



*Hillside News*

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



March Edition

# The Year of Happiness

## Looking Back... and Moving Forward

Parents & Guardians:

March has certainly come in with a loud weather roar! I hope you have all recovered from our recent snowstorm that caused power outages in many of our homes. Spring is just around the bend. I recently noticed some of the trees beginning to bud and some of our annuals at Hillside have popped through the mulch. These are all beautiful signs of what is to come.

Our Hillside students have been hard at work in the classrooms. They should be commended for the effort they bring each day. Visiting classrooms always enlightens me, and it better connects me with the amazing learning that is happening. Our entire Hillside staff continues to provide our students with awesome learning opportunities.

The Happiness Rocks project is still going strong. A letter will be sent home asking for families to volunteer to drop a painted rock off at some of our local businesses around our school community. Some rocks will be mailed and others will be dropped off. In fact, our students have brainstormed a list of local businesses that they would like to receive a Happiness Rock from Hillside. These are ALL super cool ideas shared by our very own students coming to life. I just love it!

Please check out the the dates on the following page to stay abreast of the upcoming events. I look forward to sharing this spring season with you. Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Take care,

Dr. Madden



**\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\***  
**Save the Date for PARCC Testing Grades 3 & 4**

**The students in Grades 3 & 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 which will be coming home shortly.**

School Events	PTO Events
<p style="text-align: center;">3/12-3/16- Kindergarten Round Up 3/19-3/23-Book Fair 3/20- Book Fair Family Night 3/22-Early Dismissal Day 3/23 Spirit Day- Wear Your PJ's 3/30 No School-Spring Break Recess Begins 3/30-4/6-Spring Break 4/9 School Re-opens</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3/15-ISC Kid's Social 3/20-Book Fair Family Night and Bingo Night 3/23-Mother Son Night</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please see the Hillside Happenings for more information</i></p>

**Nurse's Nook**

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.