

Mills Moments



John Mills School "Simply Amazing" October 16, 2009



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 19-21 Student Council Red Ribbon Bracelet Sale, 50 cents a bracelet, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Oct. 20 Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; Soccer Intramurals, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Floor Hockey Intramurals, 3:05-4:05 p.m.; Student Council Meeting, 3:05-3:30 p.m.

Oct. 21 Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; Floor Hockey Intramurals, 3:05-4:05 p.m.; School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., EPHS

Oct. 22 TAP, 8:00 a.m.; Ricky Recycling Assembly, 1:00 p.m. (Gr. 1-3) and 2:00 p.m. (Gr. 4-6); Soccer Intramurals, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Art Club, 3:05-4:00 p.m.; Floor Hockey Intramurals, 3:05-4:05 p.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.

Oct. 23 Choir, 7:50 a.m.; Taffy Apple Sale Ends; Picture Retake Day; All-School Red Ribbon Assembly, 1:30 p.m.; **Report Cards Sent Home**; Soccer Intramurals, 3-4 p.m.

Principally Speaking

Today marks the end of the first grading period. Report cards will be sent home on **Friday, October 23rd**. On **Wednesday, October 28th**, we will hold an awards assembly for the first grading period. Students who were not absent or tardy for the first grading period will receive a perfect attendance ribbon. Sixth graders who achieved a 3.0 or higher grade point average will also be recognized. We invite our parents to attend. Please note the following schedule:

- 5th & 6th Grade - 11:30 – 11:50 a.m.
- 1st & 2nd Grade - 12:10 – 12:30 p.m.
- 3rd & 4th Grade - 12:50 – 1:10 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are **November 4th & 5th**. If you are not scheduled for one, please contact your child's teacher.

Picture Retake Day

This is a reminder. If you were not happy with the photos you received, your child may have his/her photograph retaken on **Friday, October 23rd**. *The original package must be returned to the photographer that day.* Any student who was not present on **September 3rd** will also have their picture taken.

Yearbook Cover Contest

Would you like to see your child's artwork on the cover of the 2009-2010 yearbook? The yearbook team will be accepting entries to be judged for the John Mills yearbook cover through **Tuesday, October 27th**. If your child is interested, have them stop by Ms. Senn's room (118) to pick up the guidelines and special paper.

Reflection Projects due November 5th.

Student Council Meeting has been changed to **Tuesday, October 20th** at 3:05-3:30 p.m.

Parenting Tips

Kids Safety Tips from the Elmwood Park Fire Department...**Be Smart! Be Safe!**

1. Look both ways before crossing the street.
2. Always wear a helmet when biking or skating.
3. Wear your seat belt when riding in a car.
4. Say no to drugs and alcohol and don't smoke.
5. Remember, firefighters, the police and EMT's are our friends.
6. Call 911 in an emergency...
 - a. If you are lost or hurt;
 - b. To report a crime; c. If you see a fire.
7. Don't play with matches or fire and remember...
 - a. If there's smoke, crawl below.
 - b. If your clothing catches fire, stop, drop and roll.
8. Never talk to strangers or accept treats from anyone you don't know. Decide on a secret family password and only get in a car with someone who knows the code.

Musical Moments by Ms. Iovinelli

We have been making lots of music this month. **First through third grades** are starting to focus on their concert music in addition to learning about instrument names and story songs. Not to be confused with the band, choir and drama club performance, our music concert is on **December 21st**. The students have a chance to perform in front of their peers at 1:00pm and for friends and families at 7:00pm. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend both. Ask your children to sing the songs they have learned for you. You will be surprised at what they can do and we can never get enough practice!!

Third and fourth grades are becoming excellent recorder players, with the third grade learning how to read music and the fourth grade starting the recorder karate program and earning belts.

Fourth through sixth grades are learning about composers, musical genres, and music from other countries. They then apply what they learn by performing songs on a variety of instruments including: boomwhackers, rhythm sticks, woodblocks, bells, xylophones, and tambourines. You can view their music grades thus far online. They receive music grades every semester, not every quarter, so there will be many more assignments before the final grade.

Fifth and sixth grade students have the opportunity to help with the Winter Concert. Applications are available by the music room starting **October 19th** and are due on **October 30th**.

Attention Room Parents

Party money may be picked up by the designated room parent starting on **Monday, October 19th**. →



**Attention: Students in Grades 1-3
Decorated Harlem/Irving Ornaments are due on Friday, October 23rd.
No late ornaments will be accepted.**

HOW TO DECORATE YOUR ORNAMENT

- All Ornaments are to be colored and decorated on both sides. You may use crayons, colored pencils, markers, glitter, paint, etc. Use your own creativity.
- Each child's first name only and school must be clearly written near the bottom of the ornament.
- Do not place the student information on a separate sheet of paper. The paper may fall off and the ornament will be left without identification.
- Please keep the small hole on top of the ornament open so that a clip can be attached to hang the ornament.
- Harlem Irving Plaza will hang the ornaments with signs to identify each school. This will make it easy for you to identify. You may check with the Information Center located near Carson's for our school's location.

Early Connections Toddler Program

The program is called Early Connections because it is designed to help your child make a connection with:

- you
- other children
- developmentally appropriate materials
- a teacher
- school environment
- books
- his/her self confidence and ability to express themselves

Parents are included in this program to also make connections with:

- your child
- other parents
- resources within the school district (lending library, parent meetings, information about child development)
- appropriate and meaningful ways to foster your child's development

Our day will generally include:

- free choice Playtime – kids will explore math, science, reading and art concepts through play
- cleanup time – everyone is encouraged to help
- group time – including a story, song and group activity
- healthy snack

Participants must:

- live in Elmwood Park
- have a toddler between the ages of 18 to 36 months(as of 9-1-09)
- attend class with your child on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon

Classes are forming now and the program is FREE !!!

**If interested please contact Ann Udell at the
Elmwood Park Early Childhood Center.
(708) 583-5860**