



Mills Moments

John Mills School

“Simply Amazing”

April 1, 2010



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Apr. 2-11 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

Apr. 12 Volleyball Intramurals, 7:45 a.m. & 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Choir, 7:50 a.m.; 6th Grade Band Practice, 7:50 a.m.; Student Council, 3:05-3:30 p.m.; Art Club, Gr. 6, Ballet, Gr. 1, 3:00-4:00 p.m.;

Apr. 13 Volleyball Intramurals, 7:45 a.m.; 6th Grade Band Practice, 7:50 a.m.; Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; Art of Film Assembly, 9:30 a.m. (Gr4-6), 10:30 am. (Gr1-3); PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 14 Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; SC/Safety Patrol to Cubs Game; Ballet, Gr. 2, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Volleyball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Apr. 15 Volleyball Intramurals, 7:45 am. & 3:15 p.m.; 5th Gr. Band Practice, 7:50 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.;

Apr. 16 Volleyball Intramurals, 7:45 a.m.; 5th Gr. Band Practice, 7:50 a.m.; Choir, 7:50 a.m.; **Progress Reports Sent Home**

Principally Speaking

I would like to thank our parent volunteers, Rosie Adams, Leticia Aveiga, Lisa Grosso and Laura Jean Spathies, for their help on Spring Picture Day. Picture packages should arrive after spring break.

I would also like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Ashby for volunteering once again this year in teaching our students the art of stamp collecting. Please note there will be no Stamp Club for the remainder of the year.

Have a safe and happy spring break!

Zaner –Bloser Handwriting Contest

Each year students at John Mills participate in a handwriting contest sponsored by the Zaner-Bloser Company. Every student who participates earns a certificate. Special certificates are given for top winners in the classroom and top winners in the school. In addition, the 1st place winner in every grade receives the ‘Golden Pencil Award.’ Their beautiful handwriting papers will compete for the national and state awards with students across the country. Congratulations to ALL participants! And Congratulations to our 1st PLACE WINNERS: **Sait Zaragoza [1st grade], Wiktoria Koper [2nd grade], Benjamin Kulis [3rd grade], Anna Dabrowiecka [4th grade].**

Items Needed

The PE department is looking for the following items to be used for Field Day:

- Adult Winter Jackets & Adult Winter Snow Pants or Winter Pants
- Adult Snow Boots
- Sunglasses & Blankets
- Shoe Boxes/Empty Kleenex boxes

Please know that these items will not be returned and will be kept for future field days. Thank you so much!

Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

While on spring break, why not build family togetherness by doing things together as a family.

- Take a walk ~ Play board games
- Go for a bike ride ~ Visit the public library
- Plant flowers or vegetables ~ Write stories
- Share family memories ~ Take photographs
- Visit friends, family or neighbors ~ Do a puzzle

Musical Happenings by Ms. Iovinelli

It is that time of year when the music room gets very busy. **4th – 6th graders** are getting ready for the concert and are spending lots of time singing, dancing and memorizing! Congratulations to Aleksandra Podlasinska for the winning t-shirt design. This year students and parents have the option of ordering t-shirts with the concert logo on them. There are two color choices – royal blue or purple – as well as youth and adult sizes. The shirts are only \$5 each (plus an extra \$1.50 for XXL). Order forms were sent home last week. Please make all checks payable to John Mills School and return the order form/payment to Miss Iovinelli in the music room no later than **April 12th**. Congratulations also goes to all the students who auditioned for announcer positions. Singing solo auditions will happen after spring break. John Mills has an extraordinary amount of talent!!

First through third graders are working on different creation and composition projects. First grade is analyzing music and creating dance moves, second grade is writing and performing rhythms and third grade is composing their own recorder songs using five different notes, rhythms, dynamics and tempos.

Dates to remember:

May 18: *Forever Fun* concert 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. McCall’s Tips for Reading Success

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

PE Absences and Make-ups

Each student is responsible for making up any missed class work. Make-ups will be at the discretion of the teacher.

If a student does not participate, he or she must have a written excuse from their parent/guardian (signed by the school nurse) or a physician. Class credit will be offered **Tuesday, April 13th** and **Thursday, April 15th** from 8:00-8:20 a.m. It is the responsibility of the student to see the teacher for class credit following **ALL** absences.

Attention Parents of Student Council & Safety Patrol Members who will attend the Cubs game on Wednesday, 4/14. Students must be picked up from school by an adult at 5:30 p.m.



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***It's Time to Register
for
Kindergarten & Preschool***

**April 22, 2010
4:00-6:30 p.m.**

Requirements for Student Registration

- Child must be 5-years-old by September 1 for Kindergarten & 3 or 4-years-old by September 1 for Preschool
- A Certified Copy of your Child's Birth Certificate
- 3 Proofs of Residency
- **Payment for Kindergarten is due at time of registration**
(\$115.00) \$140.00 after August 6, 2010
- **A deposit for Preschool is due at the time of registration**
(\$185.00)
- **Preschool will be 5 days a week a.m. or p.m.**

Requests for Morning or Afternoon classes will be taken in writing at time of registration. Letters should be addressed to the Director, and should include a reason. Requests will be considered depending on enrollment and not be accepted after May 7, 2010.