



Mills Moments

John Mills School

“Simply Amazing”

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3 Dodgeball Intramurals, 7:45-8:30 a.m.; 6th Grade Band Practice, 7:50 a.m.; Art Club, Gr. 6, Ballet, Gr. 1, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

May 4 Dodgeball Intramurals, 7:45-8:30 a.m.; 6th Grade Band Practice, 7:50 a.m.; Drama Club, 8:00 a.m.; **Rainbows “Celebrate Me Day”**, 3:05 p.m.

May 5 Late Start, student entry at 9:12 a.m.; Ballet, Gr. 2, 3-4 p.m.

May 6 Dodgeball Intramurals, 7:45-8:30 a.m.; 5th Gr. Band Practice, 7:50 a.m.; TAP, 8:00 a.m.; Variety Show, 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.; Art Club, Gr. 4-6, 3:00-3:45 p.m.; Young Rembrandts, 3:10-4:10 p.m.

May 7 Dodgeball Intramurals, 7:45-8:30 a.m. & 3:00-4:00 p.m.; 5th Gr. Band Practice

Principally Speaking

Last week I reported to you that we have begun to implement the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program at John Mills. As we continue to study behavior in our hallways and traffic flow, it has been decided to change our lunchtimes as follows: 1st lunch (grades 5 & 6) **10:55-11:25 a.m.**; 2nd lunch (grades 1 & 2) **11:35-12:05 p.m.** and 3rd lunch (grades 3 & 4) **12:15-12:45 p.m.** Please take note of these times in case you are dropping off lunch for your child.

I would like to congratulate our Band, Choir, Speech & Drama Club members along with the Speech & Drama Team for a great spring show. A special thank you to our staff members – Mrs. Drozd, Mr. Hawk, Mr. LoPresti & Mrs. Rippe, who have worked very hard with the students to bring out their artistic talents.

History Fair

The first annual John Mills History Fair took place on **Friday, April 23, 2010**. The fifth grade students demonstrated their knowledge of historical figures in many different ways. The students each read a biography & used world book online to write a research paper. In technology class, Mrs. Berkery helped the students create smile boxes, which are online scrapbooks of their historical figures. Students created displays that included a magazine cover project, photographs of their figure and artifacts as well. Students in fourth and sixth attended as well as the fifth graders from Elmwood School. This project was a great way for students in both of the elementary buildings to interact and share their knowledge. Nice work fifth graders!

Spring Pictures

There are approximately **60** students who have not paid for pictures or returned the picture package. This comes to a total of \$2,520 due to Lifetouch. The pictures are not yours to keep unless you pay for them. We expect all pictures or money to be turned in by **Monday, May 3rd**.

Rainbows "Celebrate Me Day"
Tuesday, May 4th, 3:05 p.m.

Parenting Tips by Mrs. Kutrubis

Next week is

National Teacher Appreciation Week!

Please consider sending your child's teachers a note to thank them for all of their hard work! Besides your child's classroom teacher, don't forget the art teacher, music teacher, PE teacher, library teacher, technology teacher, resource teacher, speech teacher, reading teacher or anyone on staff who has helped to make a difference for your child! John Mills has a great staff that goes above and beyond to help our children be successful. Be sure to recognize their efforts!

Musical Happenings by Ms. Iovinelli

We continue to be busy in the music department at Mills. Fourth through sixth grades are now focusing solely upon their spring concert, *Forever Fun*, on **Tuesday, May 18th** at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The program is full of all kinds of music, dancing and instrument playing. All 4th – 6th grade students are expected to be there as it is culmination of an entire year of learning. The t-shirt orders are in and should be delivered by the second week of May. Another exciting announcement is that this concert will be professionally recorded and available in DVD or VHS format for only \$20. Order forms are going home next week.

Congratulations to all 6th grade students who auditioned for singing solos. It was a difficult decision, but this year's soloists are: Michael Morales, Isabella Cartagena, Michael Dynakowski, Matthew Murphy, Daniela Merlos, Anna Sullivan, and Michael Santos. 4th and 5th graders will have an opportunity to audition for solos in class next week. Good luck to all!

PE News

4th-6th Grade Volleyball Test

The volleyball test will be given to all 4th-6th graders starting the week of **May 3rd**. The study guide is available on the John Mills Homepage.

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, May 4th** and **Thursday, May 6th** from 8:00-8:20 a.m. It is the responsibility of the student to see the teacher for class credit following **ALL** absences.

Extra Credit

The last 2 days for extra credit will be offered on **Tuesday, May 4th** and **Thursday, May 6th** from 8:00-8:20 a.m.



Student Council

The Student Council/Gene & Judes hot dog lunch date has been changed. The lunch was originally scheduled for **Friday, May 14th** and has been changed to **Thursday, May 13th**. Money and orders are due to Ms. Andrews by **Friday, May 7th**.

PTA News

Please note May's Executive and General Assembly meeting will be on **Monday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m.** This will be the last meeting of the year. All members are invited to attend.

Look for important information going home next week regarding 2010-2011 registration!

Please join us
for the
John Mills Variety Show

“The Tonight Show with JMS Talent”



Thursday, May 6, 2010

1:00 and 7:00 p.m.