

Hillside Happenings



February 2016

Dear Hillside Families,

Thank you Punxsutawney Phil for not seeing his shadow! I am sure everyone is glad to see Spring is just around the corner. I hope to see that his prediction is right. In the meantime, please be sure your child is dressed appropriately and ready for outside recess. February can be unpredictable with its temperatures and I would hate for students to get ill due to improper attire.

With the recent snow days from our January snow storm, school is now in session on the following days, Friday, February 12th, Monday, February 15th, and Thursday, March 24th. Students are expected to be in attendance on the make-up days unless there is a valid excuse for their absence. If you have travel plans for any of these days, you must submit an educational trip request form no less than five school days in advance of the days requested.

The third marking period is packed with a lot of great activities and you can find the dates below. The Valentine's Day Parties, 4th and 5th Grade Academic Bowl, Jump Rope for Heart, and Third Marking Period conferences to name a few. Each classroom teacher will be contacting select parents to schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress to date. This is a great opportunity to discuss an individual student's growth and academic achievement. It also gives teachers and parents time to discuss any concerns they may have.

'Tis the season for doctor's appointments and illness. Please remember to send in notes and excuses when your child is sick or leaving early for appointments. It is important for teachers and staff to know when your child is leaving early so they can have the student prepared properly for dismissal. Also, remember that we need all absentee notes within 3 school days. If we have not received it within that time it will be considered an unlawful absence.

We are quickly approaching the PSSA testing time. We will be testing on the following dates:

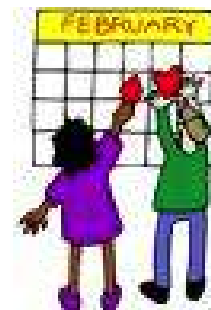
April 11, 12, 13, 14 – ELA

April 19, 20, 21 – Math

April 26, 27 – Science (Gr. 4 Only)

Please consider these dates when making appointments or planning trips. It is less stressful on students if they can take the test with their class rather than make it up when they return. We all work very hard making this a positive experience for the students and appreciate all your hard work at home.

Warm wishes, Julie Dougherty



Notes from the Nurse

IS THERE A LOUSE IN *YOUR* HOUSE?!

What to Look For

- Persistent itching of the scalp.
- Teardrop shaped specks close to your child's scalp that don't move when flicked.
- Elongated insects about 1/8-inch-long that are grayish-white with dark margins.
- You will see nits (louse's egg). Nits are 1/16 inch, teardrop-shaped and vary from yellowish-brown to white. They cannot be washed out or brushed out of hair with out special shampoo.

How You Get It

- Close personal contact with another individual who has lice.
- Sharing combs, brushes, hats, caps, or coats.
- Co-mingling of items such as hats, coats, blankets, scarves, or stuffed animals that might have lice on them.

Important to Remember

- Students or families who have lice are NOT unclean. Anyone can become infected with lice.
- Immediately notify the nurse and school if your child has lice or you suspect they do so they are aware. This allows them the chance to check for any others that might have it.

Hillside PTO

Hillside PTO meeting – March 7th, 7:00 pm

Delays and Closings

Due to weather conditions during the winter months, it is sometimes necessary to delay the opening of school, dismiss school early, or to cancel school for the day. Please make arrangements now for your child(ren)'s care during such delays, closings, or early dismissals. School related decisions are made as early as possible and are posted on the District website as well as broadcast over major radio and television stations. Parents are encouraged to check the website and/or listen to either radio or television stations to receive the latest information.

For additional information regarding delays and closings telephone 938-3179 after 6:00 a.m. or check the District website www.wssd.k12.pa.us.

Please note the following modified kindergarten schedule should a delay occur:

Morning Kindergarten 10:45 am – 12:45 pm

Afternoon Kindergarten 12:45 pm – 3:30 pm

A modified kindergarten schedule does not impact afternoon kindergarten students.

There **is NO** morning KAP when a two-hour delay is called. There **is NO** afternoon KAP when there is an early dismissal.

Please note breakfast will NOT be served on days with 2 hour delays.



WSSD Kindergarten Registration 2015-2016 School Year

Mark Your Calendar....The West Shore School District will be conducting Kindergarten Registration from April 4 through April 7, 2016 at the West Shore School District Administration Center. Hillside Elementary will have their Kindergarten Registration on April 7th in the afternoon. Appointments are necessary so please be sure to call Hillside Office at 774-1321 for more information.

To be admitted to kindergarten, children must be at least five (5) years of age before October 1, 2016, possess an official birth certificate and proper immunization records. Students registering for first grade must be six (6) years of age prior to October 1, 2016.



Upcoming Events

February

- 8-9 4:30 pm Academic Bowl - Gr. 5
- 12 2:30 pm Valentine's Parties
- 12 Snow Make-up Day
- 15 Snow Make-up Day
- 18 7:00 pm School Board Meeting
- 22-23 4:30 pm Academic Bowl - Gr. 4

March

- 7 7:00 pm HS PTO Meeting
- 9 Early Dismissal –
AM K at 10:45 a.m.

PM K arrives at 10:45 a.m.
PM K and 1-5 at 12:45 p.m.
No PM KAP

- 17 7 pm School Board Meeting
- 23 Report Period Ends
- 24 Snow Make-up Day
- 25 No school
- 28 No School



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