



# Mills Moments

## John Mills School

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### A Message from our Principal

Our December has gotten off to a great start. We have been celebrating with music, food and friends. On December first, we had our Band and Choir concert, "By Request....Teacher's Favorite Winter Songs." We want to thank Mr. Hawk and Mr. LoPresti and all of our performers for doing a wonderful job. We also had our Cookies Around the World PTA event on Tuesday, December 6. We had many families who donated cookies and came to enjoy a fun evening. Our upcoming event on December 15 is our 1st - 3rd grade music performance, "I Need a Little Winter Vacation." We hope to see you all there!

### 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. Anderson, 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](http://www.epcusd401.org) if you're unsure school is in session.

### A Message from the Nurse

Vision and hearing screening is almost complete for all grade levels at John Mills. If you received a referral letter, please have your child see the eye or ear doctor as soon as possible and send back the completed form to school.

### Yearbook Sale

The deadline to order your yearbook is Wednesday, March 1. The cost is \$15.00 and may be purchased with cash, check (payable to EPCUSD 401) or by credit (call the main office at 452-3560). Remember, there will be no additional copies available for sale after that date.

### Greetings from Mrs. Ponce

As the holiday season fast approaches, I'd like to take a moment to share about our successful PTA event Cookie's Around the World. We are so fortunate to have wonderful diversity in our community and it was so heartwarming to see students and families bring in a small piece of their culture and heritage to share with others. Thank you to all who participated, baked, or attended. Sometimes the smallest things are the sweetest.

### PTA News

**Boosterthon Fun Run:** A huge "THANK YOU!!" to everyone who pledged, came out to watch their student run, or volunteered to mark laps. We had a FANTASTIC time at the Fun Run and the students had a BLAST! A reminder that money is due now.

This fundraiser was a great success and we couldn't have done it without every student, parent, teacher, and our administration. THANK YOU!!!

**Santa's Workshop:** Ran daily from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday 12/05 through Friday 12/09. Thank you to all the volunteers!

Thank you to all the families that donated cookies for Cookies Around the World and came to enjoy the evening with us! We couldn't do it without you!

**Next meeting:** Please join us on Tuesday, December 13 at 6 pm.

**Blast Reminders:** If you haven't done so already, please sign up for PTA text.

Text @jmspta to 81010

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