



WELCOME TO

Joe Dan Mills, JR

Elementary School

We're so excited to have you join our team!

Joe Dan Mills Jr. Elementary PTA

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Mills Beautification Day: Saturday • August 8 • 8-11AM • Mills Front Entrance • millspta.org/milosfamilyfun

New Families: Saturday • August 15 • 9AM • Mills Playground • Frios Popsicles for Purchase

First General Meeting & Volunteer Fair: Friday • August 21 • 8AM • Mills Cafeteria

Contact Laura Kappel • president@millspta.org

About Our School

Established in 1998

Joe Dan Mills, Jr. Elementary was established in 1998.

Joe Dan Mills Jr., was a respected AISD teacher, principal, school board member and civil rights activist.

Student Population

Approx 712 students
PreK4-5th Grade
27 home languages spoken



Mascot

Milo the Mountain Lion



School Colors

Purple, Teal, & a splash of Gold



Motto

"Be Kind. Be Responsible. Always Be the Best You Can Be."

Points of Pride



Academic Excellence

Mills Elementary was rated as one of the top elementary schools in AISD by **U.S. News and World Reports** in 2025 and received **all 6 academic distinctions** from the Texas Education Agency.



National Board & TIA Teachers

Proudly staffed by highly accomplished National Board Certified and Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Awarded educators.



Campus Highlights



MakerSpace: Hands-on creative innovation lab that all classes attend bi-monthly



Chicken Coop/Outdoor learning: Unique outdoor learning program



No Place For Hate: Safe and inclusive campus



Character Strong: SEL Curriculum Focused on character development. Includes weekly lessons and monthly assemblies.

Your Support Team



School Leadership

Principal: Angela Frageman

Assistant Principals: Anna Balthazar and Nic Ryan



Student Support

Counselors: Allison Murphy and Lexi Oyss



Front Office Team

Registrar/Attendance Specialist: Courtney Cartlidge

Clerk: Ara Doffing

Bookkeeper: Daniela Kuhn

Communication & Staying in the Loop



Mrs. Fragemen

Weekly school-wide updates and important announcements directly from the principal.



Teachers

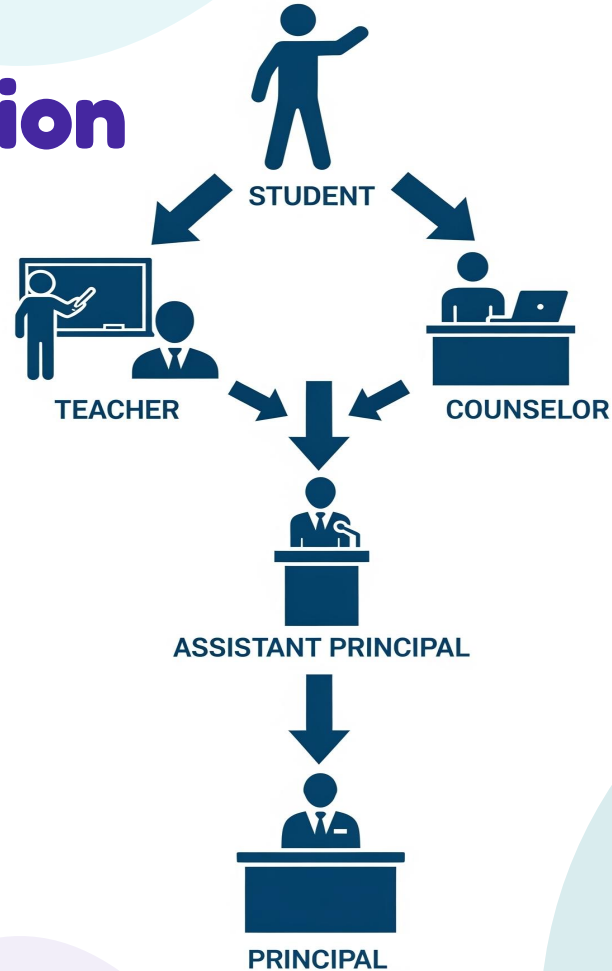
Weekly classroom newsletters, academic highlights, and reminders from your child's teachers.



