



CONGRATULATIONS MILLS MUSTANGS!

- ◆ Mills Middle School was awarded the Lozano Smith Foundation Bullying Prevention Program Award and named one of the best schools in California for preventing bullying and creating a safe learning environment.
- ◆ In the Veterans of Foreign Wars Essay Writing Contest, the theme this year was “The America I Believe In”. The winners of the city-level competition were **Lia Williams** (Champion), **Samantha Flores** (2nd place), **Gwen Estrada** (3rd place), **Marvez Caroll** (4th place), and **Marina Zayarchenko** (5th place). **Lia Williams’** essay also won 1st place at the second level and moves on to the state finals.
- ◆ Mills Spelling Bee 2017 winners are **Riley Dimas** (Champion), **Meri Hovhannisyan**, **Andre Serrano**, and **Maria Matsakyan** (2nd place), and **Ariah Harden** (3rd place).
- ◆ 2016-2017 Optimist International Youth Achievement Awards: **Rylie Dimas** and **Marius Culibaba**.
- ◆ Optimist Club Essay Contest winners: **Natalieanne Brewer** and **Rudy Chavez Ruiz** (Champions), **Samantha Flores** and **Vlad Rozhenko** (2nd place), and **MacKenzie Johnson** and **Hovhannes Muradyan** (3rd place). The theme was “Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges”.
- ◆ 264 Mills Mustang students qualified for AAA in the 2nd trimester. AAA stands for Attendance, Academics, Attitude. Students must have exceptional attendance with no unexcused absences and no more than 2 tardies, academic excellence with a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher, and citizenship of “O” or “S” only. To celebrate these students’ achievements, students are invited to The Rink on March 16th.
- ◆ 2017 Twin Rivers Athletic League Champions!
Congratulations to our wrestling team, 6th/7th grade girls basketball team, and 8th grade girls basketball team.



In the Community

- 2017 Optimist International Oratorical and Essay Competition and Awards: 10 am Saturday, March 11th at Cordova Neighborhood Church, 10600 Coloma Way, Rancho Cordova. The speech contest theme is “What the World Gains from Optimism”. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Rancho Cordova.
- March Madness 3 vs 3 Basketball Tournament, Saturday, March 18th for boys and girls in the 4th-8th grade at Mitchell Middle School. **Pick up your Sign-Up forms at the Mills Middle School Office. Register by March 10th.** Sponsored by Rancho Cordova Police Activities League. For more information call 916-875-9627 or 916-875-6934.

Looking Ahead in March

- * **Mar. 12th:** Daylight Saving Time. Remember to spring forward one hour!
- * **Mar. 15th:** 8th grade Parent Information Night for incoming 2017-18 Freshmen at Cordova High School beginning at the Performing Arts Center, 6:30-8:00pm.
- * **Mar. 20-24th:** College Week. Fun activities planned during lunch by Mills Middle School Student Council.
- * **Mar. 22nd:** March Madness Dance/Social, Wednesday, 3:15-5:00pm.
- * **Mar. 24th:** Super Minimum Day 12:45 pm dismissal.
- * **Mar. 27th/29th:** 8th graders visit University of California, Davis.
- * Please check the Mills website regularly for more information and the latest news at www.fcusd.org/mills. New number for the office: 916-294-9045.