



Hillcrest Herald

Catch the Breeze! February 9, 2024 Edition

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February Festivities at HC



Admin Bulletin

Hillcrest is honoring African American History Month with daily announcements, classroom activities, and a school wide challenge (coming soon). There is also a special interactive bulletin board in our front hallway which features various individuals and their unique accomplishments. This month we are also focusing on Empathy (our word of the month). As Atticus Finch put it best in Harper Lee's novel, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view. Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it."

Up Next: Who's Got Spirit?



February Spirit Week (February 12-15)

Monday – show love for your favorite team, wear a jersey

Tuesday – we care about our classmates, dress like a friend

Wednesday – Happy Valentine's Day, wear red, pink, or hearts

Thursday – Peace & Love, wear tie-dye or rainbow colors

Spring Picture Day 2.15

Good afternoon Parents,
Your child's Spring picture day at:
Hillcrest
will be

February 15th

Please use the link below to pre-order your portrait:

<http://edclarkschoolphoto.hhimagehost.com/2024SpringHillcrest>

Online Picture Ordering will close at 8am on picture day.

If you are having issues with the link copy and paste this into your browser:

<https://AccessMyEvent.com/CTQYR6>

We look forward to seeing you!

E.D. Clark Photography

Order Your Yearbook

See what a year in our shoes looks like and order your Hillcrest yearbook! Orders close soon so don't miss out!



Yearbook

ORDER FORM

DON'T MISS A SINGLE MEMORY THIS YEAR!



**Order before: February 29th,
2024. [Schoolannual.com](https://www.schoolannual.com)**



\$25



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Save the Date



FAMILY STEM NIGHT 3.7

Hillcrest Families!

Family STEM Night is happening Thursday March 7, 2024 from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM. This year we are happy to bring fun fair activities for you to explore and build. Think big by building a model Ferris wheel or try your hand at making your own ring for ring toss. Attempt to make a claw machine and gather up as many objects as you can! We have five fun filled activities for you to participate in. A highlight this year is Treats by Thomas and Smash'd food truck will be at the event selling their specialty foods, like cotton candy, burgers, and french fries! Don't worry about cooking dinner that night, enjoy a bite while you get creative.

We are looking for some donations of supplies to make our night a huge success! If you can gather/buy any of the materials listed below, please either send them with your child to deliver to their STEM teacher or bring them to the main office. Some stations have the same materials so we're looking for a lot of what's listed below.

Materials requested:

- 3 oz and/or 5 oz paper cups
- Cardboard (Amazon boxes)
- Cereal and lightweight cardboard boxes
- Copy or construction paper

- Toilet and/or paper towel cardboard rolls
- Paper plates (uncoated)
- Popsicle sticks

If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Schott, sschott@antioch34.com.
We look forward to seeing you at STEM night!

From Boosters...

We have two Hillcrest Boosters Club events coming up this month that we are excited to share with our Hillcrest families.

First, Join us on Sunday, February 25th, from 3:30-5:30pm at Bella's Bouncies Skate on Grand for an ultimate Hillcrest skate party!

Admission is \$8 per skater (skates included) with the option of upgrading to rollerblades, speed skates, or push carts (additional fee).

Note: This is a family event- NOT a drop-off event.

Everyone is welcome!
Bring your family and friends and get ready to roll!

Concessions will be available for purchase, with a meal deal available (\$3.50 for a slice of pizza and a small drink)!

You can pay at the door or buy tickets in advance below. Just make sure you choose the correct time and date.

