

Mills Moments

John Mills School

"Simply Amazing"

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Feb. 12 No School**
- Feb. 15 No School** – President’s Day Observance
- Feb. 16** 6th Grade Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; Speech & Drama Team, 3:15-4:00 p.m.; School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 17** Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; Basketball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- Feb. 18** 5th Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; Art Club, Gr. 4-6, 3:00-3:45 p.m.; Speech & Drama Team, 3:15-4:00 p.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.; Yearbook Meeting, 3:15-3:45 p.m.; Family Reading Night
- Feb. 19** Choir, 7:50 a.m.; 5th Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; Market Day Pick-up, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Principally Speaking

This week, due to our seasonal snowy weather, there were some parents who chose to keep their children home from school. The District makes the decision to keep schools open based on the severity of the weather and travel conditions. If the schools in District 401 are open, we expect you to have your children in school.

Also, enjoy the long weekend ahead – no school tomorrow or on Monday!

Entry Procedures

We would like to review our procedure for entering school on rainy/snowy weather days or when wind chill or temperatures are **twenty degrees (20F) or below**. On those days, students will be permitted to enter school at **8:20 A.M. and 8:55 A.M. on late start days**.



Please note the circular signs on the door:
red (students will enter at regular time);
green (students may enter at above designated times at any door and go to their designated area).

Read to Succeed Update...

316 students at John Mills completed their 6 hours of required reading. WOW! Not only are they all better readers for doing it, but in May they will be getting a free ticket to Great America! Keep reading, everyone!

Student Council

Student Council sold and delivered **625** candy grams this week. Thank you for your support of this activity and have a Happy Valentine’s Day!

On another Valentine’s note, the winner for estimating the number of candy hearts in the jar in the library was Anastasiya Bakun in Mrs. Byrnes’ class. Anastasiya guessed 429...the actual total of candy hearts was 445.

Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

Respect...When it comes to your personal interactions with other, it all boils down to the word “respect”. And your kids are no different. Just as every kid should respect those around them, they should absolutely expect the same in return. Kids who feel respected from an early age are more likely to give respect in return. This is why starting early listening to your kids, and continuing to listen as they grow, is so important. Remind your kids that they deserve respect from others, and if they feel otherwise they should talk to you.* **Talking With Kids About Tough Issues, Nickelodeon**

Family Reading Night

Next Thursday is Family Reading Night. Remember, each month we’re tallying how many students read in each homeroom. The homerooms in primary and intermediate grade levels with the most readers will win a special treat in May.

Elmwood Park Early Childhood Center Preschool Screening

Who: All children who live in Elmwood Park and will be 3, 4 or 5 years old by September 1 may register for a screening.

When: Thursday, March 25th and Friday, March 26th, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: The Early Childhood Center at 4 Conti Parkway (in the Circle)

Why: To learn if your child may benefit from some of the many programs and services provided at the Early Childhood Center.

How: To make a screening appointment, or for further information, call (708) 583-5867. Calls for appointments will only be taken **the week of March 8, 2010** between the hours of 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:00 p.m. Please leave a message and someone will return your call. No appointments will be taken on Wednesday, March 10th.

Cost: Free!

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors who may have preschool children.

Market Day

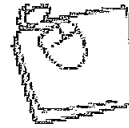
You may still place an order for Market Day by going online at www.marketday.com until noon on Tuesday, February 16th. Pick-up is **Friday, February 19th** from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

You may use your credit card to purchase the 2009-10 Yearbook! Stop in the main office.

Check the backside of Mills Moments for information on the “Mouse Pad Design Contest”.



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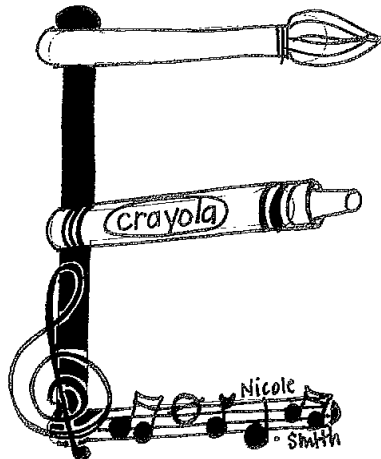


For the first time in history, every student in Elmwood Park is a member of a generation that has never known school without the internet. Now you can join the fun by designing part of the district mouse pad! Here are the rules:

1. You must draw your design using the letter designated to your school (around it, inside of it, etc.).
2. You must use some color in your drawings.
3. You must turn in your submission by **Friday, February 19th** to your art teacher.
4. You should consider that this design will be reduced, so keep your drawings clear (no clutter).

Be creative & have fun!!

Need an idea? How about “my favorite technology,” “the future of technology” or “technology and me” ?? Below is an example of last year’s theme, “Fine Arts.”



Join Elmwood Park as we celebrate technology at **Digital Generation v401** on March 24, 2010 from 6-8:30 p.m.!