



# Mills Moments

## John Mills School

“Simply Amazing”

January 8, 2010



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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Jan. 11 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.;** Going Green Science Club, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Student Council, 3:05-3:30 p.m.; Basketball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

**Jan. 12 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.;** Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; Stamp Club, 3:00-3:45 p.m.; Variety Show Tryouts, 3:00-4:30 p.m.; Speech & Drama Team, 3:15-4:00 p.m.

**Jan. 13** Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; HINI Vaccinations; Basketball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

**Jan. 14 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.;** TAP, 8:00 a.m.; Variety Show Tryouts, 3:00-4:30 p.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.; Yearbook Meeting, 3:15-3:45 p.m.; Title I Family Night, 4:30 p.m.

**Jan. 15 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.;** Market Day Orders Due; **Report Cards Sent Home;** Basketball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

### Principally Speaking

I would like to welcome everyone back. I hope you had a fun-filled winter break. Thank you to all who helped us get in the holiday spirit: Mrs. Ottenfeld and her volunteers for Santa’s Workshop; our Band, Choir & Drama Club members; Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Demas and their Student Council members, who ran the Leyden Needy Fund Drive and put up our students’ decorations at Central Park; room parents who came with refreshments for classroom parties; Mrs. Estrada, grandparent of sixth grader Kayla Estrada, who so beautifully decorated our holiday tree in Mill’s maroon and gold; and Ms. Iovinelli and her first, second and third grade students, who put on a fantastic show! It was a “Simply Amazing” holiday time!

Our second grading period ended on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Report cards will be sent home on **Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** in a new format, produced electronically from our PowerSchool data base. After you review your child’s report card, please sign and return the report card envelope to your child’s homeroom teacher.

If you haven’t returned the permission slip for your child to receive the HINI vaccine on **Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**, and wish to do so, please return it no later than **Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will send home more information on Monday as to the time your child will receive the vaccine in case you wish to be here with them.

### Mrs. McCall’s Tips for Reading

Look for January’s Reading Connection sent home today with the students.

### **VARIETY SHOW TRYOUTS**

January 12 & 14, 3:00-4:30 p.m., gymnasium  
Permission slip on the back of Mills Moments needs to be turned in no later than **Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

**Stay in Touch...**All children need and deserve daily personal contact with their parents. This contact provides support and guidance for children and keeps parents informed about what is going on in their children’s lives.

- Each day, spend a few minutes with your child, talking and listening with patience and love.
- Show affection daily.
- Ask your children how you can support them.
- Talk to your children about reading-what they are reading and what you are reading.
- Allow your children to succeed by contributing and participating in the family’s daily routines.
- Share family stories which bring a sense of meaning and belonging.
- Encourage them to use their imagination and creativity in solving problems.
- Expect your children to do their best and to take responsibility for what they do.

### Young Authors

It’s Young Author’s time! Be on the lookout for a letter from your child’s teacher. Please be sure to return the slip of paper stating whether or not you want to order additional copies for your relatives. Each child will automatically receive a complimentary copy. Ask your child about the topic of his/her Young Author’s book!

### Chess Class

We will once again offer “Chess Wizards”, a chess class for all students, grades 1-6. It’s an 8-week session on Mondays, from 3:00-4:00 p.m., beginning on **January 25<sup>th</sup>**. The price of the session is \$80.00, payable to Chess Wizards. Please look for the registration sheet sent home today. If we do not have a minimum of 10 students signed up, the session will be cancelled.

### Mark Your Calendar

5<sup>th</sup> Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation  
**Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m.**

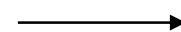


### Reading Corner...

By now many of our John Mills’ readers are well on their way to finishing the 6 hours of reading needed to earn a **free ticket to Great America**. Please encourage your child to **read every day** and to **keep track of the minutes read on the Student Reading Log**. Completed reading logs are **due on or before Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dahmer at [dahmerp@epcusd401.org](mailto:dahmerp@epcusd401.org).

### BoxTops for Education

Thank you for your on-going support of this program. We earned a total of \$654.80. Keep collecting!!



# John Mills Variety Show Tryouts

Variety Show Try-outs will be held from 3:00-4:30 in the gym on:  
Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday January 14

**Must meet the following requirements to be in the show:**

- Performance should be no longer than 3-4 minutes
- If using music, lyrics must be appropriate
- Practices will be start the first week in February and will meet on Tuesdays
- You are expected to arrive on time at 3:05 p.m. for each practice.
- You must attend both performances for the variety show which is May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- M.C. 's must also try-out. (Prepare a 1 to 2 minute performance with an intro, couple jokes, and a closing.)

**Permission slips must be returned by January 11<sup>th</sup> to Ms.  
LeCrone**

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Variety Show Permission Slip

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

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you part of a group? Circle Yes or NO If so, please list all group member names:

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If music will be used in your performance, please list the musician's name and name of the song:

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Are there any additional items you might need for your performance? If so please list:

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