

Hillcrest Herald

Catch the Breeze! December 1, 2023 Edition



Hillcrest Elementary School

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Teammates and Teamwork at HC



Hurricanes in the Spotlight

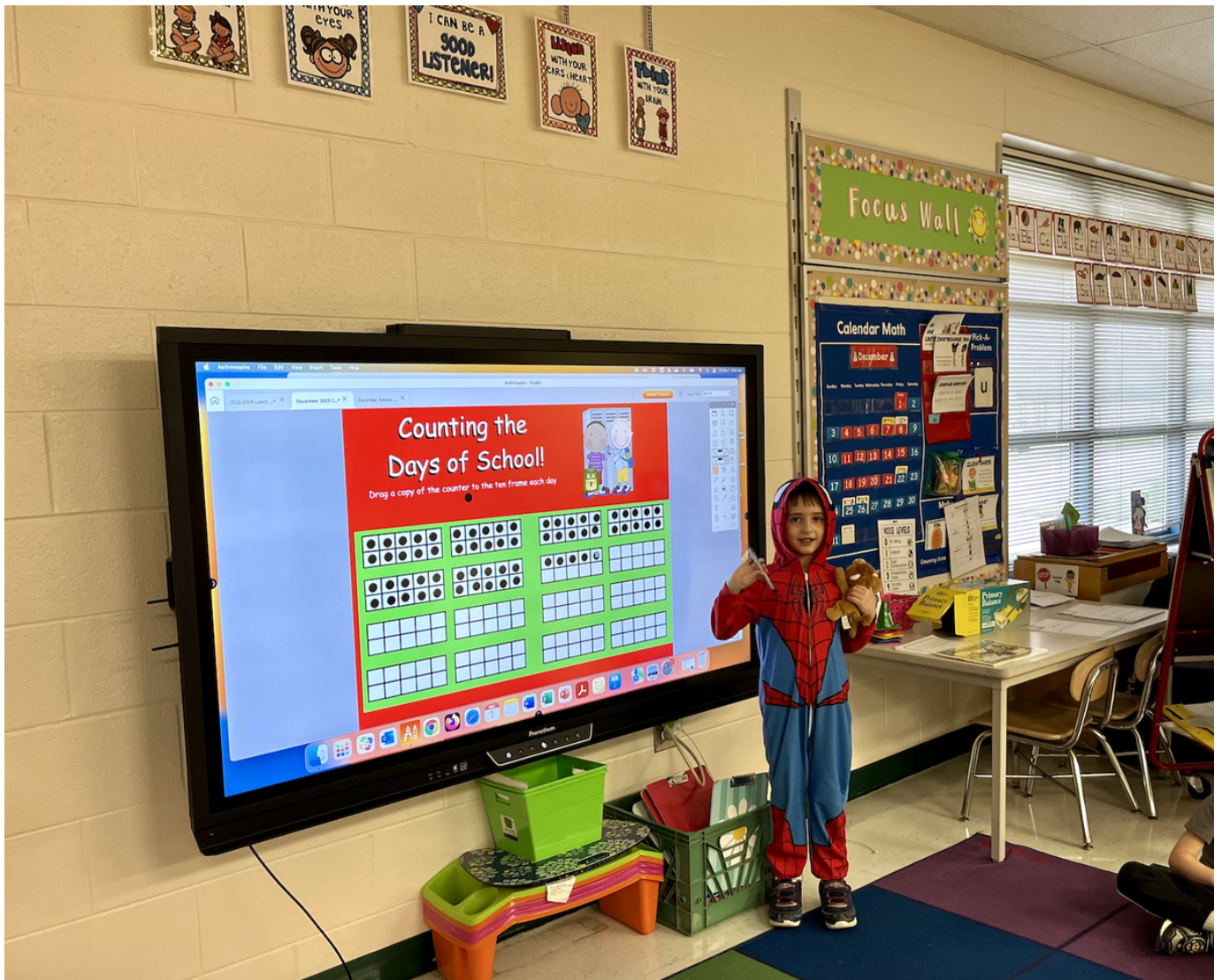
Kindness Spreaders

Hillcrest students sent positive messages and notes of gratitude this week.



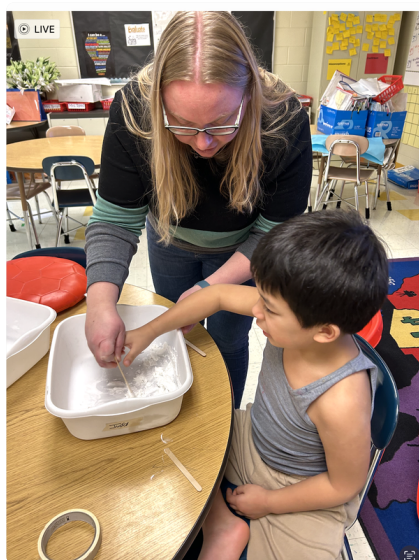
Young Mathematicians

Kindergarten is counting the days and making the days count.



