



# Mills Moments

## John Mills School

“Simply Amazing”

March 5, 2010



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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Mar. 8-12** Illinois Standards Achievement Test Make-ups, Grades 3-6
- Mar. 8** Choir, 7:50 a.m.; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; Art Club, Gr. 6, Ballet, Gr. 1, Chess Wizards, Going Green Science Club, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Mar. 9** 6<sup>th</sup> 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.; PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 10** Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; Ballet, Gr. 2, Girls Basketball, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Mar. 11** 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; TAP, 8:00 a.m.; Art Club, Gr. 4-6, 3:00-3:45 p.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.; Yearbook Meeting, 3:15-3:45 p.m.
- Mar. 12** Choir, 7:50 a.m.; 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip; **PTA Family Fun Night, 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

### Principally Speaking

As you know, students in grades 3-6 took the ISAT this week. If your child was absent this week, he/she will make it up next week. I would like to thank you for your support and commend our students for trying to do their best on the test! A special thank you to Mrs. Peterson and PTA for supplying students healthy snacks during testing.

I hope to see everyone at PTA’s Family Fun Night on **Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6:00 p.m. Please refer to the backside of Mills Moments for more information. Remember, students will not be allowed in without an adult.

### Mrs. McCall’s Tips for Reading Success

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

### Speech & Drama Team

We wish our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Speech & Drama Team **GOOD LUCK** at their competition on **Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** at the Elmwood Park High School. The team, under the direction of Mrs. Rippe, is comprised of the following students: Anastasiya Bakun, Isabella Cartagena, Jennifer Carvajal, Brandon Corcino, Michael Dynakowski, Suzanna Lanza, Julia Nowik, Isabel Ocampo, Vanessa Perrelli, Michael Santos, Joanna Skrzeczyna, and Elizabeth Szymonik. They will perform a 10-minute memorized piece entitled “The Holidays”.

### Preschool Screening

If you are interested in having your preschooler screened, you must call (708) 583-5867 during the **week of March 8<sup>th</sup>** between the hours of 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:00 p.m. to make a screening appointment. Please leave a message and someone will return your call. No appointments will be taken on **Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**.

### Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

Label, label, label...Please remember to label your child's clothing, shoes, boots, lunchbox, outerwear, caps, etc. You would be surprised at what ends up in our Lost and Found on a daily basis with no way to identify the owner. Put your child's first name and last initial (and room number, if there's room). Permanent black marker works best!

### Mousepad Design Contest Winners

Congratulations to Djanea Chaseateau and Daniela Merlos, the John Mills winners of the mousepad design contest. We look forward to seeing your winning designs at the Digital Generation v401 technology event at Elmwood Park High School on **Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**! Thank you to all who entered!

### Physical Fitness Tests

**Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** will be the Flexed-Arm Hang and Sit-n-Reach make-up. Please meet in the gym at 8:00 a.m.

Throughout the month of March, all 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taught the basic fundamentals and rules of basketball.

### Musical Happenings by Ms. Iovinelli

Please note there was an error in last week’s Mills Moments. The “Date to Remember” is: **May 18, 2010: Forever Fun**, Grades 4-6, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### Register for Summer Academy Classes NOW!

Registration is currently ongoing for all summer academy classes. Register by **May 14<sup>th</sup>** and receive a discounted price. Summer Academy classes are offered for all students grades 1-12 and will be held at Elmwood Park High School. A listing of all courses for K-6 is being sent home today. Call AmyLynn Vero at (708) 583-2212 for additional information and/or pick up a brochure in the school office. The complete brochure is also on our website at [www.epcusd401.org](http://www.epcusd401.org).



**PLEASE NOTE**  
**CORRECTION TO MARCH CALENDAR**  
**Daylight Savings Begins**  
**Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 a.m.**  
**NOT MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>!!**

*No Student Council Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>!*

# YOU ARE INVITED

**DATA**

# TO

**VELCRO  
WALK**

**OBSTACLE  
COURSES**

John Mills School

# SIMPLY

# AMAZING!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT 2010

**FRIDAY MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>  
6 pm - 8:30 pm**

**ROCK  
CLIMBING  
SLIDE**

**FACE  
PAINTING**

**ADMISSION: \$1.00  
FREE ADMISSION FOR  
PTA MEMBERS  
(MUST SHOW MEMBER ID CARD)**

**BALLOONS**

**GAMES**

**FREE ADMISSION  
WHEN WEARING YOUR  
FAMILY FUN NIGHT 2010  
T-SHIRT**

**ALL BAKED GOODS TO BE  
DROPPED OFF IN CAFETERIA  
AFTER 1:30 PM FRI. MARCH 12**

**PRIZES**