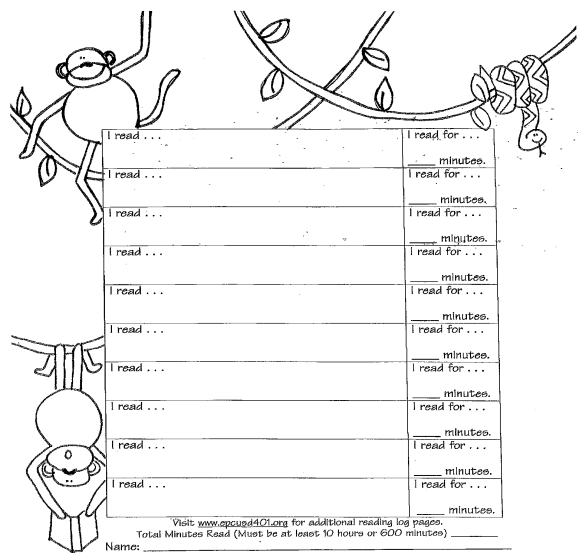
Homework

The following are some helpful reminders to assure your child completes his/her assignments:

- When calling your child in sick, please request their homework (which will be ready for pick-up at 3:00 p.m.) or find out who their “homework buddy” is and request it to be sent home with the buddy. The student has one day for every day absent to make up the work.
- If the child will be out of town, please notify the teacher and request any work that she/he will be missing. Work assigned **must** be turned in a week after returning to school or it will not be counted for grading purposes.
- If your child forgets his/her homework, you may return to the school with your child up until 4:00 p.m. You must check in to the main office. Only students with passes are allowed to come in before school starts for homework help.
- All of our textbooks and workbooks are available for your child’s use at the Elmwood Park library in case they forget to bring their books home.

Summer Reading Logs are due on **Monday, September 21st**. Don't miss the Special Creature Feature Assembly. Wouldn't it be **simply amazing** if we had all John Mills students attend the special Summer Reading Assembly? You must complete the summer reading assignment to go to the assembly. Don't miss out!

For additional logs, visit our website at www.epcusd401.org.



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Visit www.epcusd401.org for additional reading log pages.
Total Minutes Read (Must be at least 10 hours or 600 minutes) _____
Name: _____
Parent Signature: _____

