



Mills Moments

John Mills School

“Simply Amazing”

February 5, 2010



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb. 8 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.

Feb. 9 6th Grade Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; Stamp Club, 3:00-3:45 p.m.; Variety Show Practice, 3:00-4:30 p.m.; Speech & Drama Team, 3:15-4:00 p.m.; PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 10 Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; **Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:00 p.m.**

Feb. 11 5th Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; TAP, 8:00 a.m.; Jump Rope for Heart; Market Day Orders Due; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.; **Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:00 p.m.**

Feb. 12 NO SCHOOL

Feb. 15 President's Day – **NO SCHOOL**

Principally Speaking

I am pleased to announce that John Mills' students donated \$818.00 for the American Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund. Again, thank you for your generosity for this very worthy cause.

Every student should be bringing home a progress report today. After your review, please sign and return it to your child's homeroom teacher.

On another note, it has been reported to me that there are some parents parking on 75th Court and then going through private property between the buildings to get their children to school. It is very inconsiderate to use our neighbors' property as a path to get your child to school. I am asking for this to stop or it will become a police matter.

Mrs. McCall's Tips for Reading

Look for February's Reading Connection sent home today with the students.

Reflections News

The John Mills PTA wants to congratulate fourth grader Hannah Peterson on two of her photo submissions advancing to the Reflections State competition! Way to go, Hannah! Everyone at John Mills is so proud of you and all of our entrants.

Parents and students are invited to a special showing of all district Reflections entries on **February 23rd** from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Blythe Park School, 735 Leesley Road in Riverside. Our John Mills entries can be picked up that evening or Mrs. Ottenfeld will return them to our students after the event.

Jump Rope for Heart

JRFH is **Thursday, February 11th**. Please remember all donations should be in by the 11th. Happy Jumping!

Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

Conference Tips...

Before the Conference: Talk to your child. Find out what your child sees as his or her best and worst subjects. Ask your child if there is anything he or she wants you to discuss with the teacher. Jot down a few notes about what you want to talk about, especially any concerns you have.

During the Conference: Arrive on time. Ask your most important questions first—remember, time is limited. Ask the teacher for specific suggestions on how you might help your child to do better.

After the Conference: Discuss the conference with your child. Follow through on suggestions agreed upon at the conference. Follow up with the teacher to see that needed improvements are occurring.

PE News

Floor Hockey Vocabulary Test Make-Up

The following dates are for any 4th-6th grade student that needs to make up the floor hockey vocabulary test:

Monday, February 8 @ 8:00 a.m. in Room 105

Tuesday, February 9 @ 8:00 a.m. in Room 105

Wednesday, February 10 @ 3:00 p.m. in Room 105

Jump Rope Routine

5th-6th graders are working in small groups creating a “Jump Rope Routine”. Each student is encouraged to practice their routine during recess, class time, and at home. Ask your child to take a look at their routine. They will be performing their skills as a group during class time in another two weeks.

Have You Ordered Your 2008-2009 Yearbook?

Yearbooks are on sale until **Monday, March 15th**. The cost is \$16.00. Don't delay, order today!

Market Day

Since we do not have school next Friday, if you wish to place an order, please bring in your order form by **Thursday, February 11th** or you may go online at www.marketday.com. Pick-up is on Friday, February 19th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Save the Date

“Simply Amazing” PTA Family Fun Night
Friday, March 12th, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Lisa McManus at lisamcmanus4@yahoo.com or Deanna Wassom at dmwgotcandles@sbcglobal.net.

T-shirt sale has been extended to **Thursday, Feb. 11th**. \$5.00/shirt - Sample is on main office window. Order form is on the back of Mills Moments. →



T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Event Date: Friday, March 12, 2010

**Extended Deadline for T-Shirt Orders:
Thursday, February 11, 2010**

Student Name: _____ Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Contact Number: (_____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Class/Grade: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

\$5.00 Cost includes t-shirt, admission to event and 5 game tickets

Cash or Checks accepted – Please make checks payable to: John Mills PTA

Quantity:	Type: <small>(Please circle choice)</small>	Size:	Color:	Total: <small>(\$5.00 p/shirt)</small>
_____	Adult / Youth	_____	Black Shirt w/ White & Black Imprint	_____
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Shirt sizes (Adult): Small • Medium • Large • XLarge • XXLlarge

Shirt sizes (Youth): Small (6/8) • Medium (10/12) • Large (14/16)

Ordering questions, please contact Barbara Vest at (708) 452-2816