Snow Makers

Our Structured Learning Program students made snow in PLTW—and loved it!



5th Grade Rock Stars

Our 5th graders rocked the house as they performed their Movie Soundtrack themed concert. Thank you to Mr. Ness, the 5th grade team, Mr. Hansen, and our awesome custodians for making the night a success.




Calling Hurricane Holiday Helpers


Dear Hurricane Holiday Helpers,

For those families who are donating a gift, the return date was incorrect on the form. It currently says "Monday, December 8" and should have read "Monday, December 11." All donations can be returned at any time, but must be received no later than December 11. Thank you so much for your support!

Mrs. Leitz

Community Collection

**The Penny's Purpose**

**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

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

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.

ACHS Winter Showcase

To kick off the holiday season, this Saturday, December 2nd, the ACHS (Antioch Community High School) Performing Arts Boosters is hosting a pancake breakfast in the ACHS Commons with music, cookie decorating, and visits with Santa from 9-11am. Afterward, starting at 12pm ACHS students will be showcasing their musical talents in the auditorium.

D34 Headlines

SUPER CHAT D34 Monthly Podcast

Super Chat Episode 11: Students Making a Difference: AUGS Humanitarian Society

Get ready to be inspired in our latest Super Chat episode, where we shine the spotlight on three incredible students from Antioch Upper Grade School! Join us as we sit down with the dynamic members of the Humanitarian Society, a student-run club on a mission to make a positive impact both within our school walls and beyond.

In this episode, Humanitarian Society Members Laci Backs, Mary Rose Dadvias and Margot Martensen share their passion for giving back, detailing the club's exciting initiatives, from organizing fundraisers to spreading joy throughout the school with uplifting activities. Discover the heartwarming stories of school and community involvement, as these students dive into their experiences volunteering at local events and spearheading projects to create a more inclusive and compassionate atmosphere.

Whether you're a student looking for ways to make a difference or just someone seeking a dose of inspiration, this podcast episode is your ticket to a world of kindness, collaboration, and the boundless potential of young change-makers! Tune in and join the movement as we explore how the AUGS Humanitarian Society is shaping a brighter future for both our school and the world.



Click [HERE](#) to listen to December's Super Chat episode. 🎧

Human Resources:

We are hiring! Please visit 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

Common Sense Media

The link below is a great link for parents to help teach their students about proper technology use and how to keep them safe using the internet. Antioch CCSD 34 uses some of the resources from this website as well to help with digital citizenship.

[Common Sense Media](#)

Additionally, Common Sense Media has information that can help with internet services or home devices. Please [click here to find out if you qualify for free internet](#).

Apple ID Password

The technology department has seen an increase in students' iPads requiring the Apple ID password to be entered in due to updates occurring. Please don't allow students to click cancel or instruct students to click cancel. This password can affect future updates as well as other features on the iPads. All students' Apple ID passwords can be found on PowerSchool under other school information on the PowerSchool parent portal.

Business Services & Operations:

School Fees

Monthly invoices for outstanding fees were emailed on 12/1/2023. Payments of check or cash can be made at the District office. Please make checks payable to Antioch School District 34. To pay fees online, please access the Rycor link available in your students PowerSchool account. Below is the link for PowerSchool: <https://antioch34.powerschool.com/public/home.html> or you can call Cheryl Masnova to make a payment with your credit card at 847-838-8423.

Please note that if you are looking for your school fees to be waived a separate application must be completed and submitted)

2023-2024 Fee Waiver: [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

All required supporting financial documentation must be submitted.

Lunch Fees

Please add funds to your child's lunch account. We are currently carrying high negative balances. If you need assistance please contact JulieByczek, Food Service Coordinator at 847-838-8409 between 7am-1:30pm or via email at jbyczek@antioch34.com. To make payment of a check or cash can be made at the District office. Please make checks payable to Antioch School District 34. To pay fees online, please access the Rycor link available in your students PowerSchool account. Below is the link for PowerSchool: <https://antioch34.powerschool.com/public/home.html> or you can call Cheryl Masnova to make a payment with your credit card at 847-838-8423.

Families receiving Free/Reduced Benefits are reminded to re-apply each year. This benefit does not automatically renew. An [Income Eligibility Application](#) must be filled out to renew your benefits for the current school year.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please help us work together to be good stewards of all taxpayer dollars. If you have any questions about your account or if payment has been made and you have received this notification in error, please email mtretofrench@antioch34.com.



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

Let's CONNECT: Time for a Chat?

The Hillcrest principals would love a chance to sit down with you over coffee. Please email Holly Kaprosy to set up a time for a coffee chat.

hkaprosy@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

Dec. 15- Boosters Movie Night

Dec. 21- Community meeting

Dec. 21- Early release, 2:35 PM

Dec. 22- Jan. 5- Winter Break



Holly Kaprosy

Holly is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters