



# Hillcrest Herald

Catch the Breeze! February 23, 2024 Edition

## Hillcrest Elementary School

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## Celebrations at HC



## Admin Bulletin

Hillcrest classes celebrated growth on the NWEA Reading and Math assessments by earning the chance to "Pie the Principals in the Face." It was a sticky good time for all who participated, and all students were able to watch a video of the event at Community Meeting. We also honored Students and Classes of the month for demonstrating Empathy. In March our focus word will shift to Mindfulness. As the weather begins to improve, take time as a family to slow down and really pay attention to the people and things that surround you... These are the things that matter.

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## 5 Essentials Survey-- It's Essential

Families, we need your input on the 5 Essentials Survey. Please [click the link](#) and share your valuable feedback.



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## Up Next: D34 Day!

### 3.4.24

D34 Day is just around the corner! This special day is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate our district and the incredible community we are a part of.

This year, we are embracing the spirit of giving with two impactful community-based activities: a food drive supporting Open Arms Mission in Antioch, and a toiletry drive for the Antioch Traveling Closet. To make the day even more exciting, all students and staff present on D34 Day (March 4th) will receive a ticket for a student or staff raffle filled with fun prizes. Anyone who donates to either drive will earn an additional raffle ticket, doubling their chances to win!

Let's come together to support our community and make a meaningful difference. Your generosity and participation are what make our school truly special. Let's team up, lend a helping hand, and celebrate D34 Day with open hearts and open arms!





**OPEN ARMS MISSION**

**D34 DAY  
FOOD  
DRIVE**


**MARCH 4-8**

<b>MOST NEEDED ITEMS</b>	<b>GRANOLA BARS JUICE BOXES HOT CHOCOLATE SNACKS MICROWAVE MAC-N-CHEESE DISH SOAP</b>
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All donations will benefit Open Arms Mission in Antioch, a non-profit serving local families.





 **ANTIOCH SCHOOL DISTRICT 34**  
*Empowering personal excellence*


# Battle OF THE SCHOOLS



**ANTIOCH PIZZA SHOP**  
Since 1977


## FUNDRAISING COMPETITION

### MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024




**OAKLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

VS.



**HILLCREST ELEMENTARY**

VS.



**PETTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE SCHOOL WITH THE MOST SALES WILL RECEIVE 15% OF SALES  
THE OTHER SCHOOLS RECEIVE 10% OF THE SALES BROUGHT IN BY THE PARTICIPANTS

**CUSTOMERS MUST MENTION FUNDRAISER AND SCHOOL AT TIME OF PAYMENT**  
VALID 3.4.2024 • PICK UP • DINE IN • DELIVERY

<b>ANTIOCH LOCATION</b> • 847-395-6777 Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM 994 IL Rt. 59 • Antioch, IL • 60002 <a href="http://www.antiochpizzashop.com">www.antiochpizzashop.com</a>	<b>LINDENHURST LOCATION</b> • 224-444-8657 Lunch / Dinner 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM 1856 E Grand Ave • Lindenhurst, IL • 60046 <a href="http://www.antiochpizzashop.com">www.antiochpizzashop.com</a>
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## Time is Running Out: Order Your Yearbook by 2.29!

### Catch Those Memories

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://Schoolannual.com)

SCHOOL ANNUAL *Justen's*

\$25



FOLLOW US    

## Upcoming Boosters Events





**ATTENTION HILLCREST:**



**LET'S  
ROLL!**



**JOIN US FOR A  
HILLCREST SKATING PARTY!**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**

**FEBRUARY 25 @ 3:30-5:30PM**

**BELLA'S BOUNCIES SKATE ON GRAND  
720 GRAND AVE, FOX LAKE, IL**

**\$8 PER SKATER ADMISSION (INCLUDES SKATES)**

**+ \$2 FOR ROLLERBLADES/SPEED SKATES**

**CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**(INCLUDING \$3.50 MEAL DEAL: PIZZA AND A SMALL DRINK)**

**THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT- NOT A DROP OFF EVENT**

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT [HILLCREST34BOOSTERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HILLCREST34BOOSTERS@GMAIL.COM)**

**IT'S HILLCREST HURRICANES NIGHT  
AT CULVER'S!**



**JOIN US AT THE ANTIOCH CULVER'S AND  
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR HILLCREST!**

Who knows?  
There might even be a few special guests...

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH  
FROM 5-8PM**

**451 IL-173, ANTIOCH IL 60002  
(847) 395-4949**

The Hillcrest Boosters club will receive 10% of sales, which will  
be used to support the students and staff at Hillcrest  
Elementary through events, donations, and staff hospitality.

Questions: contact the Hillcrest Boosters at  
[hillcrest34boosters@gmail.com](mailto:hillcrest34boosters@gmail.com)

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Save the Date: STEM NIGHT





## 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](mailto:sschott@antioch34.com).  
We look forward to seeing you at STEM night!

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## Hurricanes in the Spotlight

### Golden Apple Nominee, Mrs. Dati

We are thrilled to announce that kindergarten teacher, Tammy Dati, has been named a finalist for the prestigious 2024 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching!



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### 3rd Grade Valentines

The 3rd grade classes at Hillcrest created Valentine's Day Cards for all the residents of Riverside Foundation in Lincolnshire. Riverside Foundation is a non-profit, community-based organization that offers invaluable support and care to adults with moderate-to-severe intellectual and





## D34 Headlines

### Curriculum & Instruction:

NWEA Winter Student Results were distributed to families on Thursday, February 15, 2024. If you did not receive a report, contact your building.

### 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](#)

### 5Essentials Survey Family Participation

The annual 5Essentials survey is open for families. Click on the link to learn more: [5Essentials Family Letter : English version](#) [5Essentials family letter : Spanish Version](#).



ANTIOCH CCSD 34

# CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

2023 - 2024

*Mark Your Calendars!*

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



<b>4</b> APRIL THURSDAY  AUGS SPRING SHOWCASE 6-7 PM 	<b>8</b> APRIL MONDAY  K-2 SPRING SHOWCASE 6-7 PM   
<b>9</b> APRIL TUESDAY  MKM ELC SPRING SHOWCASE 5-6 PM 	<b>11</b> 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 Kaproxy to set up a time for a coffee chat.

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



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## Hurricane Forecast

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)

March 4- D34 Day

March 7- STEM Night

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## 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!

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**Holly Kaprosy**

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