

# Hillcrest Herald

Catch the Breeze! November 3, 2023 Edition



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## Hillcrest Celebrates Halloween







## Admin Bulletin

Our Hurricanes had a blast celebrating Halloween, even though we had to hold our parade indoors due to the snowy conditions. Thank you to the parents who volunteered or sent in donations for our in-school celebrations. It was a scary good time.

Welcome to November! It's hard to believe we are approaching the holiday season.

For November we are focusing on showing Gratitude, our word of the month. 'Tis the season to count our blessings and pay it forward.

## Hurricanes in the Spotlight

### Pumpkin Picassos

First graders created master piece pumpkins based on favorite book characters. Check out their creativity!



### Camo Experts

Students in Mrs. Reagle's and Mrs. Coulter's 4th grade classes extended their current unit on animal adaptations, and worked to camouflage their very own butterfly! The 4th graders' impressive efforts to keep their butterfly safe produced some truly creative bugs that blended in perfectly with their classroom environment!





## Escape Artists

Mrs. Smith took Halloween to a whole new level with a music themed escape room! These 4th graders made it out just in time for a standing ovation.



Up Next

Honoring our Veterans





## Reminder to our Veteran Guests...

Per our safety protocol, all guests that have RSVPd to attend our Veterans Day assemblies must bring a photo ID with them to be permitted to attend the event.

## The Book Fair is Coming!



## Nov. 13-17

To get information about the book fair that will be hosted in the Hillcrest Library Media Center check out the link below. Every purchase benefits our school.

Don't forget to set up your student's eWallet account for cashless, stress-less shopping. Friends and family can even contribute funds!

Couldn't make it to the fair or didn't see what you wanted - visit the Book Fair online! All book purchases over \$25 ship free and every purchase benefits our school.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/hillcrestelementaryschool19>

## Events & Opportunities

### Hurricane Holiday Helpers

Dear Hillcrest Families,



We have been working hard to prepare for the holiday season! We currently do not have enough volunteers to donate gifts to match the requests we have received. If you are able and willing to donate a gift, please complete the information below and send it to Mrs. Leitza. Thank you!

[kleitza@antioch34.com](mailto:kleitza@antioch34.com)

**Are you willing to donate a gift this holiday to a needy child?**

\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in donating up to \_\_\_ gift(s) for *Hurricane Holiday Helpers*. Please email me the information. (Please indicate the number of gifts you are willing to donate in the blank).

\_\_\_ I prefer to send in a check for a gift in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please make checks payable to Hillcrest Elementary School.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**But Wait, There's More...**



**The Penny's  
Purpose**

*Community Outreach to:*

Biggie Paws Rescue  
Canines for Comfort  
Caring 4 Kids  
ELCA of Kenosha  
Antioch Township  
Senior Services  
Hillcrest Nursing Home  
Kids' Corner  
Love Inc.  
Our Turn Pet Center  
One Hope United  
PADS of Lake County  
Reach Rescue  
The Sharing Center  
Willow House



# Annual BLANKET DRIVE

**NOV 1-DEC 15**

**The Penny's Purpose**

is collecting  
blankets & sleeping bags:  
new, homemade,  
or gently used  
to be distributed in IL. and Wis.  
Donation bins are available  
at the locations listed.  
If donating a gently used blanket  
(including sheets, pillowcases, etc.),  
please make sure they are laundered.  
No holes, tears, or stains

<https://thepennyspurpose.org>  
THEPENNYSPURPOSE

**Learn to give when blessed with less.**

*Donation Locations:*

**ANTIOCH**

ANTIOCH VFW 4551-75 North  
EXQUISITE STYLE-360 North Ave  
RAYMOND CHEVROLET - 118 II-173  
WINGS ETC-480 Orchard St.

**GRAYSLAKE**

GRAYSLAKE STRIKE ZONE  
34723 North, IL- 83

**LAKE VILLA-LINDENHURST**

ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP CENTER 1625 Deep Lake Rd.  
BRAINSTORM- 625 North Bridgeport  
LAKE VILLA VFW 4308- 130 Grand Ave  
REV FITNESS- 23408 Apollo Court

**PLEASANT  
PRAIRIE, WI**

REC PLEX  
9900 Terwall Tr.

**SALEM, WI**

SANDLOTS OF SALEM  
9251 Antioch Rd.





## News from the Nurse

Families, please remember that your student needs to stay home from school for 24 hours post any fever, diarrhea and/ or vomiting. Thank you for helping keep us all healthy!

## News from ASC

### Curriculum & Instruction:

Trimester One Report Cards

At the end of the day on Tuesday, November 14th, families can log into PowerSchool to see their child's Trimester 1 report card.

K-5 families can view a list of standards covered in Trimester One by viewing the Trimester Criteria Sheets on the Curriculum and Instruction website: <https://www.antioch34.com/Page/163>

K-5 families can also view [Standards Based Report C](#)

### **Human Resources:**

We are hiring! Please visit [antioch34.com](http://antioch34.com) to view our open positions.

### **Technology:**

Pad concerns

The technology department has seen an increase in headphone plugs breaking off in the iPads. Please help us remind students of the proper way to put headphones in the port and to never transport the iPad with the headphones attached. If the piece breaks off inside, please have your son/daughter report it to the teacher ASAP. The sound will not work with this piece broken off in the port. Please encourage your student to be very careful with the headphone jack.

### **iOS Update**

Apple has released the new operating system, iOS 17, which the Technology Department will be pushing out to all devices soon. If you notice a student's iPad is asking to be updated, please push the button to allow it. It may ask to be updated at night, which is fine as long as the iPad is connected to the internet. This update should help with certain program issues that we are seeing in the district.

The district will send the command to force the update, but students/staff may interrupt the download. If this happens, the students/staff should manually install the update.

To install update go to: Settings → General → Software Update

## **Label So You Don't Lose it!**

Please make sure you clearly label (with first/last name) any outerwear items or extra clothes/shoes that will stay at school or travel to and from school. Our Lost and Found will be donated frequently throughout the year and items have already begun to pile up.



**OUR FIRST DONATION WILL OCCUR NEXT WEEK. IF YOU THINK THAT YOUR STUDENT IS MISSING ITEMS, PLEASE SEND THEM TO LOOK THROUGH OUR COLLECTION. PARENTS MAY ALSO COME AND LOOK BETWEEN 9 AM AND 2:30 PM.**

## **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**





## Absence Hotline

Important Attendance Reminder!

Please call the absence hotline if your child will not be in school. Calls made to the main office need to be transferred to ensure accurate attendance and allow our office staff to respond to other matters. Thank you!

**Hillcrest Absence Hotline**  
**847-838-8181**

## Let's CONNECT: Time for a Chat?

The Hillcrest principals would love a chance to sit down with you over coffee. Please email Holly Kaprosoy to set up a time for a coffee chat.  
[hkaprosoy@antioch34.com](mailto:hkaprosoy@antioch34.com)



## Catch our Hurricane Spirit!

To help us stay connected, please share pictures of our Hurricanes in action on Twitter, by using



#D34ALLin. We can't wait to see your smiling faces!

## Hurricane Forecast

Nov. 10- Veterans Day Assemblies; Wear red, white and blue

Nov. 13- Picture retakes

Nov. 13-17- Book Fair

Nov. 15-16- Family Conferences (early release, 2:35)

Nov. 20-24- No school; Thanksgiving break

