

# Mills Moments



**John Mills School**  
**“Simply Amazing”**  
**November 20, 2009**



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## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Nov. 23** Choir, 7:50 a.m.; **6<sup>th</sup> Gr Band Practice**, 7:55 a.m.; Leyden Township Needy Fund Continues; Flag Football Intramurals, 3-4 p.m.; Student Council, 3:05-3:30 p.m.; Cheerleading/Tumbling Intramurals, 3:05-4 p.m.

**Nov. 24** **6<sup>th</sup> Gr Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.**; Drama Club, 8 a.m.; Classroom Spelling Bee Day; Ms. Breitzman's Reading Field Trip; Stamp Club, 3-3:45 p.m.; Flag Football Intramurals, 3-4 p.m.; Cheerleading/Tumbling Intramurals, 3:05-4 p.m.

**Nov. 25** Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip; Flag Football Intramurals, 3-4 p.m.; Cheerleading/Tumbling Intramurals, 3:05-4 p.m.

**Nov. 26-27** 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 commend our students for their outstanding trick-or-treating for UNICEF. EPHS' Key Club collected a total of \$1500.00 of which \$885.00 came from our school.

Our Student Council will continue collecting for Leyden Township's Needy Fund Drive. With the economy as it is, there are many families who are suffering and do not have enough food to feed their children. As we enter this season of giving, I'm hoping every student will participate and bring in canned food, toiletries or an unwrapped gift to be given to our township's less fortunate.

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”!**

### P.E. Absences and Make-ups

As stated in the John Mills P.E. syllabus, “Each student is responsible for making up any missed class work. Make-ups will be at the discretion of the teacher. If a student does not participate, he or she must have a written excuse from their parent/guardian (signed by the school nurse) or a physician. Class credit is offered on the first Tuesday and Thursday of every month from 8:00-8:20 am. It is the responsibility of the student to see the teacher for class credit following **ALL** absences.”

### Community News

*Elmwood Park's Holiday Stroll through the Park*  
*Saturday, November 28th*  
*Central Park (75<sup>th</sup> & Fullerton), 6:00 p.m.*

*Check out John Mills' tree decorations!*

## 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 family holiday movie (I would highly recommend my favorites **It's a Wonderful Life** and **The Polar Express**), play a game, just enjoy the season!

## Musical Moments by Ms. Iovinelli

We have our first musical event of the year, “Humbug!” scheduled for **Monday, December 21**, at **1:00 and 7:00 p.m.** **First grade through third grade** will be performing a total of eight 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. 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 18, 2010.

### Dates to Remember:

December 21, 2009 – Winter Concert, grades 1 -3 at 1 & 7 p.m.  
May 18, 2010 – Spring Concert, grades 4 – 6 at 1 and 7 p.m.

## 2009-2010 Yearbook

Don't forget to order one. Sale ends on **December 7, 2009**. Cost is \$16.00, checks payable to District #401. The following students paid for a yearbook at Payment of Fees in August: A. Bakun, R. DeLuna, J. Eigenbauer, T. Glodzik, K. Kakridas, K. Kaszuba, D. Marcisz, M. Parillo, H. Peterson, G. Rajendran, A. Reid, M. Sawicki, A. Schnoebelen, A. Sowinska, M. Sowinski, A. Sullivan, S. Tercjak, V. Valdes, S. Waz and J. Zygula.

We had two winners for the 2009-2010 Yearbook Contest. Congratulations to sixth graders, Anthony Schnoebelen and Melenie Calderon, whose artwork will appear on this year's cover!

## Santa's Workshop



Santa's Workshop is coming up! Student sale dates are Tuesday, December 1st through Friday, December 4th from 11:00am to 3:30pm. Contact Vicky Ottenfeld at 1-773-991-8479 or [otto7943@juno.com](mailto:otto7943@juno.com) with questions.

PTA Santa's Workshop Presale will be held Monday, November 30th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Interested parents may still join John Mills PTA and attend!

**PTA News**

Mrs. Fang would like to thank all of the parents and students who volunteered to help with this year's fundraiser.

If you have not yet become a member of John Mills PTA, we are asking that you do so. Your \$5.00 membership fee allows PTA to continue to sponsor all of the many wonderful programs, such as assemblies, book fairs, ice cream social, just to name a few. Please return this sheet along with the \$5.00 membership fee to the main office.

**JOHN MILLS PTA  
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET  
MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$5.00 PER PERSON**

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 (PLEASE PRINT)  
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**I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR:**

**CIRCLE ONE**

ROOM PARENT (WILL BE SELECTED BY SEPT. 1)	YES	CALL or EMAIL
MARKET DAY	YES	CALL or EMAIL
MEMBERSHIP	YES	CALL or EMAIL
LIBRARY AID	YES	CALL or EMAIL
BOOK FAIR	YES	CALL or EMAIL
FAMILY FUN NIGHT /CHAIRPERSON	YES	CALL or EMAIL
ICE CREAM SOCIAL	YES	CALL or EMAIL
SANTA'S WORKSHOP	YES	CALL or EMAIL
OUTDOOR SIGN-SET-UP	YES	CALL or EMAIL
TEACHER APPRECIATION	YES	CALL or EMAIL
SPIRIT WEAR/CHAIRPERSON	YES	CALL or EMAIL
PARENT EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON	YES	CALL or EMAIL
HEALTH CHAIRPERSON	YES	CALL or EMAIL
LEGISLATION/BYLAWS CHAIRPERSON	YES	CALL or EMAIL
DARE CHAIRPERSON	YES	CALL or EMAIL
HOSPITALITY	YES	CALL or EMAIL
SAFETY HOME CHAIRPERSON	YES	CALL or EMAIL
CULTURAL ARTS CHAIRPERSON	YES	CALL or EMAIL
FUNDRAISING	YES	CALL or EMAIL
SUNSHINE & CONDOLENCES	YES	CALL or EMAIL

OFFICE USE ONLY:

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DATE CARD GIVEN \_\_\_\_\_