<https://lilypadpos3.com/bellasog/onlinesales/tickets1.php?ptid=102>

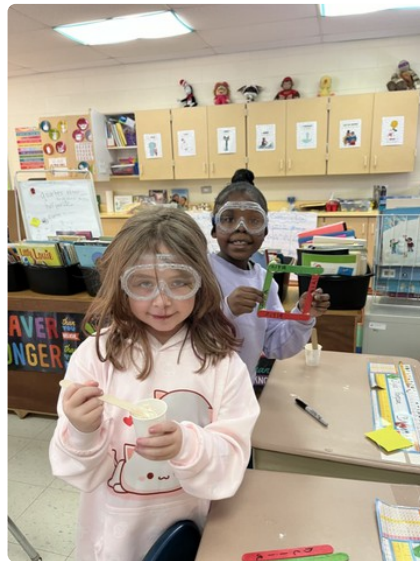
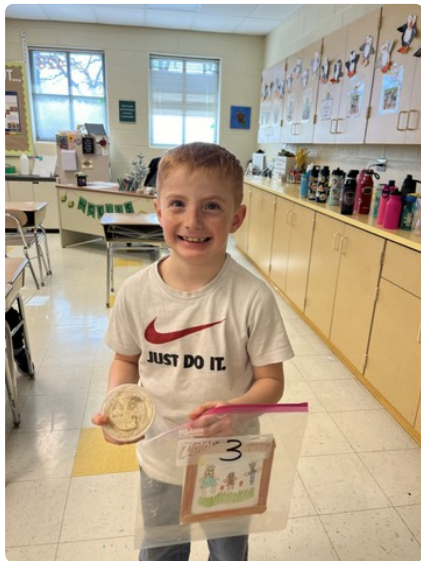
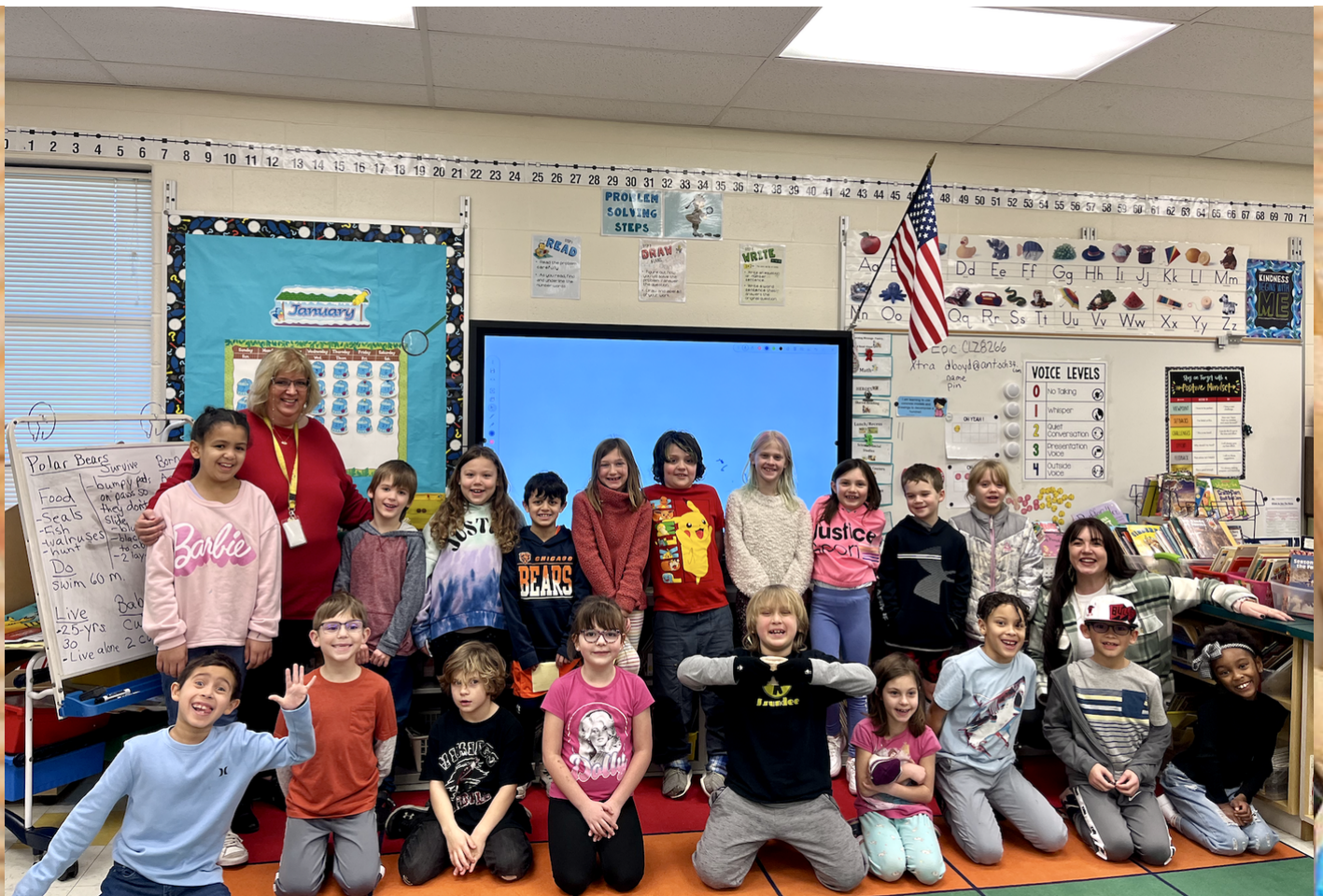
Second, We are hosting a **Dining Fundraiser at Culvers** on February 27th from 5-8pm.

