

HILLSIDE

Headlines

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Character Counts! Quote of the Week

"What a man's mind can create, man's character can control."

— Thomas Edison

Important Dates in September/October

- 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)
- Sept. 18 Fall Bus Evacuation Drills
- Sept. 28 Book Fair 9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- Sept. 29 Book Fair 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 Book Fair 9 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
- Oct. 2 Valley Homecoming Game against Mason City 7 p.m.
- Oct. 5-9 CogAT Grades 3 and 6
- Oct. 6 Picture Retake
- Oct. 6 Title I Family Night 7-8 p.m.
- Oct. 8 Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off
- Oct 12 **NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional development**
- Oct. 13 PTO Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Oct. 22 Title I "Partners in Print" at Phenix Elementary 6:15-8:05 p.m.
- Oct. 22 Valley vs. SC North 7 p.m.
- Oct. 29 6th Grade "Biz Town"
- Oct. 30 Halloween School Parade 2:45 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Halloween Parties, Classrooms, 3:15-3:45 p.m.



Games, Games, Games

On Friday, September 4, Hillside students and staff celebrated their first Positive Behavior Support (PBS) community builder. Each month specific PBS skills are taught to students such as appropriate behavior in classroom, dining room, playground, etc. The students are regularly praised and rewarded with Tiger Paws for demonstrating outstanding behavior as well as monthly community PBS celebrations.

This month the entire school participated in a structured recess outside. Each student was assigned to a different game station such as tug-of-war, tetherball, jump rope, flag football or four square. Teachers explained rules and appropriate play and then reinforced appropriate behavior with Tiger Paws and praise. The objective of the recess was not only to celebrate outstanding behavior but for students to also be exposed to a wide-variety of activities to play at recess in the future.

The play day was organized by Hillside's PBS committee members as a way to build a sense of community and reinforce Hillside's behavior expectations. PBS is a framework to encourage students to demonstrate their best behavior on a consistent basis. Frequent and explicit teaching is provided by school staff so that students know how their behavior is expected to "look" and "sound" while in school. Hillside students will continue to celebrate with monthly celebrations and three school-wide community builders throughout the 2009-10 school year.



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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES

The PTO is wrapping up the Entertainment Book Sale. Please be sure to turn any orders you may have, as well as the entertainment book given as a sample. Thank you!!!

Destination Book Fair

Destination Book Fair is coming to our school media center on:

Monday, September 28, 9 a.m.–4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, September 29, 9 a.m. –6:30 p.m.***

Wednesday, September 30, 9 a.m. –3:15 p.m.

***** This will be the only night the book fair is open.**



Reading takes kids further by engaging their imaginations as they experience and share the joy of reading. Parents are invited to stop in and shop during the hours listed above.

Classroom wish lists will be available at the fair if you wish to purchase a book for your student's classroom. The theme this year is **READ AROUND THE WORLD**. Hope to see you at the Book Fair.

The profits from the fair will be used to purchase more books for the school library media center.

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! ☺

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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 8th Street & Grand Avenue, 8th Street & Vine and also at 8th 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.

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 6 from 6:30-8:45 p.m. , and will continue each Tuesday for six weeks. **REGISTRATION CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 15th, and class will fill up quickly!** Please call Julie at 515-223-6730 for more information or to register.

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.

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.**