PTA News

Weekly community updates, volunteer opportunities, and upcoming family events from the PTA.

The Trail of Resolution



Safety on Campus: It Take All of Us



IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION

	HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.
STUDENTS Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced Do business as usual	ADULTS Close and lock the door Account for students and adults Do business as usual
	SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.
STUDENTS Return to inside of building Do business as usual	ADULTS Bring everyone indoors Lock outside doors Increase situational awareness Account for students and adults Do business as usual
	LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.
STUDENTS Move away from sight Maintain silence Do not open the door	ADULTS Recover students from hallway if possible Lock the classroom door Turn out the lights Move away from sight Maintain silence Do not open the door Prepare to evade or defend
	EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)
STUDENTS Leave stuff behind if required to If possible, bring your phone Follow instructions	ADULTS Lead students to Evacuation location Account for students and adults Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults
	SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.
STUDENTS Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard	ADULTS Lead safety strategy Account for students and adults Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults
Hazard Tornado Hurricane Earthquake Tsunamis	Safety Strategy Evacuate to shelter area Seal the room Drop, cover and hold Get to high ground

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SP K12 2021 STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

Safety Arrival & Dismissal Reminders



Arrival

Doors Open at 7:15

- **7:15 - 7:30:** Students arriving during this time go to the cafeteria.
- **At 7:30:** Students proceed directly to their classrooms.
- **Tardy at 7:40:** Students must be in class before 7:40.
- **Drop-off:** Front circle drive or the designated bus lane. *Park on the street, walk up. Other student entry points.



Dismissal

Times & Locations

- **3:00 PM:** Pre-K and Kindergarten dismissal.
- **3:10 PM:** 1st through 5th grade dismissal.
- **Pre-K / K Location:** Dismissed at the back blacktop.
- **Car Riders:** All car riders must still be picked up in the front line.

A Typical Elementary Day

7:40 - 8:00 Morning Meeting

8:00 - 10:00 English Language Arts

10:00 - 10:30 Recess

10:30 - 11:00 Social Studies

11:00 - 11:30 Lunch

11:30 - 1:00 Math

1:00 - 1:20 Work Out for Wellness (Structured physical activity)

1:20 - 2:05 Essential Areas (Art, Music, PE on rotation)

2:05 - 2:45 Science

2:45 - 3:10 Closing Activities

Every Minute Counts: Attendance Matters

7:40 AM

Morning Bell

The tardy bell rings at 7:40 AM. All students are required to be in class by this time.

Note: Students coming in after this time must be signed in by a guardian in the front office.

9:45 AM

Attendance

The official attendance time is 9:45 AM daily.

Please protect this window and schedule doctor or other appointments after this time.

FUNDING

School Resources

School funding relies directly on students being actively present at school.

In Texas, funding is calculated based on daily attendance, not simply on student enrollment.

Join Us for Lunch

Where to Eat

Visitor tables are available in the cafeteria as well as picnic tables in the front of the school.

When to Join

You may join for lunch beginning the 3rd week of school (Aug 31). This allows students the first couple weeks to establish routine and procedures with their class.



AISD Parent Portal, Student Meal Accounts & More

AISD Parent Portal- Families of Austin ISD students can enter the portal to access their student's grades, attendance, school and staff contact information, bus routes, lunch information and much more. For technical assistance, reach out to our front office or call 512-414-7328

Daily Breakfast (7:15am) & Lunch Served Daily- Need to load your child's lunch/breakfast account? Need to take a peek at the menu offerings? Visit:

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/AustinISD> Cash is not accepted through the lunch line.

Student Enrichment Investment- Beginning of year enrichment investment. Enrichment Fees support field trips, our unique to Mills Makerspace classroom and Makerspace teacher and curriculum learning enhancements for each child that Austin ISD does not provide.

School Fundraiser- February; Supports our campus extras and enrichment programming