



The Connection Newsletter

September 2017

School-Family-Community

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From the Desk of the Principal...

It is with great pride that I call myself a member of the Hillside community. In the short time that I have been here, the families, staff and students have gone out of their way to make me feel welcome. I plan to continue Mr. Bogren's path of academic excellence to ensure that our students are not only college and career ready, but also contributing members of a democratic society. I look forward to partnering with parents and family members to develop our students to be their best!

Please join us for
OPEN HOUSE
9/12/17 @ 7:00

PBIS

This year we are implementing a new school behavior management system called PBIS. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (**PBIS**) is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success.

The guiding principles of PBIS are Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe.

The first week of school students learned how to be respectful, responsible and safe in each area of the school.

New Faces at Hillside School:

We are pleased to have the following people join our staff at Hillside School:

Regina Smith	Special Ed.
Rebecca Brown	ELP/ELA
Eileen Gavlin	4 th grade
Renee Nyberg	6 th grade
Terrence Russell	6 th grade

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Be Responsible
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“If it doesn’t challenge you, it won’t change you.”

-Fred DeVito



Dates to Remember

Sept. 12- Open house 7:00 pm in gym
Sept. 13- School board meeting 7:30 pm
Sept. 15- Late start 9:15 am
Sept. 22-PTO K-5 dance 7:00 pm
Sept. 23- ILMEA Band and chorus auditions
Oct. 3- PTO meeting 7:00 pm
Oct. 6- ½ day 11:45 am Dismissal
Oct. 9- No School (Columbus day)
Oct. 11- School board meeting 7:30 pm
Oct. 13- PTO Mother son night 7:00 pm
Oct. 16- High school information night 6:30 pm
Oct. 19- Music Dept. Spaghetti dinner 5:00 pm
Oct. 20- 8th grade Springfield trip
Oct. 25- BPAC meeting 5:00 pm
Oct. 26- End of 1st quarter
Oct. 26- Family STEM night 6:00 pm
Oct. 27- \$1 dress down day
Oct. 27- PTO fall harvest party
Oct. 27- PTO 6th-8th grade dance 7:00 pm
Nov. 3- Blue Jay Bonanza

HOW YOU CAN HELP FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET AT HOME:

1. Pay attention and verbally praise kids for skills that don't sound predetermined: hard work, persistence, rising to a challenge, learning from a mistake, etc., rather than being “smart”, “brilliant” or “gifted”.
2. Be a growth mindset role model. Be honest: how often do you say “I can't (cook/sing/balance my bank account)” or “I'm terrible at (sports/spelling/public speaking)” as if there's no hope for you? Make sure you're sending the right message – maybe even take on something new!
3. Encourage your child to forget taking the easy route (where little learning is done) and instead embrace challenges. A sheet full of questions he already knows the answers to won't “grow the brain” like one deeper problem to solve (even if he doesn't get the correct answer).
4. Remember growth mindset isn't just academic; it applies to many areas of life (athletic, musical, social). Having trouble getting the basketball into the net? Keep making mistakes on a guitar chord? Tried to initiate play with someone but it didn't go well? Discuss the next step for improvement.
5. Discourage envy of peers, and talk to your child about what he or she can learn from others who appear more successful. While skills may come more easily to some, most often there's a (possibly unseen) element of practice, persistence, and hard work which leads to achievement.

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Join PTO Today!

The Hillside PTO supports students in a myriad of ways including Fieldtrips, Book Fairs, Santa's Gift Shop, Family Activities, Character Counts!, Picture Day(s), Room Parties, 7th and 8th Grade Activity Days, Graduation, and much, much more! **Please help to keep these programs strong by joining the PTO and offering your time at one or more of these events.**

This years officers are:

Veronica Richardson- President
Princess Fountain-Vice President
Keena Kupoluyi-Secretary
Kathy Boone-Treasurer

If you any questions or concerns or to volunteer, PTO can be reached at:

hillside93pto@gmail.com

Thank you Hillside PTO
for everything you do for
the school and the
students!

Calendar of Events 2017-2018

- Aug 23 – Back to School Picnic 6:00pm - 8:30pm
- Sept 22 – K-5th Grade School Dance 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- Sept 25-29 - Scholastic Book Fair (M-F 9am - 3pm)
- Sept 28 – Scholastic Book Fair Night (6:30 pm-8:00 pm)
- Oct 13 - Mother/Son Activity Night 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- Oct 27 – PTO Dollar Dress Down Day
- Oct 27 – Fall Harvest Room Party 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- Oct 27 – 6th-8th Grade Dance Party 7:00 pm – 9:00pm
- Nov 17 - Chuck E Cheese Night 4:00pm - 10:00pm
- Dec 11-16 – Holiday Gift Shop (M-F 9am - 3pm)
- Dec 16 - Breakfast with Santa 8:30am - 11:00am
- Dec 22 – Wonderland Room Party 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- Jan 26 – PTO Dollar Dress Down Day
- Jan 26 - Family Fun Night 7:00p - 9:00pm
- Feb 9 – Friendship Room Party 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- Feb 9 – Daddy/Daughter Dance 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- March 9 – Hillside Got Talent Night 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- March 19- 23 – Scholastic Book Fair BOGO (M-F 9am - 3pm)
- March 22 – Book Fair at Pajama Night
- April 6 – PTO Dollar Dress Down Day
- April 20 – Fun Fair 7:00p - 9:00pm
- May 11 - Chuck E Cheese Night 4:00pm - 10:00pm
- May TBD – Summer Reading Book Swap Night

PTO meetings are open to all parents on first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Hope to see you there!