



Mills Moments

John Mills School

“Simply Amazing”

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 1 Central Daylight Savings Ends-Move clock 1 hr. back

Nov. 2 Student Council, 3:05-3:30 p.m.; Soccer Intramurals, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Nov. 3 Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; Cheerleading/Tumbling Intramurals, 3:05-4:00 p.m.

Nov. 4 Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:00 p.m.

Nov. 5 PTA Reflections Deadline; Art Club, 3:05-4:00 p.m.; Young Rembrandt's, 3:10-4:10 p.m.; Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:00 p.m.

Nov. 6 NO SCHOOL

Principally Speaking

Please note Mills Moments is going home a day early due to Halloween activities and all of the “take home” goodies.

This is a reminder. Parent/Teacher Conferences are next week. If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment, please contact the main office at 452-3560.

On another note, please call the main office or send a note if you need to pick up your child early from school.

In Need of Translating for Parent/Teacher Conferences?

Uwaga Rodzice!

Zbliżają się wywiadówki **4 i 5 Listopada**. Prosimy w miarę możliwości przyprowadzić kogoś, kto pomoże w porozumieniu się z nauczycielem dziecka. Szkoła nie może zagwarantować tłumacza, choć w czasie wywiadówek będą nauczyciele Pani Drozd i Onyszkiewicz mówiący po polsku i pomagające w niektórych spotkaniach.

Padres de Familia

Por favor, si vienen a la reunion con la maestra el **4 y 5 de Noviembre** vengan con alguien que pueda traducir el ingles. Es importante comunicar con la maestra de su hijo. Mr. LoPresti estara aqui para traducir, pero tal vez no puede asistir a todas las reuniones.

Taffy apple orders (1 case or less) will be delivered to the classrooms on **Tuesday, November 3rd**. Large orders will be placed in the office.



Parenting Tips

Red Cross Halloween Safety Tips for Adults and Children

With witches, goblins, and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods across America, the American Red Cross offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun.

- 1) Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- 2) Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.
- 3) Cross the street only at corners.
- 4) Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- 5) Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)
- 6) Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.
- 7) Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- 8) Keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- 9) Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- 10) Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- 11) Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- 12) Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- 13) Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

Market Day

This month our school can earn extra dollars by making a “Dessert” purchase. It's a perfect way to get ready for the Thanksgiving holiday. Market Day orders are due on **Thursday, November 5th**. You may also order online at www.marketday.com until 11:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 10th**.



Collection boxes due **Monday, November 2nd**.

(a project of EPHS Key Club)

How Parents Can make the Most of Parent-Teacher Conference

Before the Conference – 1) Talk with your child. Find out what your child sees as his or her best and worst subjects. Ask your child if there is anything he or she wants you to discuss with the teacher. 2) Jot down a few notes about what you want to talk about, especially any concerns you have.

During the Conference – 1) Arrive on time. 2) Ask your most important questions first - time is often limited. Some good questions to ask include: What are my child's areas of strength and weakness? - Is my child working up to his or her ability? – How well does my child get along with others? 3) Ask the teacher for specific suggestions on how you can help your child do better.

After the Conference – 1) Discuss the conference with your child. 2) Follow through on suggestions agreed upon at the conference. 3) Follow up with the teacher to see that needed improvements are occurring.

Library News

District 401 is happy to announce that we still have World Book Online as a web based resource for our students and families. World Book Encyclopedia is a comprehensive resource for all ages. Students can access it from every school in the district AND from home, too. Take some time this week to research topics of interest. In addition to the usual encyclopedia articles, you'll find a Biography Center, Research Tools, Featured Video, Quizzes and Activities, and Most Popular Articles. You can also switch to another World Book Site: World Book Discover, World Book Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos (Spanish-language Encyclopedia) World Book Kids, or World Book Student.

At this time we would also like to mention WebPath Express which is a free service provided for your child through our District Online Catalog. WebPath Express provides a list of safe and age appropriate web sites, with descriptions and links, about topics or subjects that your child might have to research for a project or report.

Directions for these sites are listed below...



World Book Online Reference Center

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Login.
3. Click on Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox or any other search engine you use.
4. Search Box: Type in **www.epcusd401.org** and click on search or go.
5. Click on the **John Mills Elementary** tab at the top of page.
6. Click on **Library Media Services**, found on left side of screen.
7. Click on **World Book**.
8. Enter Remote Login ID: **epsd401**
9. Enter Password: **epsd401**



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