



*Hillside News*

*From Dr. Madden's Desk to Your Home*



February Edition

# The Year of Happiness

## Looking Back... and Moving Forward

Parents & Guardians:

The new year sure did start off super sweet with the Willy Wonka performance! It was so great to see so many of you come out to enjoy the students in the show at Harrington. A huge thank you goes out to Heidi Bourke, Standing Ovations, and all of our parent volunteers who helped make these two weeks a success. The performance dazzled us all!

Our Happiness Rocks project is well underway with rocks being shipped out to local businesses and through our interoffice mail. The students have received several really cool thank you's in return for their kindness. This project has not only delighted our students, but our school and local community as well. Check out the rocks on display via social media or in our main office. The designs and colors really ROCK!

Mrs. Flannery, our Media Specialist, has been busy preparing for our upcoming Read Across America celebration, the March Book Fair, and our One Book One School Event in April. Our Read Across America Celebration will be celebrated the week of February 26th-March 2nd. Be on the lookout for more information to come your way via social media and flyers outlining information regarding these events.

This week, the students are jumping away in Ms. Ingham's PE classes for Jump Rope for Heart. They are well on their way to reaching our school wide goal. The student who is the highest fundraiser gets to SLIME ME. I am anxiously waiting to see who gets this once in a lifetime opportunity to slime the principal.

Stay in tune with what is happening at Hillside by following my twitter @MTL\_HSPincipal and/or connect to the Hillside facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hillsidees>. We don't want you to miss out on the story we are telling about Hillside. It's a memorable one!

Take care,

Dr. Madden



School Events	PTO Events
<p>Month of February-Celebrating Black History Month No School President's Day-February 19th Jump Rope for Heart-February 12th-16th Read Across America Week- February 26th-March 2nd</p> <p>District Event--Special Needs Resource Fair &amp; Sensory Experience at Larchmont School on February 13th from 6:30pm to 9pm.</p>	<p>Dine Out Night- February 26th</p> <p><i>Please see the Hillside Happenings for more information</i></p>

<p><i>Save the Date for PARCC Testing Grades 3 &amp; 4</i></p>
<p><b>The students in Grades 3 &amp; 4 will be taking the PARCC tests from April 30th-May 8th. Makeups will be administered starting May 9th. Be on the lookout for my PARCC parent/guardian letter set to go home at the end of February.</b></p>

### Nurse's Nook

FLU AND PNEUMONIA VACCINES--It is hard to believe that Flu season is approaching. Please consider having your family vaccinated. Speak with your family physician or pediatrician. Children who are vaccinated can also help prevent the spread of disease to the elderly. **All pre-school children are required by law to be vaccinated for influenza before December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Great Resource for Families ---<http://njparentlink.nj.gov> is a state government web site with fantastic resources for families. It has been recently updated and provides health, wellness, parenting, career, family support services and so much more. Take the time to browse; it is well worth it!

RECESS REMINDERS---Please remember to dress your children for outdoor play. Sneakers or snug fitting rubber soled shoes are appropriate for the playground. Girls should bring shorts or wear leggings or pants under skirts. Pants are best for climbing playground equipment. Please remember a sweatshirt or jacket as cooler weather approaches. We enjoy the outdoors every day if weather permits.