

HILLSIDE

Headlines

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Character Counts! Quote of the Week

“You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.”

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Important Dates in September/October

Sept. 28	Book Fair, 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Sept. 29	Kids Bank Training, 8-9 a.m. (Media Center)
Sept. 29	Book Fair, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Book Fair, 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
Oct. 1	Kids Bank Training, 8-9 a.m. (Art Room)
Oct. 2	Valley Homecoming Game vs. Mason City, 7 p.m.
Oct. 5-9	CogAT Third and Sixth Graders
Oct. 6	Picture Retakes
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	Classroom Halloween Parties, 3:15-3:45 p.m.

WDM Reads – Volunteers Needed!

Do you LOVE to read? If you answered yes, Hillside Elementary has a wonderful opportunity for you. We are interested in getting an after school literature club organized, however parent volunteers are needed. Volunteers will be asked to read a book, meet with students from 4-5 p.m. to discuss the book with students in grades four, five and six. Questions will be provided to guide your discussion. If you are interested, please contact Janelle Green, assistant principal, at 633-6271 or greenja@wdmcs.org.

Homecoming Week Activities

Valley High School homecoming week is September 28 to October 1. This year’s theme is Jungle Boogie. Hillside Elementary is entered in the homecoming parade. Would you like to ride on the Hillside float in the Valley homecoming parade? The parade is Thurs., Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m. beginning at Valley Stadium. Children and parents are welcome! For more details contact Kelly Betts at 988-7256 or kellyjo0414@mchsi.com.

Other activities for the week are as follows:

Monday	Lazy Sweats Day
Tuesday	Blast From The Past Day represent your favorite decade
Wednesday	Nerd Day
Thursday	Jungle Day wear your favorite jungle print
Friday	Spirit Day wear orange & black

GO TIGERS!!!

Destination Book Fair

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

Mond., Sept. 28	9 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 29	9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.**
Wed., Sept. 30	9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

**** This is 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 would like 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 profit from the fair will be used to purchase books for the school library media center.

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Kids Bank Grand Opening

The Hillside Elementary Kids Bank, located near the hearth room/media center, will open Oct. 7 and be open every Wednesday from 8:40-9 a.m.



The Kids Bank is a bank for students, run by students. On Sept. 24, 60 fourth, fifth and sixth graders applied and interviewed for positions as a board member, bank teller or marketing committee member. The board members will open new Kids Bank accounts and ensure the bank is running smoothly, the tellers will complete deposit and withdrawal transactions and the marketing committee will be in charge of advertising.

All Kids Bank employees received training from employees of our business partner, First Bank.

Make a Difference Week

West Des Moines Community Schools

Make a Difference Day, the nation's largest single day of volunteering, is Oct. 24. More than three million people turn out to perform thousands of charitable acts for others. This year, the West Des Moines Community School District's students and staff will be collecting personal hygiene items for WDM Human Services and Koins for Kids, a scholarship fund to help low-income families participate in local programs. WDM Human Services, which currently serves over 325 families a month and last year provided 3,777 orders of personal care products to households in need. Over the last few months WDM Human Services has seen an increase in households in need and, unfortunately, they have not been able to keep up.

During the week of Oct. 19-23, Hillside Elementary will collect personal care products. On Fri., Oct. 23, the WDM Community Education staff will collect the items from each school, deliver and stock the personal care product shelves at the WDM Human Services center.

Thank you for your support of this great cause!

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Positive Behavioral Support Update

Tiger paws are handed out to individuals and classrooms when students demonstrate appropriate behaviors.

Classroom tiger paws are sent to the office for a monthly drawing. The class winners for the month of September are listed below. Class winners receive a tiger trophy to enjoy for the month and their class picture is displayed outside of our dining room for the month.



September class winners were:

- K-2: Mrs. Kenworthy's first grade
- 3-4: Mrs. McKay's third grade
- 5-6: Miss Reed's fifth grade

Keys to Traffic Safety at Hillside

- ☞ Please be patient! When it comes to the safety of our children, patience is vital.
- ☞ Consider arriving between 4-4:10 p.m. to avoid the congestion at 3:55 p.m.
- ☞ Consider sharing carpool duties with other families to reduce the amount of traffic.
- ☞ When entering the driveway near the kindergarten entrance, please pull in as far as possible. This will allow other cars behind you to enter the driveway as well.
- ☞ SPREAD OUT along the driveway... there's lots of room to use.
- ☞ Pick up your child(ren) along the driveway curb or park in the lot and walk them to your car using a crosswalk.
- ☞ If you need to leave your car, please park in a parking space in the parking lot and use a crosswalk to approach the building.
- ☞ Use the crosswalks when walking with your children rather than cutting across the driveway and between cars.
- ☞ Only stop your car in a marked space next to the curb nearest the school. Please do not park your car in the moving lane (left side of the driveway). This lane is for cars wanting to move toward the exit.
- ☞ Please remember that this advice is offered to help keep our children safe and to avoid accidents. Thank you for your support!