



Mills Moments

John Mills School

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A Message from our Principal

Happy End of the First Quarter! This first quarter has flown by but we know our students have settled in nicely and have learned a lot. **Report cards will be going home on Friday, October 21.**

Room Parents Needed! Some of our classrooms are still in need of room parents. Room parents work with the teacher to throw classroom parties for Halloween and Valentine's Day and other events as needed. Below is a list of teachers who are still in need. If you are interested in being a room parent please contact the teacher below or leave a message with Mrs. Martinico through the main office.

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| Mrs. Hagstrom | Mrs. Johnson |
| Mr. Fryer | Mrs. Sage |
| Mrs. Bozek | Mrs. DiFrisco |
| Mrs. Baron | Mrs. Rippe |
| Ms. Blair | Mrs. Golz |
| Ms. Pconka | |

Picture Retake

Tuesday, November 1 is Picture Retake Day. Any students that were absent or new to the school as of September 14 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.

Dental Smile Visits

The Dental Smiles Team will be visiting on Tuesday, October 18, Wednesday, October 19 and if needed on Thursday, October 20.



Trick or Treat for UNICEF

We have been asked by Elmwood Park High School Key Club to participate in a project they are coordinating to raise money for UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund). UNICEF is a global organization that saves kids' lives in over 150 countries by providing clean water, nutrition, medicines, education and aid in emergencies. Students were given a "trick or treat" collection box today and we are asking our students to go out and "trick or treat" for UNICEF. Please return your collection box on **Monday, November 7.**

Taffy Apple Delivery

Orders of one (1) case or less will be delivered to the classrooms on Wednesday, November 9. Larger and peanut-free room orders will be on the stage.

Greetings from Mrs. Ponce

Hello John Mills Community! October is Fire Prevention Month and this week the Elmwood Fire Department helped with our first fire drill of the year. They also held an all school assembly where students learned about fire safety. Students were taught how to check smoke detectors for their expiration dates and batteries. They also learned that every family should have an evacuation plan for their home and a designated meeting spot outside. After the assembly, the fire department had an outdoor, live demonstration to show students how quickly fires can spread at home. It was a powerful reminder that fire is not a toy. Please take the time to talk with your children about what they learned, create your home's evacuation plan, and check your smoke detectors!

News from PTA

Parents! This year's main fundraiser is the JOHN MILLS FUN RUN! It's a 9-day program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on Monday, November 7th. Families will have time to get pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on Friday, November 18th. Our purpose is to complete our goal of purchasing a new electronic marquee. We asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it more profitable, easier, and fun.

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, **BACKYARD BOX OFFICE!** It's a movie theme all about making a difference by getting into character. Our students will learn from five REAL kid difference-makers. From inventors, to world-class speakers, to business owners, to world-record holders, these five kids will inspire our students to practice the five "Character Acts" and make a difference in our community.

Profits will also go toward all the amazing PTA sponsored events and activities. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run! Thank you for your support!



Congratulations to Our Red Ribbon/Anti-Bullying Poster Winners

- 1st grade: Abigail Comparan
- 2nd grade: Jeremiah Rodriguez
- 3rd grade: Emilia Blazejewski & Claudia Joita
- 4th grade: Angela Comparan
- 5th grade: Genesis Siguenza
- 6th grade: Kiera Tep



SAVE THE DATE!

**JOHN MILLS PTA
HALLOWEEN FUN FAIR
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
6:00-8:00**

COME DRESSED IN FULL HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

**🎃 FOOD 🎃 RAFFLE 🎃 GAMES 🎃 PRIZES
🎃 CRAFTS 🎃 FAMILY FUN**

**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR UPCOMING HALLOWEEN FUN FAIR
BY DONATING A SEALED BAG OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY.**

ALL CANDY DONATIONS SHOULD BE IN BY OCTOBER 24TH.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
JOHN MILLS PTA**

