



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



December Edition Look Back... and Moving Forward

Dear Hillside Families,

So many wonderful things are happening at Hillside these days! At the end of November, our students participated in our Turkey Trot to celebrate the hard work of collecting coins to support children with cancer. Our school raised over \$1,000 to support this worthy cause. Our fourth grade raised over \$500 and will receive extra recess time for being the grade level who collected the most coins.

Our PTO is running our Holiday Shop where students are visiting to shop for family and friends. The joy on their faces while shopping is picture perfect. They are thinking deeply about their loved ones with such intent and selecting gifts that they think their family and friends will love. Thank you to all of the families who donated to the School Spirit Leaders Used Board Game Donation. The School Spirit Leaders wanted to help our students enjoy indoor recess on inclement weather days. They will be sorting the games and labeling them for each grade level. They can't wait for the students to use them.

Keep those green beans coming! Mt. Laurel School District will be putting together food baskets to help families celebrate the Holiday Season. We have a school goal of collecting 300 cans by December 13th. The green beans are set to be picked up the morning of December 13th. The district will be assembling the baskets on December 14th.

Thank you to all of the parents/guardians for coming out to Parent/Teacher Conferences. It was so great to see all of you. The Hillside Staff appreciates your support in your child's education. All of our students are growing both academically and socially. Let's continue to work together to support your child. It is a true TEAM effort!

We look forward to announcing our school wide projects, related to our Year of Teamwork, after Winter break. Our students are excited to launch these projects because they bring our school together. The entire school gets to see their ideas and hard work come alive. These projects will impact our school and the Mt. Laurel community. Get ready...you will be so proud!

During this Holiday Season, I wish you and your families joy and love. Enjoy this special time together. This is a wonderful time to express gratitude towards one another. The students of Hillside sure do bring us joy each day when they enter our school. Thank you for sharing your child with us!

Warmly,

Dr. Madden



Upcoming Events @ Hillside

School Events	PTO Events (See Hillside Happenings each week for more information)
<p>12/4: Picture Retake day 12/14: Hillside Spirit Day-Inside Out Day (wear your clothes inside out) 12/14: Star Lab begins for students 12/21: Early Dismissal at 1:00pm 12/22-1/1: Winter Break 1/2: School Re-opens</p>	<p>Week of 12/3 Holiday Shop is running 12/13: Grade 4 Auditions for Jungle Book 12/17: Barnes and Noble Night Now-12/31: Dine Out at Buffalo Wild Wings</p>

Recess is part of our daily schedule. There will be outdoor recess (weather permitting) during the winter months. Please dress your child with a coat, hat, and gloves so that he/she can stay warm while playing. Thank you!

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