



Hillside News

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A Look Back & Ahead!

Hillside Families,

Spring Break is around the corner. I am sure many of you experienced "spring fever" yesterday with the beautiful weather. I hope you had an opportunity to enjoy it with your family. I spent my afternoon on the soccer field coaching my son's soccer game. Even though we ended up losing, the beautiful weather seemed to balance out the defeat.

During this month, Grades 3 & 4 will be taking the PARCC test. It is important that your child gets a good night's rest every night and eats a healthy breakfast before arriving at school. All of our children are well prepared for the assessment. Our teachers have been working hard to create calm and relaxing testing environments for all of the children.

Last week, I began to examine the Morning Drop Off on the side of the school. I will continue to observe this process, and I will make any necessary changes needed to ensure student safety. A more detailed outline of procedures will be coming home this week as I determine how to rework this system so that it flows smoothly and orderly. I appreciate your patience.

I wish you all a wonderful Spring Break. My wish is that you find time to relax with your children and enjoy some "downtime." You and your children deserve it!

Best Regards,
Dr. Madden

Happenings for this Month

- PARCC Testing for Grades 3 & 4--- April 3-7th and April 12th & 13th
- Early Dismissal--- April 10th
- Spring Break--- April 14th-April 23rd
- Spirit Day "Crazy Hat Day"---- April 28th

A Cool Community Event

April 18th: Mr. Gary's Fish Derby at Willowmere Community's Pond off of Mallard Drive in Mount Laurel. This popular annual outing led by district bus driver Gary Kelmer is celebrating its 25th year. One of our kindergarten bus drivers, Mr. Gary is a huge fishing enthusiast. Each year, he welcomes students from the Mount Laurel Schools and their parents to spend an afternoon during Spring Break fishing in the pond. Expert fishermen, including representatives from the NJ Division of Fish and Game, will be on hand to help and instruct the children. In addition to fishing, children, their parents and guests learn about the environment as they clean up all areas along the shore and around the pond. The Derby will run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PTO News

- PTO Meeting---April 4th @ 7pm
- Dine Out Night---April 12th

Counselor's Corner

PARCC Schedule:
Grades 3 & 4---Math April 3, 4, 5, & 6th
Grades 3 & 4---ELA April 7th, 12th, & 13th