

# Mills Moments



**John Mills School**  
"Simply Amazing"  
December 11, 2009



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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Dec. 14 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.;** Going Green Science Club, 3-4 p.m.  
**Dec. 15 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.;** Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Shedd Aquarium; Stamp Club, 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
**Dec. 16** Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., EPHS  
**Dec. 17 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.;** TAP, 8 a.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.; Yearbook Meeting, 3:15-3:45 p.m.; Family Reading Night  
**Dec. 18 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.**

### Principally Speaking

I would like to commend our Band, Drama and Choir members for putting on a great winter concert. Thank you to our staff members, Mrs. Drozd, Mr. Hawk, Mr. LoPresti and Mrs. Rippe, who did a great job in directing and bringing out our students' musical and acting talents.

### Musical Moments by Ms. Iovinelli

We have our first musical event of the year, "Humbug," scheduled for **Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**, 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. The evening concert will be recorded and available on DVD for \$20. The form is on the back of Mills Moments if you are interested.

Parents, friends and families are invited and encouraged to attend both performances. Unless your child has a valid excuse, I expect all students in grades 1 – 3 to be at the 7:00 p.m. performance. In addition to being a part of the curriculum, they have worked very hard and it is important for them to be recognized. I ask that the children dress in appropriate concert attire. We have been learning about etiquette and appearance for concerts in class, so now is the time to reinforce that. I also ask that for the evening concert, the kids are dropped off by 6:45 p.m. the latest. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will go to their classrooms. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will go to the cafeteria. You may then proceed to get those front row seats!!

Thank you for your support and we can't wait for you to see what we have learned.

**YOU MUST CALL 708-583-6288**  
BY 9:00 A.M.  
**EVERY DAY YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT.**

## Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

Be Interested...Make sure that your child knows that his/her academic progress is important to you. Know your child's teacher's names and what subjects they teach. Attend all curricular nights and parent conferences. Know when each grading period ends and make sure that you see all progress reports and report cards as soon as they come out. Also, check our school's web site ([www.epcusd401.org](http://www.epcusd401.org)) often to keep up with what's new.

### P.E. Physical Fitness Test Make-up Dates

The following tests will occur in the gym at 8 a.m.:

- Monday, December 14** Endurance Run (Please bring someone to help record your time.)  
**Tuesday, December 15** Shuttle Run and Curl-ups  
**Thursday, December 17** Flex-Arm Hang and Sit-n-Reach  
**Friday, December 18** Endurance Run (Please bring someone to help record your time.)

### Family Reading Night

Family Reading Night is next **Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will tally how many students have read since September and will award the classroom who has read the most for the first semester a special treat. This is a perfect time to read one of your favorite holiday books with your child!

### Yearbook

Have you ordered your yearbook? The deadline has been extended. The cost is only \$16.00.

### Young Rembrandts

Please be aware the flier for the new session had an error regarding the day Young Rembrandts meets. It will continue to meet on "Thursday" not "Friday".

### Community News

Meet and Take Pictures with Santa  
(Sponsored by EPHS Marketing Apprentice Group)  
Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
EP Parks & Recreation Center  
Cost: \$5 per family

## CHANGES TO CALENDAR

Student Council **will not meet** on 12/14 & 12/21.

**No Stamp Club** on 12/22



# Humbug!

## VIDEOS

We are pleased to announce that we will be video taping the winter concert, Humbug!, presented by **John Mills School on December 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please use the order form below to capture this special event forever!

Available on **DVD** and **VHS**.

**Reserve your copy Today!**

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### Order Form

(John Mills School – December 2009)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity

\_\_\_\_\_ DVD x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ VHS x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_



\*\* Please return order form to **Ms. Iovinelli** with payment. \*\*

\*\* Ordering deadline is **December 18<sup>th</sup>** \*\*

\*\* If paying by check, make checks payable to: **Zaker Video Productions, Inc.** \*\*

\*\* Orders will be delivered to school approximately 2 weeks after ordering deadline. \*\*