

Mills Moments



John Mills School
"Simply Amazing"
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan. 18 Martin Luther King's Birthday Observance – **NO SCHOOL**

Jan. 19 Institute Day – **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Jan. 20 Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; Basketball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., EPHS

Jan. 21 5th Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; TAP, 8:00 a.m.; Awards Assembly, 5th & 6th Grade, 11:30 a.m., 1st & 2nd Grade, 12:10 p.m., 3rd & 4th Grade, 12:50 p.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.; Family Reading Night

Jan. 22 5th Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; District Spelling Bee at Mills, 9:00 a.m.; Market Day Pick-Up, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Basketball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Principally Speaking

Report cards were sent home today for the second grading period. Congratulations to all the students for all their hard work this quarter. I hope you will be able to join us at the Awards Assembly for the second grading period to be held on Thursday, January 21st (times listed above). Awards will be given for perfect attendance, participation in special events, and 6th grade honor roll.

Please note there will be **no school** for the students on **Monday and Tuesday** of next week.

Please refer to the back of Mills Moments for a list of students who have purchased a yearbook. We are down in the amount of yearbooks sold this year and we need to sell a certain amount to keep the cost at \$16.00. For those of you new to our school, our yearbook contains pictures of your child(ren) and all of the events of the year and it is surely a keepsake of many memories the students will have of their time at John Mills School.

Family Reading Night

Next Thursday is Family Reading Night. We begin a new tally of readers for both primary and intermediate grades to win a treat in May. First semester winners, Mrs. Belluomini's 2nd graders and Mrs. Johnson's 4th graders, will enjoy a special play time of dodge ball with Mr. Herbert and Mrs. Kutrubis.

Spelling Bee



On **Friday, January 22nd at 9:00 a.m.** semi-finalists from Elmwood School and John Mills School will compete at the District Spelling Bee in John Mills' gymnasium. Parents are welcome to attend!

Spring Break

We've had several calls asking the dates for spring break. There will be **no school** on **April 2-9**. We would like to remind you that the school calendar is in our Parent-Student Handbook and on our website at www.epcusd401.org.

Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

Being in touch with your children means taking the time to give them your full attention, encouraging them to talk, listening, and moving the conversation forward. Be curious about life and our children's thoughts by asking open-ended questions about their day, their experiences, their joys and their fears. Here are some "conversation encouragers" that add to the richness of your conversations. Tell me about...

- Something you learned in school today...(school subject)
- Something you learned today...(life lesson)
- What were you thinking or feeling?
- What do you think that person was thinking or feeling?
- Who did you make a difference for today?
- What about that is important to you?

Chess Class

There's still time for your child to sign up for "Chess Wizards", a chess class for all students, grades 1-6 which begins on **January 25th**. The price of the session is \$80.00, payable to Chess Wizards. If we do not have a minimum of 10 students signed up, the session will be cancelled.



Reading Corner...

Just a reminder... There are only 3 weeks left to finish your **6 Hour Read to Succeed** reading goal. Recording sheets are due to the classroom teacher by **Friday, February 5th**. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE! LATE ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED!**

Metra...

To promote train safety, Metra has sent our students a pencil case, with pencils, a ruler and an eraser. Metra's slogan is reinforced on the pencil case: "**Be Safe, Be Smart...Stay Schooled on the Safety Rules**". Rules are also visible: always look and listen when near train tracks; don't wear headphones near train tracks; never play on the tracks; be careful when crossing; obey safety signals; and don't use tracks as a shortcut.

Market Day

If you haven't placed an order yet and still wish to do so, you may order online at www.marketday.com. The deadline for internet orders is noon on **Tuesday, January 19th**. Market Day pick-up is on **Friday, January 22nd at 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

Save the Date!

PTA Family Fun Night
Friday, March 12th



