



Mills Moments

John Mills School

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A Message from our Principal

It is hard to believe that we are in the 5th week of school, which means we are mid-way through the first quarter. The students and staff are settling in nicely and there is a lot of great learning going on. Our students have been working hard on their reading, Lucy Calkins Writing, math, science and social studies. If you haven't done so, **please don't forget to login to PowerSchool to check on your child's grades and progress.** Remember if you ever have questions about how your child is doing you can always contact the teachers via email or leave a message in the office for them to contact you. At John Mills our goal is to develop a strong school-parent partnership so all of our students can be successful.

Student Data Forms/Signed Check-Off Sheets

If you haven't already done so, please return your child's student data form signed and with any corrections or additions. It is very important that we have the most current and up-to-date contact information. Signed check-off sheets regarding District and John Mills policies must also be returned.

Registration Fees

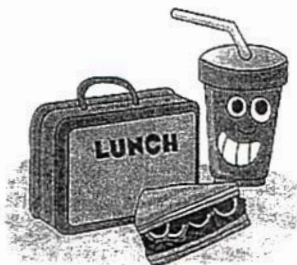
The deadline to pay your \$200.00 registration fee is **Thursday, October 3.** There are 4 ways you may pay: 1) online at the District webstore www.epcusd401.org (need student ID #); 2) bring in cash, check or money order to the main office; 3) stop in the main office to pay by credit/debit card or 4) call 708-452-3560 and we will do a telephone transaction.

Robo Calls/Emails

On occasion, we will be making robo calls and or email blasts as a means to communicate important messages to you. Please listen or read the message before calling the school.

Government Free Breakfast/Lunch Program

If your student received the free breakfast/lunch benefit last year, you must reapply 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."



Greetings from Mrs. Ponce

We have been working hard on our beginning of the year assessments. The MAP reading and math tests, the Fountas & Pinnel Benchmark Assessment, and AIMS Web testing all provide valuable information that helps us guide instruction and maximize learning for all John Mills students. MAP test results will be coming home in your child's first report card. All other assessment data will be shared through teacher communications and at Fall Conferences. We love seeing how our students are learning and growing!

Upcoming Community Events

Village of Elmwood Park's Fall Fest – The three-day event takes place from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on **September 23, September 24** from noon to 11 p.m. and **September 25** from noon to 10 p.m. The Fall Festival will be held on Diversey Avenue at Mills Park. It will feature live entertainment, a variety of food from local vendors, petting zoo, pony rides and scarecrow building. Visit www.elmwoodpark.org for more information.

PTA Night Out

John Mills' PTA is sponsoring our first **Family Night Out at McDonald's** at 7217 West Grand Avenue in Elmwood Park on **September 22 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm.** John Mills will receive 20% of all food items purchased during that time. Can't come in and sit down in the dining room? That's ok, you can also order items through the drive thru! We are very excited for our first Family Night Out and hope to see you there!

PTA Bookaneer Book Fair

The book fair is scheduled for **September 26 – September 30.** It will be open every day from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. On Tuesday, **September 27** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the gym there is a Family Reading Night. On Thursday, **September 29** from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. there is a Breakfast, Books & Buccaneers on the stage. Please join us!

"All For Books" coin challenge

Matey Monday, September 19=Pennies
Talk Like A Pirate Tuesday, September 20=Nickels
Walk The Plank Wednesday, September 21=Dimes
Treasure Thursday, September 22=Quarters
Flag Friday, September 23=Any coins

Every cent we raise will help us buy books for our teacher's classroom libraries! For every dollar we raise, Scholastic donates books to a literacy charity! Need volunteers to help out at the fair. Contact Nikki Eikosidekas at n_caras@hotmail.com or 773-218-7657.

Attention John Mills Families!

The Village of Elmwood Park is having their Fall Fest on September 23, 24 and 25. Because of this, Diversey Avenue from 75th Ave. to 76th Ave. will be closed from September 21 to September 28. You will not be able to drop off or pick up your children on Diversey Ave. during these dates. We strongly encourage all families to walk their children to school during these dates. If you have to drive, please park on the north side of George Street or south of Diversey Avenue and walk your children to their line up area.

Atención familias de John Mills!

El pueblo de Elmwood Park va tener su festival de otoño Septiembre 23 , 24 y 25. Debido a esto la siguientes calles permanecerá cerradas del 21 de Septiembre hasta el 28 de Septiembre: Diversey Ave desde 75th ave hasta la 76th ave. Usted no podrá dejar o recoger a sus hijos en la calle Diversey Ave. durante estas fechas. Les sugerimos a todas las familias a caminar con sus hijos a la escuela durante estas fechas. Si tiene que manejar por favor de estacionarse en el lado norte de la calle de George y caminar con sus niños a su zona de fila.

Uwaga Rodziny John Mills School!

W 23ego, 24ego, i 25ego września odbędzie się Jesienny Festiwal w miasteczku Elmwood Park. W związku z tym, Diversey Avenue (od 75th Ave. do 76th Ave.) będzie zamknięta od 21ego do 28ego września. W tych dniach, nie można podjeżdżać samochodem z dzieckiem/dziećmi do szkoły przy ulicy Diversey. Bardzo prosimy rodziny żeby odprowadzały dzieci do szkoły pieszo w tych terminach. Jeśli musicie jechać do szkoły, prosimy zaparkować na północnej stronie George Street i odprowadzić dziecko/dzieci do zwykłego miejsca zbiórki pod szkołą.