The Hillcrest Boosters Club
<https://hillcrestboosters.ptboard.com>

Hurricanes in the Spotlight

Glue Geniuses

Second graders put their scientific design skills to the test and invented their own glue. They did such a good job that their glue was able to support close to 30 washers in the strength test. Mrs. Boyd's class even named their invention Hurricane Glue. Not only was it strong, but it also smelled good thanks to their secret ingredient (aka cinnamon).





3rd Grade Musicians

Our 3rd graders rocked the house this week with their *Whether the Weather* concert. Thank you to Mrs. Smith, the custodians, and the third grade teachers for all of their hard work. Bravo!





100 Days Brighter

Wednesday, February 8 was the 100th day of school. We celebrated at Hillcrest by dressing up and participating in various themed learning activities.





D34 Headlines

Technology:

iPad 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. Also please contact a teacher or the school if your student has misplaced their iPad. The sooner the school knows, the easier they are to find.

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](#).

Also the state is participating in a digital equity program to help provide internet for families at a reduced rate. The Affordable Connectivity Program is ending with the national government. The state is developing a program that you will need to sign up with if there is any interest. [Please see linked flyer to get more information](#)



ANTIOCH CCSD 34

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

2023 - 2024

Mark Your Calendars!

AUG 23 First Day of School	SEPT 4 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	OCT 6 NO SCHOOL Staff Inservice Day	OCT 9 NO SCHOOL Indigenous Peoples' Day	NOV 15/16 Student/Family Conferences
NOV 20-24 NO SCHOOL Fall Break	DEC 22-JAN 5 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	JAN 15 NO SCHOOL MLK Day	FEB 16 NO SCHOOL Staff Inservice Day	FEB 19 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day
	MAR 25-29 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	MAY 27 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	MAY 31 Last Day of School* <small>*if no more emergency days used</small>	

Save the Date

SPRING SHOWCASE


MARK YOUR
CALENDAR FOR D34'S
1ST ANNUAL
STUDENT
SHOWCASE!



4 APRIL THURSDAY AUGS SPRING SHOWCASE 6-7 PM 	8 APRIL MONDAY K-2 SPRING SHOWCASE 6-7 PM   
9 APRIL TUESDAY MKM ELC SPRING SHOWCASE 5-6 PM 	11 APRIL THURSDAY 3-5 SPRING SHOWCASE 6-7 PM   



847-838-8181

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



Hurricane Forecast

February 12-15- Spirit Week

February 15- Spring Picture Day

February 16- No school; In-service for staff

February 19- No school; Presidents' Day

February 23- community meeting

February 23- Trimester 2 ends

February 25- Family Skate Party at Bella's Bouncies Skate (3:30-5:30 pm)

February 27- Family Night Fundraiser at Culver's (5:00-8:00 pm)

February 29- Second grade concert (6:30 pm)



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!

Parade

"NEVER BE LIMITED BY
OTHER PEOPLE'S LIMITED
IMAGINATIONS."

—DR. MAE JEMISON, FIRST AFRICAN-
AMERICAN FEMALE ASTRONAUT



Holly Kaprosy

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