



# Mills Moments

## John Mills School

“Simply Amazing”

March 12, 2010



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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Mar. 15** Choir, 7:50 a.m.; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; Jim Aylesworth Assembly, Gr. 1-3, 10:00 a.m.; Student Council, 3:05-3:30 p.m.; Art Club, Gr. 6, Ballet, Gr. 1, Basketball (Girls), Chess Wizards, Going Green Science Club, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Mar. 16** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip; Variety Show Practice, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

**Mar. 17** Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; Debbie Chocolate Assembly, Gr. 4-6, 1:00 p.m.; Ballet, Gr. 2, Girls Basketball, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., EPHS

**Mar. 18** 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; TAP, 8:00 a.m.; 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to EPHS Play, 9 a.m.; Art Club, Gr. 4-6, 3:00-3:45 p.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.; Family Reading Night

**Mar. 19** Choir, 7:50 a.m.; 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice, 7:55 a.m.; Spiritwear Sale Ends; Report Cards Sent Home; Basketball (Girls), Market Day Pick-up, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

### Principally Speaking

Today marks the end of the third grading period. Report cards will be sent home next Friday.

If you are picking up your child before normal dismissal time, please do not expect your child’s teacher to stop class instruction to give homework assignments. They will either get the assignments the next day or they can call a friend for the information. Your cooperation in this matter is most appreciated.

I would like to congratulate our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Speech & Drama Team on their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at the competition held last Saturday.

### Young Author’s “Wild Over Writing-WOW!” week

On **March 15-19** students will celebrate “Wild Over Writing” Young Author’s Week. Every student will receive their published book and enjoy an assembly with Jim Aylesworth (3/15, Gr. 1-3, 10 a.m.) and Debbie Chocolate (3/17, Gr. 4-6, 1:00 p.m.). Teachers will be incorporating various fun writing activities into their classroom lessons to celebrate WOW! week.

### SCOTY Award Recipient

At an awards ceremony to be held on **Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**, **Alex Ibes**, a sixth grade student, will be recognized by the West 40 Intermediate Service Center as the “SCOTY” (School Citizen of the Year) award recipient for John Mills School. Based upon West 40’s criteria, Alex Ibes was nominated by our staff for being a student that is not only awesome but mature and confident. Alex gets along well with his classmates regardless of differences in their background, personality or interests. Congratulations to Alex and his family!

### Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

As the weather warms up, it’s often tempting to put less emphasis on school. Although this is a natural temptation, it’s not in the best interest of our children. It is important for boys and girls to “give it all they’ve got.” Just as a coach wouldn’t allow a winning sports team to “coast” through the last quarter of the game, it’s important that as parents we don’t let our “winning students” coast through the last quarter of the school year.

### Digital Generation v401

You are invited to "Digital Generation v401", the District 401 technology event that will take place throughout Elmwood Park High School on **Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Experience how Elmwood Park students of all ages are using technology in new and exciting ways to enhance learning. Here are just a few of the things you and your family can do at the event:

- See our 6th grade *Life 'Round Here* videos of life in Elmwood Park
- Play video games created by high school students
- See how ‘Tiger TV’ is produced in our television production studio
- Talk to your family members on Skype
- Bring in your old batteries for recycling
- Have questions about using your cell phone? Talk to the cell phone help desk!
- Create a multi-media poster using Glogster
- Challenge your favorite teacher in Guitar Hero
- Play "Are you smarter than a 4th grader?"
- And much more.....

The **FREE** event will be fun and interactive for the whole family. See you there!

### Celebrate Family Reading Night with a Free Book!

Every student will be receiving a **FREE** book for Family Reading Night this month. Students who bring back their signed Family Reading Night forms will receive another *free* book on **Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**. Look for tips on how to “Help Your Child Enjoy Reading” with this month’s Family Reading Night sheet.

Daylight Savings Begins  
Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 a.m.,  
move your clock ahead 1 hour

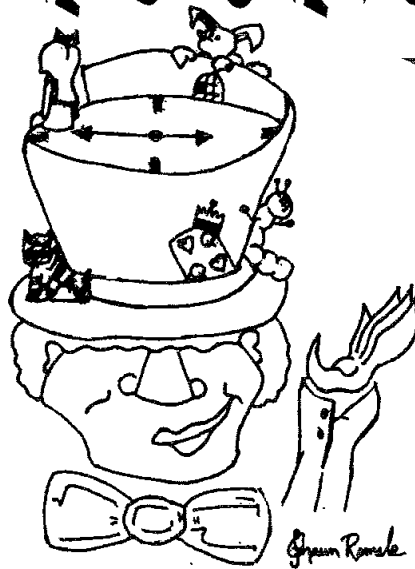


Don’t forget tonight is Family Fun Night,  
6:00-8:30 p.m.!



Elmwood Park High School  
Presents

# "Alice In Wonderland"



Directed and Produced  
by  
Jim Kozyra

**Evening Performances 7pm**  
**Friday, March 19 & Saturday, March 20**

**Sunday Matinee - 2pm**

Adults \$8 • Seniors and Students \$5

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