

HILLSIDE

Headlines

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Character Counts! Quote of the Week
“Imagination is more important than knowledge.”
— *Albert Einstein*

Important Dates in September/October

Oct. 5-9	CogAT, 3 rd & 6 th Grades
Oct. 6	Picture Retake
Oct. 6	Title I Family Night, 7-8 p.m.
Oct. 7	Kid’s Bank Grand Opening 8:40-9 a.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.

Crucial Conversations with Children

If you have ever wondered how to get your kids to talk to you, to really tell you what’s going on, then this presentation is for you! Please join us at Hillside Elementary Tues., Oct.13 at 6:30 p.m. in the hearth room. We will have a guest speaker at 7 p.m. to discuss “Crucial Conversations.” He will discuss several proven skills to help you to get your kids to open up and honestly tell you how they feel and what they think. See you there!

Kids Bank Grand Opening



Hillside Elementary Kid’s Bank opens Wed., Oct. 7. It is open from 8:40-9 a.m. every Wednesday.

WDM READS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you LOVE to read? If your answer is yes, Hillside Elementary has a wonderful opportunity for you. We are interested in getting an after school literature club organized and parent volunteers are needed. Volunteers will be asked to read a book and meet with fourth, fifth and sixth graders from 4-5 p.m. to discuss the book. 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.

Kid’s Bank Employees 2009-10

On Sept. 24, the following students interviewed for Kids Bank positions. All students were placed in one of three positions. Board members will open new Kid’s Bank accounts and ensure the bank is running smoothly, bank tellers will complete deposit and withdrawal transactions and the marketing committee will be responsible for advertising. All Kid’s Bank employees receive training from employees of our business partner, First Bank.

Board Members: Jazmine Adamson, Ross Fix, Elizabeth Linskens, Lauren Nielsen and Camiel Zenti

Bank Tellers: Allison Benzten, Baishali Bhatia, Emily Conard, O’Tjya Crayton, Ally Dunn, Chad Evers, Kyle Evers, Caroline Fidler, Grant Fidler, Angie Gabriel, Connor Hodges, Mckenzie Michael, Zach Miller, Narayan Narayan, Hannah Olson, Zoe Rand, Benjamin Scharfenberg, Benjamin, Susanne Schemmel and Piper Wood

Marketing Committee: Joe Adamson, Kaylynn Bagbey, Kevin Bails, Sally Beaty, Donald Bishop, Victoria Christensen, Mary Scout Cole-Duvall, Kathleen Davis, Kathleen, Emma Ericson, Isabelle Fidler, Kaylee Fisher, Donny Freeman, Adamarys Gamboa, Kelcie Hale, Jayda Jacobs, Sophia Jacobsen, Brenna Kokichi-Williamson, Joyce Ledo, Mikelle Leonard, Olivia Meline, Ryland Mutai, Maria Pimental, Cortez Pinks, Reagan Porter, Andrew Ramer, Vianna Ratzlaff, Eva Ruelas, Macayla Smith, Gabby Verduyen, Suilley Vuong, Jada Wierck and Nateshia Wilson

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H1N1 – Health Alert

The West Des Moines School District is working closely with the Polk County Health Department, other Polk County school districts and the Iowa Department of Education to monitor flu conditions. We will keep you updated with new information as it becomes available. We want to keep our schools open to students and functioning in a normal manner during this flu season, but we need your help to do this.

Here are a few things you can do to help.

- ✓ **Know the signs of symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea. These symptoms apply to ALL types of the flu, not just H1N1.
- ✓ **Do not send children to school if they are sick.** Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home. Have a plan in place if you need to stay home with a sick child.
- ✓ **Keep sick children at home** for at least 24 hours after they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs. **Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.**
- ✓ **Teach your children to wash their hands often** with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- ✓ **Teach your children not to share personal items** like drinks, food or unwashed utensils.
- ✓ **Teach your child to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues.** If tissue is unavailable they can cover up their coughs or sneezes using their elbow, arm or sleeve instead of their hand.

Entertainment Book Sales

A big THANK YOU to all of you who participated in our first Entertainment Book Sale. We sold 621 books, making over \$6,000 for our school! The following classes were the top winners:

- K-2: Jeri Havener and Shiela Hirsch, both classes sold 54 books
- 3-4: Sarah Cooper, 44 books
- 5-6: Laura Kleve, 36 books

The winning classes will receive a brownie and ice cream party. Prizes for students who sold Entertainment Books are back ordered and should be in within two to three weeks.

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BOOK FAIR WINNERS

These are the book fair estimation winners:
Mrs. Havener - Sam Raney; Mrs. Snyder - Olivia Slaughter; Mrs. Hirsch - Alex Hughes

Mrs. Kenworthy - Nia How; Mrs. Serangeli - Rania Hashim- exactly right 53!; Mrs. Motsenbocker - Hannah Felsen

Mrs. Garrison - Braxton Bayless; Mr. Richer - Jordan Gliem; Ms. Law - Haley Schecher; Ms. Deunser - Jordan Davis; Mrs. McKay - Jenna Nielsen

Mr. Wilson - Mary Scout Cole-Duvall; Mrs. Gilmore - Ashley Christianson; Mrs. McMains - Kiara Bosley; Mrs. Cooper - Eva Ruelas; Mrs. Embree - Henry Felsen; Ms. Reed - Sarah Wilson; Mrs. Hoifeldt - Tanner Rhiner

Mr. Nichols - Mia Moreno; Mrs. Hunt - John Garang; Mr. Trygstad - Nico Mulhern- exactly right 273!; Mrs. Kleve - Tevan Fuller

Dental Note



The Des Moines Health Center's School Smiles Program provides oral health education and screening services. Hillside is fortunate to offer an expanded service that includes the Smiles Sealant Project and the Smile Squad Mobile Dental Clinic. These programs provide oral health services to children who have no other access. Services include dental sealants for second and third graders, examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, x-rays, fillings, crowns and extraction to all students who qualify

Our goal within the Hillside Health Office is to service as many students as possible. If your student does not have dental insurance, this program is free of charge. If a student has dental insurance, Title 19 or Hawk-I, the School Smiles Program will bill these insurance programs or companies directly. This is an excellent program that Hillside is offering, please feel free to utilize the services that will be given to your student while here at school. The Sealant Project and Mobile Clinic will be at Hillside Oct. 13-16. If you are interested or want to participate please call the Health Office at 633-6241.