



Mills Moments

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

- Jan. 25** 6th Grade Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; Chess Wizards, 3:00-4:00 p.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. 26** 6th Grade Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; Speech & Drama Team, 3:15-4:00 p.m.; Stamp Club, 3:00-3:45 p.m.
- Jan. 27** Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; Basketball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- Jan. 28** 5th Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; TAP, 8:00 a.m.; D.A.R.E. Graduation, 1:30 p.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.; Yearbook Meeting, 3:15-3:45 p.m.
- Jan. 29** 5th Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; Basketball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Principally Speaking

I would like to follow-up on a very important matter. In December there were a number of students who went home in the afternoon due to stomach ailments and a high number of absences were called in the following day. In order to rule out the possibility of food poisoning, samples of food served that day were sent out for testing. We have received the results and would like to inform you all food tested "negative" and no toxicity was observed.

Congratulations to the 6th grade students listed on the backside of Mills Moments for achieving honor roll for the second grading period. Keep up the good work!

Spelling Bee

We are pleased to announce the student who will represent District 401 in the area BEE. It is our very own sixth grader, **Daniel Surowiec**. He was one of 30 students from both John Mills and Elmwood Schools who competed in the spelling bee. **Konrad Malinowski**, a fifth grader at John Mills, was runner-up. We want to congratulate all of the students who participated in this event.

Candy Gram Sale

Our Student Council members will be busy next week selling candy grams for students' favorite friends in school. Students will have the opportunity to purchase the grams for 25 cents beginning **Monday, January 25th after school in the main lobby from 3:00-3:30 p.m.** Please have money in an envelope with the "To & From" names on the envelope. Also remind your child to let you know if they will be staying later to purchase candy grams. The sale will end on **Friday, February 5th** and the grams will then be delivered on **Wednesday, February 10th**.

Haiti...Change to Make a Change

Student Council will be collecting donations for the victims of Haiti's earthquake which will be sent to the Red Cross. Any amount of money that your child can donate would be most helpful.

Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

Attendance: The more school a child misses the more likely he or she is to fall behind academically. Attendance is an extremely important part of your child's education. By minimizing the instruction time your child misses, either through absences or tardies, you can ensure that he or she gets the most out of school. Remember our policy: after a student is tardy six times, for each additional tardy until the end of the school year, a detention will be assigned.

Reading Corner...

There are **only two weeks left** to finish the 6 hours of required reading needed to earn a free ticket to Six Flags Great America. **ALL READING COUNTS!** It doesn't matter if you're reading a comic book, a magazine, directions for a game, a recipe, or a book for school. What does matter is that you **READ!** Be sure to turn in your log sheet to your teacher **NO LATER THAN February 5th**. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Dahmer at dahmerp@epcusd401.org.

Rainbows

John Mills' Rainbows Program will be starting after our winter break. This is a peer support program for children who have experienced a significant loss in their lives through the death of a parent or sibling, through divorce, or through another painful transition. A registration form has been sent home and should be returned to school by **Wednesday, February 3rd**. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Cestone, Rainbows Coordinator at (708) 583-6543.

Art News by Mr. Siegel

Great things going on in the Art room!

- 1st grade is working on great self-portraits and are mixing flesh colors!
- 2nd grade is learning about the artist El Greco and making cityscapes.
- 3rd grade is learning about Donatello and making some fantastic animal and Roman sculptures.
- 4th grade is learning about the painting "George Washington Crossing the Delaware" and how to create depth in pictures.
- 5th grade is learning about The Northwest Native Americans and making mask rings. They are learning about several clay techniques.
- 6th grade is learning about Greek Sculpture and making the famous wire sculptures.

Thank you for your support

Variety Show Practice, Feb. 2nd, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Choir, 1st Rehearsal, Feb. 5th, 7:50 a.m.



4th-6th Grade PE

All students in 4th-6th grade started receiving the floor hockey terms on January 6th. The floor hockey unit will be ending **January 29th**. Students will be tested on the floor hockey terms during their PE class starting **Monday, February 1st**. If your child needs additional floor hockey sheets, they are able to stop by Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Tsagalis office in Room 105 any day after school next week."

Musical Moments by Ms. Iovinelli

After a wonderful break, we are excited to be back making music. *HUMBUG!* was a huge success and the **1st through 3rd graders** have had a chance to watch and evaluate their performances as well as discuss their feelings of pride and accomplishment. First and second grade will continue learning to read music while the third graders concentrate on their recorders and other instrument families. The **fourth through sixth graders** have already begun working on the skills needed for their spring concert entitled *Forever Fun*. This show will include over 9 different styles of music! The students will have many opportunities to audition for solos, speaking parts and a dance group as well as design t-shirts and apply for jobs. Fourth graders are sharpening their recorder skills and learning about famous performers. **Fifth graders** are taking a tour through the decades, learning about what was going on in the world between the 1920s and 1990s and how it affected the styles of music. **Sixth graders** are working on their rhythmic abilities by learning about drumming styles and techniques from all around the world. I ask that you mark on your calendars that **May 18th, 2010** is the spring concert at **1:00p.m. and 7:00p.m.** All 4th – 6th grade students are expected to be there as it is culmination of an entire year of learning.

SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL – 2ND GRADING PERIOD 2009-2010

Julie Abuhadid
Alfredo Almazan
Laysa Arias
David Arroyo
David Augustyn
Emilio Barajas
Renata Bormann
Angelica Bosko
Eliud Bravo Rojas
Dante Bruno
Matthew Butera
Melenie Calderon
Jennifer Carvajal
Brandon Corcino
Christopher Coronado
Patrycja Cyran
Diana Czerwiec
Ernest DeAngelo
Keit Dine
Joseph Donato
Olivia Dymora
Michael Dynakowski
Kayla Estrada
Angela Ettore

Noel Fermin
Cindy Garbo
Emilia Glodz
Dominika Golinski
Sarah Hand
Alexander Ibes
Robert Jacobs
Claudia Klocek
Ashley Koski
Angelika Kozera
Klaudia Kukla
Adam Lagoda
Suzanna Lanza
Nicholas LaPuma
Dominik Marcisz
Daniela Merlos
Mateusz Miskowiec
Andrea Mondragon
Jonathan Morales
Michael Morales
Agnieszka Niedzwiecka
Julia Nowik
Oliwia Ozog
Alex Petrunic

Taylor Robbs
Nathaniel Rodriguez
Mireyna Roman
Giuseppe Rubino
Olesya Ruspynska
Cameron Rybak
Stephanie Salgado
Michael Santos
Nicholas Schmidt
Anthony Schnoebelen
Ethan Schumann
Kejsi Sota
Michal Stankiewicz
Dariusz Starostka
Daniel Stokes
Anna Sullivan
Elizabeth Szymonik
Angelika Tac
William Vest III
Joshua Villarreal
Ania Waclawiak
Piotr Wajda
Taylor Walker
George Wiebe
Mario Zumaya Hudson