



Mills Moments

John Mills School

January 18, 2019



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Elmwood Park, IL 60707
www.epcUSD401.org

Laura Magruder, Principal
Dr. Nickisch, Interim Assistant Principal

A Message from Ms. Magruder

We had an amazing performance from Contrabanda Latin Jazz band this past Monday. The band taught the students all about different kinds of Latin music. The students enjoyed clapping, dancing and singing along to the great music. Thank you to our PTA for providing this amazing performance for our students!



John Mills Fun Fair is next Friday, January 25 from 5:00pm - 7:30pm. Our PTA has been working hard to put together a great fair for our students and families to enjoy. We hope to see you there! See page 3 for more information.

On Monday, January 28 we will be having our Public Health and Safety Forum. The event will be held at Elm Middle School from 6:30 - 7:30pm. Come and meet our local law enforcement and learn about our soft and hard lockdown procedures. See page 4 for more information.

John Mills PTA Winter Wonderland Fun Fair

Don't forget that our Winter Wonderland Fair is on Friday, January 25 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. The PTA is still looking for volunteers to help with the event. If you are able to volunteer or support please visit our John Mills PTA website at:

<https://johnmillspta.membershiptoolkit.com/>

Drop Off Table/Forgotten Items

Starting in January there will be a drop off table in the foyer by the main office door. It is the student's responsibility to bring what they need each day for school, clubs and after school activities. If you bring a forgotten item to school, please be sure to label it before leaving it at the drop off table. We will find a way to get the item to the student, typically through their lunch period. The office will do its best to deliver all items. This is also a

School Closing Information

Wintry weather is now upon on us and we would like to take this time to review our "school closing procedures" with you. Dr. Wade, our Superintendent, will decide by 6:00 a.m. whether or not to close school when there is severe weather and will initiate the District's automated call system. The decision will be made with the safety of our students, parents and staff in mind. If we do not close, you should make every effort to get your child to school; unless, of course, there are extreme circumstances, such as you're experiencing car problems or your child has a medical condition which will not allow him/her to walk to school. We ask that you dial the District's designated number 708-452-7272, press 8 or go online at www.epcUSD401.org if you're unsure school is in session.

Activities & Clubs

Student Council Meetings Mondays 3:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

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

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

Books for Breakfast Club Thursdays 7:45 A.M. to 8:20 A.M.

Trojan Tribune Meetings Tuesdays 3:00

P.M. to 3:30 P.M. on January 29, February 12, March 5 & 19, April 9 & 23 and May 7

TAP 3:00 P.M. to 3:40 P.M. Thursdays on:

January 31, February 14 & 28, March 14 and April 4

STEM 3:00 P.M. to 3:40 P.M. Thursdays on:

January 24, February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21 and April 11

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



Dates to Remember

January 21 School's Closed

January 24 District Spelling Bee at Elmwood Elementary 9:30 A.M.

January 25 PTA Winter Wonderland see page 3 for more information

January 28 Public Health & Safety Forum Lockdowns see page 4 for more information

February 1 Six Flags Reading Logs Due

February 13 & 14 Conferences

February 15 & 18 School's Closed

March 25 - 29 Spring Break School's Closed

April 19 & 22 School's Closed

time to encourage your child to elevate his/her responsibility for items like lunches, homework, and other everyday necessities of school.

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.

Virtual Backpacks

District 401's "Virtual Backpack" is where you can find downloadable PDF flyers about District, school or community events, as well as other timely documents relevant to the D401 community. The link is below.

School Year Extended

Due to the snow day on Monday, November 26, the last day of school is now **Friday, May 24, 2019** please plan accordingly.

District link:

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

John Mills:

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

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE

JOHN MILLS PTA
WINTER WONDERLAND FUN FAIR
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25TH
5:00p-7:30p

FOOD ❄️ RAFFLES ❄️ GAMES ❄️ PRIZES ❄️ CRAFTS

COME OUT AND ENJOY SOME WINTER FUN!!!!

Online deals! Visit johnmillspta.membershiptoolkit.com for more details



Public Health and Safety Forum LOCKDOWNS

Mon, January 28, 2019
6:30pm - 7:30pm

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ELMWOOD PARK
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Where: Elm Middle School

What: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nicolas Wade, along with Chief Fagianio, Commander Kniecik, and Officer Lombardi, will host a public health and safety forum focusing on soft and hard lockdowns.

All District 401 community members are invited.

SCHOOL SAFETY:
A SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY

