



# Mills Moments

## John Mills School

“Simply Amazing”

April 16, 2010



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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Apr. 19-23** SC Spirit Week & PTA Ice Cream Social
- Apr. 19** Choir & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Practice, 7:50 a.m.; Art Club, Gr. 6, Ballet, Gr. 1, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Student Council, 3:05-3:30 p.m.; Volleyball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- Apr. 20** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Practice, 7:50 a.m.; Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; Variety Show Practice, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Apr. 21** Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; Ballet, Gr. 2, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Volleyball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; School Board Meeting
- Apr. 22** 5<sup>th</sup> 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.; Volleyball Intramurals, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- Apr. 23** 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Practice & Choir, 7:50 a.m.; ELL Field Trip; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade History Fair, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Market Day Pick-Up, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

### Principally Speaking

Progress reports for the final grading period have been sent home today. Please sign your child’s progress reports and return it to his/her homeroom teacher.

Please refer to the back of Mills Moments for a letter from the American Red Cross regarding our contribution of \$818.00 in support of the Haiti Relief & Development Fund.

Anthony Medici will be at John Mills from April 19-22 filming students and teachers in preparation of our school video. The video will feature clips of “a day in the life of John Mills.” Next month, we will have an assembly to watch the compiled movie!

### Student Council News

John Mills’ Student Council is once again sponsoring **Spirit Week!** Show your spirit by participating in the following:

- Monday: Pajama Day – Wear your favorite pajamas!
- Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day – Wear your hair a crazy way – **no hair coloring allowed!**
- Wednesday: Backwards Day – Wear your clothes backwards!
- Thursday: Sports Day – Wear your favorite sports team shirt or hat!
- Friday: John Mills Maroon & Gold Day – Wear your new spiritwear or something maroon & gold!

Lollipop sales begin next week and will be available in the library from 3:00-3:30 p.m. A variety of flavors are available for just 50 cents each!

### Chess Wizards

The spring session begins on **Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. If you haven’t already done so, please submit the registration form along with payment first thing Monday morning.

### PTA

A special PTA Meeting has been called for **Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30 p.m. in the library. All members are invited to attend.

### Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

Many youth team seasons are beginning and more children are playing outside as the weather improves. The month of April is *National Youth Sports Safety Month*. This national health event was initiated by the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation, Inc. in 1993 to promote safety in sports participation. As a parent, you can make sure that your children are wearing protective gear such as appropriate shoes and helmets. Additionally, you can model good sportsman-like conduct and promote patience and respect for others. Children learn from adults how to honor the rules of the game and support teammates.

### GREAT Program

Sixth grade students have an opportunity to meet with Police Officer Bogg each week as he presents the GREAT program. This program is designed to educate students about the dangers of gangs, the pitfalls of violence, and the importance of making good decisions. Officer Bogg is able to combine his experience in law enforcement with the GREAT program materials to help students understand how decisions made today can affect the rest of their lives.

### John Mills celebrates Earth Day every day!

Next Thursday is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day celebrated worldwide. We are proud to announce that we recycle and conserve energy not only in our classrooms, but throughout the entire school. Every student makes a difference by recycling and reusing paper goods and conserving the amount of water they use in the washrooms.

### Spring Pictures

Today your child’s spring portrait package was sent home. The price of the complete package (all 5 sheets) is **\$42.00** or 1 sheet - **\$12.00**, 2 sheets - **\$24.00**, 3 sheets - **\$36.00** or 4 sheets - **\$48.00**. Money or pictures are due by **Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. You may pay by cash, check (payable to Lifetouch), money order, charge or you may pay online at [www.mylifetouch.com](http://www.mylifetouch.com). If you pay online, you will be given a payment code which must be entered on the return envelope.

### Market Day

If you haven’t placed an order but wish to do so, you may order online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) until 11:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Pick-up is **Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Kindergarten & Preschool Registration  
Early Childhood Center, 4 Conti Pkwy  
Thursday, April 22nd, 4:00-6:30 p.m.





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March 26, 2010

Mr. Peter Herbert  
Principal  
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Dear Mr. Herbert:

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross as we respond to the catastrophic earthquakes that struck Haiti on January 12th, 2010. What took only minutes to destroy will take many years to rebuild. Your generosity will help thousands of survivors cope with and recover from their losses.

Planes and trucks carrying Red Cross humanitarian assistance are arriving in the region every day, delivering much needed materials. So far, more than 500 tons of Red Cross aid have been mobilized, including medical supplies, tarps, blankets, hygiene items, buckets, shelter supplies and kitchen sets.

Red Cross responders from six countries have come together to assist survivors who need medical attention, treating injuries and triaging people for surgery at hospitals and medical centers in Port-au-Prince, Carrefour and Jacmel. The Red Cross will also be sending approximately 100 American Red Cross Creole-speaking volunteers to help translate for patients.

As the response evolves, please visit [www.chicagoredcross.org](http://www.chicagoredcross.org) or call (312)729-6100 to learn more about your gift at work. Once again, thank you for your support of the American Red Cross.

Sincerely yours,

*Nicole Teti Thank you!*

Nicole Teti  
*Director, Strategic Advancement*

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*Please note that no goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift of \$818.00 given on 2/13/2010 in support of the Haiti Relief & Development Fund.*