

HILLSIDE

Headlines

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Character Counts! Quote of the Week
"Few men have virtue to withstand the
highest bidder."
GEORGE WASHINGTON (1732-1799)

Important Dates in August/September

- Aug. 24-28 Kindergarten students dismiss at 1:30 p.m. (Teacher home visits)
- Aug. 27 PTO Entertainment Book Sale Begins
- Aug. 31-Sept. 4 Kindergarten students dismiss at 1:30 p.m. (Teacher home visits)
- Sept. 1 3rd Grade Curriculum Night 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- Sept. 2 4th Grade Orchestra – Parent Open House at Indian Hills 7 pm
- Sept. 3 5th Grade Curriculum Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 3 Kindergarten Curriculum Night 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- September 7 Labor Day, No School for Students and Staff**
- Sept. 8 Parent Teacher Organization Meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 8 2nd Grade Curriculum Night 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- Sept. 9 SCHOOL PICTURES
- Sept. 10 1st Grade Curriculum Night 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- Sept. 11 Valley Football Game at Valley Stadium 7:30 p.m. (Valley vs. Marshalltown)
- Sept. 15 4th Grade Orchestra Parent Lessons, Indian Hills ~ 7 p.m.
- Sept. 18 Valley Football Game at Valley Stadium 7:30 p.m. (Valley vs. Newton)
- September 18 Fall Bus Evacuation Drills

WELCOME

The staff of Hillside is pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families to the Hillside learning community! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for a year full of tremendous learning experiences. Our fourth year at Hillside promises to be exceptionally rewarding.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALE

Save up to 50% on THE THINGS YOU DO EVERY DAY and help your school.

We'll be offering the Entertainment[®] membership book to raise money for Hillside Elementary School. People look for Entertainment[®] each year, so be sure to tell everyone you know that our school is selling it. You can help support our school for only \$20 and save hundreds of dollars for yourself, friends and family.

Enjoy up to 50% savings on family fun, dining out, travel, shopping and more! Your child will be bringing home sale materials and important information on August 27. The sale will run through September 10. If you have any questions regarding the sale, please call Laura Porter at 953-2424. **Thank you!**

Parent-to-Parent: Family Training on AD/HD

Have you been searching for a reliable source of information about AD/HD and how to manage the issues related to the disorder? **Parent-to-Parent** is a six-session interactive program for parents of children with AD/HD. Classes begin Tuesday, October 6th from 6:30-8:45 p.m., and will continue each Tuesday for 6 weeks. **REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 15th, and class will fill up quickly!** Please call Julie for more information and to register 515/223-6730

AD/HD Parent Support Group sponsored by CHADD

Meets first Monday of every month at West Des Moines Library from 7-9 p.m. (If it is a holiday, we meet the following Monday.) For questions please call Julie at 515/223-6730.

FREE CHESS CLASS



Dhrooti Vyas a senior at Valley High School will be teaching a **FREE CHESS CLASS** titled the Hoover Chess Initiative. This class is a chess program for elementary school students between

fourth through sixth grade at Hillside Elementary. The program will involve a chess course held at Hillside Elementary School on Monday nights in the media center beginning Monday, September 14th through Monday, Dec. 14th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The curriculum guide is from chess Grandmaster Susan Polgar. GM Polgar is a strong advocate of chess for the average student because it improves students' problem-solving and critical thinking skills. It would also aid students in succeeding in school, especially in math and science. To sign up for the class, please complete the yellow form sent home with all fourth through sixth grade students on Monday, August 31st. The class is limited to 20 students, so complete the form as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Janelle Green at 633-6271.

PaySchools Brings Online Convenience to West Des Moines Community School District Parents

PaySchools is a secure online payment processing system that allows parents to send payments for school meals by electronic check or credit/debit card. It lets you pay for your child's school lunch anytime, anywhere. No more lost money. Using PaySchools is easy. Visit the school district's website at www.wdmcs.org and click on the PaySchools icon for details. Questions? Please contact Lynnae Moossavi at 633-5085 or email her at moossavil@wdmcs.org.

Same Person, New Name

Our Assistant Principal has changed her name. Ms. Duncan will now go by Mrs. Green. Mrs. Green will be at Hillside from 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Fridays. The other part of Mrs. Green's day is at the West Des Moines Community School District's Learning Resource Center as the Assistant Director of Human Resources.

Hillside: A Peanut-Conscious School

Nuts may seem to be harmless little things, but for some, eating even one can cause loss of consciousness and death. Hillside Elementary takes the safety of its students very seriously and therefore reminds all families how important it is to be very careful when packing lunches and sending treats to school. Please try to avoid sending any products that contain peanuts or peanut oil. We ask that no snacks with peanut ingredients be brought to school for treats or parties. There are many tasty foods and treats available that do not contain peanuts or peanut oil. Try something new and peanut-free! ☺

Hillside Staff

We have three new staff members at Hillside Please help us to make them feel welcomed to our school. Kristine Elliott is our new fifth and sixth grade ESL teacher, Spanish teacher, and translator. Rebecca Adrian is our new noon hour supervisor with the fifth and sixth grade students. Donald Werner is our new day custodian. Please be sure to give our new staff members a warm Hillside welcome.

Hillside Crossing Guards



Safety of our students is very important. Hillside students walking or biking to and from school this year will find crossing guards to help them cross busy intersections both before and after school. A crossing guard will be stationed at the intersections of Eighth Street & Grand Avenue, Eighth Street & Vine and also at Eighth Street & Ashworth Road. Guards will be on duty at all locations from 8:15 to 9:05 a.m. before school and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. after school. Please contact the Hillside office if you have questions or concerns.

Parking Lot Maps

If you are unsure of where to drop off and pick up your child(ren) before and after school, please stop by the office to pick up a map explaining before/after school pick-up. Please look them over. Signs are posted to inform you of our no parking zones and pick up areas. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Green at 633-6271.



Please avoid talking on your cell phone as you are picking up or dropping off your child(ren) at school. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.