



# Mills Moments

## John Mills School

September 30, 2016



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### A Message from our Principal

October is upon us! We have seen a big change in the weather this week and the days are getting crisper and cooler. Please remember to send your child(ren) in the appropriate clothing so they are comfortable.

Additionally, please remember to give yourself extra time for drop off and pick up. Supervision begins at 8:20 each morning and 9 on Wednesdays. Dismissal is at 3:00pm every day.

Also, please be respectful of our neighbors and please only park in designated areas. There is no parking, stopping or standing in yellow zone areas.

Don't forget that our **John Mills PTA Halloween Fun Fair will be on Friday, October 28 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.**

There will be games, raffles, crafts and activities for all to enjoy. Don't forget to wear your costume!



### 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 **Monday, October 3**. There are 4 ways you may pay: 1) online at the District webstore [www.epcusd401.org](http://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.

### 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) Mexican Consulate Card

### Greetings from Mrs. Ponce

Hello! The month of October is dedicated to raising awareness about bullying. At John Mills School, we are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students. During the month of October, different activities will be taking place to help children understand bullying and how to be an upstander. Upstanders help bully victims and help to create a positive social climate at school. Please ask your child questions about Bully Prevention Month to support our anti-bully campaign. **Remember, don't be a bystander be and upstander!**

### Government Free Breakfast/Lunch Program

If your student received the free breakfast/lunch benefit last year, you must reapply today, **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](http://www.epcusd401.org) and click on the link "Free and Reduced Lunch Application."

### Upcoming Community Events

#### **Get Fit 2016**

#### **Health & Fitness Fair**

The Village of Elmwood Park's Parks & Recreation Department with the EPCUSD 401 Wellness Council invite you to participate in:

Fifth Annual Health & Fitness Fair "Get Fit" 2016 at the  
Parks & Recreation Center  
2 Conti Parkway  
Elmwood Park IL 60707  
Saturday, October 1, 2016  
From 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The purpose of "Get Fit" 2016 is for attendees to receive as many **free** services and information from the exhibitors as possible.

### **The Elmwood Park Educational Foundation District #401 Invites You To:**

#### **Night of Fun for #401**

**Friday October 7th, 2016 7:00pm – 11:00pm**

Tickets are \$40.00 Each (21 Years and Older)  
Hors D'oeuvres, DJ/Dancing – New DJ This Year,  
Silent Auction, Raffles, Cash Bar, Casual Attire

Elmcrest Banquets  
7370 West Grand Avenue  
Elmwood Park IL 60707

To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit  
[www.epef401.org](http://www.epef401.org) or call 708-207-2666



## Clothing Drive

Have your children outgrown winter coats and other clothing items that are still in good condition? Then think about donating them to our Elmwood Park Community Closet. Here is what Our Community Closet needs:

**Kids:** Gently used coats, hats, gloves, boots, snow pants, shoes, pants, shirts, sweatshirts/fleeces, new socks and underwear

**Adults:** Gently used outerwear- coats, jackets, fleeces/sweatshirts

**“Soft” household items:** Gently used blankets, sheets, towels

Please be sure these items are gently used and in good condition. Our Community Closet will open its doors to Elmwood Park families on *October 26, 2016 at Elmwood Park High School*. Any questions, please contact the school social worker. Drop off clothing in the main office.

**Donations will be accepted through October 21, 2016.**

