



Hillside News

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A Look Back & Ahead!

Hillside Families,

Thank you all for your support as we reworked our Morning Drop Off procedures. Things are running much smoother with the two car drop off and the new safety men (Thank you PTO!) and the cones. As a reminder, if you are dropping off, please be sure to be in the drop off line well before 9:00 as the doors will close at 9:00. The students are expected to be in class at 9:00 ready to learn.

The PTO did an outstanding job with International Night on May 4th. It was so great to see all of the different countries representing our Hillside population. The displays were informational and engaging. Thank you all for volunteering your time to make this a special event for Hillside.

Staff Appreciation Week was filled with so many treats and goodies. The PTO made our Hillside Staff feel so loved. Thank you for making this a memorable week for our Staff.

Mark your calendars! The end of the year is approaching quickly. There will be lots of activities and events coming up during the school day and in the evenings. Please be on the lookout for reminders of what is ahead via social media.

I appreciate your patience during the road work on Mt. Laurel-Hainesport Road. I realize this has impacted our morning and afternoon routines. Again, your ongoing support has been greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,
Dr. Madden

Happenings for this Month

- Spring Concert Show @ 2pm (Students only) and 7pm-5/10
- Spirit Day—Mix Match Day---5/19
- Grade 4 Hartford Visit---5/15 @ 9:40 in the Gym (Students only)
- GAP Night @ Parkway—5/16 @ 7pm
- Kindergarten Orientation—5/19 @ 2pm in Gym
- K-4 Science Assembly for Students---5/26
- Grade 4 Art Show---5/31 @ 6pm
- Field Day—June 1st (Rain date June 6th)

Nurse's Nook

Please make sure children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Even on hot days the children can be chilly in class. Have them keep a sweatshirt available for air-conditioned rooms. No flip-flops please. Exposed toes and sandals without an ankle strap are a safety hazard.

Fun in the Sun at Hillside

The first, and best, line of defense against harmful ultraviolet radiation (UVR) exposure is avoiding sun exposure by covering up. Wear a hat with a three-inch brim or a baseball cap with the bill facing forward. Wear loose fitting light clothing with a tight weave for UV protection. Sit in the shade under the trees that line the back of the playground.

For Field Day and Party Events at School

Before school, on both sunny and cloudy days apply sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater that protects against UVA and UVB rays. Be sure to apply enough sunscreen -- about one half to one ounce per application. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, and after swimming or sweating.

Seasonal Allergies

Please make sure your child has taken their allergy medication prior to coming to school. If your child is on a long acting allergy medication, administering it at night may help them tolerate the morning exposure to the environment at the bus stop and playground prior to school starting. Students are encouraged to wash their face and hands after coming into school and after recess to cut down on pollen exposure. Please do not send any medication to school. Even OTC allergy eye drops and medications require a prescription if administered at school.

Simple Spring Cleaning Tips

House dust is the most common irritant for allergy sufferers. When dusting, don't use a feather duster. It just lifts the dust into the air and increases airborne dust particles. Use a damp cloth or special dry cloth to trap dust. Cleaning products with strong odors, harsh chemicals or volatile organic compounds (VOCs) can be irritating. Even "green" label solutions can be made with natural allergenic ingredients such as lemon, tea-oils and coconut extracts. A vacuum that leaks dust can worsen indoor air quality. HEPA filter vacuums help to seal off dust leaks. Choose a vacuum that causes minimum exposure during emptying or bag changes.

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- Family Fun Fest—5/19 @ *The Big Event*

Counselor's Corner

Grade 4 Science NJASK—May 31st
Grade 4 Science NJASK Make-up—June 7th

Hartford Grade 4 Visit is scheduled for May 15th. Our students will get to hear from Mr. Stanard and former Hillside students about what they will experience at Hartford next year.