



Hillside News

From Dr. Madden's Desk to Your Home



October Edition

The Year of Happiness

Looking Back... and Moving Forward

We are off and running! Our hallways are covered in student work, and our classrooms are rich with learning. The energy that exudes Hillside is 100% contagious. It is just so great to be back.

This past month was a busy one. It was great to see you all at Back to School Night. We appreciate your partnership in your child's educational experience. We also hosted our first Grade 4 Leadership Summit. All of our fourth graders have a leadership role and are making valuable contributions to our Hillside community. They are awesome to watch in action!

In fact, our School Spirit Leaders just convened and planned our yearly School Spirit Days. Reminders will come to you via Remind and Twitter about these days. Please join in the fun and encourage your child to show school spirit by participating. Below is the outline of days planned so you can mark your calendars.

Hillside School Spirit Day Schedule

October 13th--Who Has Hillside Spirit? Wear your Blue and Gold or Hillside gear

November 3rd--Let's Get Crazy--Crazy Hair Day

December 8th--Fancy It Up!--Dress in fancy clothes/attire

January 12th--Celebrate Our Nationality---Wear clothes/colors that reflect where your ancestors are from

February 9th--Be a Fan Day---Wear your favorite sport's team attire

March 23rd--Comfy and Cozy Day---Wear your pajamas/slippers

April 20th--Be a Superhero---Wear your favorite superhero shirt

May 11th---Switch It Up Day--Students dress like teachers/teachers dress like students

June 15th---Mix Match Day--Switch it all up and dress crazy



Information regarding our Halloween parade and procedures will be coming via a letter. Our parade time is 1:30-2:00pm on October 31st. Our parade route will be mapped out in the letter that is forthcoming. **Please note that if you are parent volunteering for the classroom party, you will need to send a note indicating if you will be signing your child out after the party.** All students must have a note so that we can properly organize our dismissal for that day.

We are looking forward to an exciting month ahead!

Warm regards,

Dr. Briean Madden

School Events	PTO Events
10/9/17--No School 10/24/17-Picture Day 10/31/17-Halloween Parade @ 1:30-2:00pm	10/10/17-Dine Out Night 10/24/17-Pumpkin Palooza

Counselor’s Connection authored by our Kindness Committee

The Kindness Committee would like to collect money for the children that live in Puerto Rico. Each classroom will have a container in their room. Please bring change in to fill our containers. We thank you for your donation!

It will start October 11th and end on October 18th.

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 31st.**

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.