



Mills Moments

John Mills School

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A Message from Ms. Magruder

Happy Friday! We are really excited to be working with John Mills PTA on our Write a Check Campaign. With our Write a Check Campaign, families have the opportunity to make a donation to John Mill PTA, **without having to sell items from catalogs, candy, wrapping paper or having to participate in raising money for walk-a-thons and fun runs.** The other benefit of our Write a Check Campaign is that 100% of your donation goes directly to support the students of John Mills Elementary. Attached to our Mills Moments you will find our Write a Check Campaign flier with all of the details, see page 3 for information. Donations can be made on the JMS PTA website at: johnmillspta.membershiptoolkit.com. I hope that you will consider donating to our Write a Check Campaign. Thank you!

Office Reminders

We want to protect teaching and learning time in the classroom and eliminate interruptions. The office will not call students down to pick up items from the office that parents have dropped off. If a parent drops off an item, we will find a way to get the item to the student, typically through their lunch period. **Please make sure it is labeled with the student name and teacher.** This is also a time to encourage your child to elevate their responsibility for items like lunches, homework, and other everyday necessities of school!

After School Activities

Students are beginning to meet after school for intramural sports, clubs, and other after school activities. To avoid confusion and frustration, it is important to have a conversation with your child as to when they are staying after school to participate in any activity. This way, when your child does not arrive at home immediately after school you will know where they are and that they are in a safe place. Students will be dismissed from the main door #1 when staying for after school activities. Please note when you sign up your child for intramurals or other before or after school activities, **no siblings are allowed** and must be dropped off or picked up at regular times.

\$5.00 Party Money Collection

For those new to the school, this amount is collected from each student to cover the cost of 3-4 parties for your child's class. A designated room parent is responsible for purchasing treats and other party items. We are asking you to send \$5.00 in cash to your child's homeroom teacher in an envelope with the

Early Dismissal

If a child is to be dismissed during the school day, a note must be sent to the teacher, who will then forward it to the office. You may also leave a message on the absence line 708-583-6288 on the day of early dismissal.

Government Free Breakfast/Lunch Program

If your student received the free breakfast/lunch benefit last year, you must re-apply by **September 30**. Your application must meet the federal guidelines for the National School Lunch Program in order to re-qualify for benefits. To apply go to our District's website at www.epcusd401.org and click on the link "Free and Reduced Lunch Application." If you have any questions please contact Melissa Rodde at 708-583-5844.

Picture Retake

Tuesday, October 30 is Picture Retake Day. Any students that were absent or new to the school as of September 11 will have their picture taken. If you were not happy with the photos received, the original package must be returned to the photographer that day in order to have a retake done.

PTA Membership

Please visit johnmillspta.membershiptoolkit.com to sign up for membership, volunteer opportunities and sign up for room parent.

Visitors

All visitors, including parents and siblings, are required to enter through the front door of the building and proceed immediately to the main office. Visitors should identify themselves and inform office personnel of their reason for being at school. EPCUSD 401 uses the Raptor Visitor Management System for screening all visitors. The screening requires one of the following forms of identification to be presented:

- US Government issued Driver's License
- State Identification Cards
- Green Cards
- US Passport (card form)
- All International Identification

In the absence of acceptable identification, access to the building may be denied.

Virtual Backpacks

District 401's "Virtual Backpack" is where you can find downloadable PDF flyers about District, school or community

students name on it for this purpose. **Your money should be turned in no later than October 5.**

Community Help Desk Ticket

Link: <https://goo.gl/9kvHYh>

Parents, guardians, and community members that have questions or comments regarding the District Technology Initiative and/or Google accounts may use this form to communicate with the Instructional Technology Department.

EPCUSD Website Feedback

Link: <https://goo.gl/5TNSfF>

Creating and maintaining a district website is not an easy task. Our site is still evolving and we would like to receive constructive feedback. Please let us know what you think about our website by completing this form.

Thanks for your help with this matter.

events, as well as other timely documents relevant to the D401 community. The link is below.

District link:

<http://www.epcusd401.org/about-us/virtual-backpack>

John Mills:

<http://www.epcusd401.org/mills/about-us/virtual-backpack>

For up to date information on events, calendars, menus and more check our website at <http://www.epcusd401.org/mills>

Dates to Remember

Tuesdays 5th Grade Band Rehearsals 7:45 A.M. to 8:20 A.M.

Tuesdays through November 27 Art Club 3:05 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Tuesdays through December 4 Choir 3:05 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.

Thursdays through December 13 Young Rembrandts Drawing Classes 3:10 P.M. to 4:10 P.M. **(no classes on November 8 or 11)**

Fridays 6th Grade Band Rehearsals 7:45 A.M. to 8:20 A.M.

Tuesday, October 2 1st Grade Field Trip to Safety Town
Kerwin/Herrera/Hagstrom

Wednesday, October 3 1st Grade Field Trip to Safety Town
Belluomini/Golz/Gulliford

Wednesday, October 3 S.T.E.M. Club 3:00 P.M. to 3:40 P.M.

Monday, October 8 **School is Closed**

Tuesday, October 9 PTA Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 10 T.A.P. Club 3:00 P.M. to 3:40 P.M.

John Mills PTA Fundraiser

Dear John Mills Families,

For the 2018-2019 school year John Mills PTA will be conducting a "Write A Check" campaign to raise funds for our PTA operating budget. 100% of your donation benefits the students and staff of John Mills Elementary. Your donation is fully tax deductible! So while we won't be asking you to sell any gift wrap, magazines, candy or cookie dough this Fall, we are instead hoping that you will make a donation to sponsor PTA activities. Consider asking your family and close friends to participate. Depending on the success of this fundraising effort, we hope to limit future fundraisers for the year!!

Participation in the check writing campaign is simple:

- Visit our PTA website johnmillspta.membershiptoolkit.com to pay your contribution online or fill out this form and return it to school with your check included.
- Make check payable to John Mills PTA. No cash please.
- Make your contribution by **October 5th, 2018**.
- Ask family and friends to help!

BRONZE LEVEL- With your Bronze Level contribution of \$20 or more your child will be able to silly string a teacher!

SILVER LEVEL- With your Silver Level contribution of \$35 or more your child will be able to silly string a teacher and receive a spirit stick!

GOLD LEVEL- With your Gold Level contribution of \$60 or more your child will be able to silly string a teacher, receive a spirit stick and a yard sign!

PLATINUM LEVEL- With your Platinum Level contribution of \$100 or more your child will be able to silly string a teacher, receive a spirit stick, yard sign, pie a teacher or principle in the face at an assembly and a raffle ticket for a chance to win a VIP lunch with 4 friends.



Circle the amount of your contribution:

\$20 \$35 \$60 \$100 Other \$ _____

STUDENT NAME _____

STUDENT TEACHER _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

Please check to see if your employer has a matching gift program.

**100% OF
YOUR
DONATION
GOES TO PTA
TO SUPPORT
YOUR CHILD!**

**No Gift Wrap,
Magazines,
Candy or
Cookie Dough
to sell!!**

**Your
contribution
is 100 % Tax
deductible**

*Thank you
for your
contribution!*

**DON'T FORGET TO
ASK FRIENDS AND
FAMILY TO HELP
YOU REACH YOUR
CONTRIBUTION
GOAL!**