

Hillcrest Herald

Catch the Breeze! September 22, 2023 Edition



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Hillcrest Salute to Heroes



Hillcrest honored September 11th with a school wide moment of silence during morning announcements and various age-appropriate classroom activities, including the following: Fifth graders in Ms. Zajac's class created "I will" statements pledging to spread acts of kindness. Second graders in Ms. Jones's class read the book *Fireboat*, discussed what makes a hero, and wrote letters of appreciation for the local fire and police departments. First graders in Mrs. Owens's class listened to the story *Otto's Tale* and created remembrance ribbons in honor of the heroes of September 11.

September 15th kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month, and members of Hillcrest's Diversity Club, led by Mrs. Bryk and Mrs. Piehl, assembled our interactive bulletin board in the main hallway. Each day we will recognize on our morning announcements an individual who has made a valuable contribution to Hispanic culture and achievements. Some fan favorites include Roberto Clemente, Sonia Soto-Mayor, and Lin-Manuel Miranda.



Who's Got Spirit?

Show off your Swag (and support our Boosters)!

The Hillcrest Boosters Club has designed a new tee shirt to help our Hillcrest Family show off our school spirit! One version of the shirt is in English and the other is in Spanish. Money raised from this fundraiser will be used to help us better support the teachers, staff, students and families of our school. Each black tee shirt says "I am a Hillcrest Hurricane" on the front and has the Hillcrest School pledge written on the back. Note: Our ordering window closes on October 4th.

The link to order a shirt is:

THE HILLCREST BOOSTERS CLUB

I AM A HILLCREST HURRICANE TEE SHIRT SALE

Show off your Hillcrest Spirit with our new
"I am a Hillcrest Hurricane" tee shirt.

The Hillcrest School Pledge is printed on the back, sharing what
it means to be part of the Hillcrest Family.

Tee shirts are available in sizes:

Youth- XS, S, M, L, XL

Adult- S, M, L, XL, XXL, 3XL, 4XL

Cost: \$16 per shirt

Teacher/Staff: \$14 per shirt

Order yours today!

(Ordering closes on October 4, 2023)



EL CLUB HILLCREST BOOSTERS

VENTA DE CAMISETA

"I AM A HILLCREST HURRICANE"

Presuma su orgullo Hillcrest con su camiseta
"I am a Hillcrest Hurricane."

El juramento escolar de Hillcrest será imprimido
en la parte trasera, compartiendo lo que significa ser
parte de la familia Hillcrest.

Tamaños disponibles:

Joven - XS, S, M, L, XL

Adulto - S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X

Costo: \$16 por camisa

Maestros/ empleados: \$14 por camisa

Ordena tu camisa ahora!

(Órdenes serán aceptadas hasta el 4 de Octubre, 2023.)



Save the Date!

THE HILLCREST BOOSTERS CLUB PRESENTS:

THE

BOO BASH

& TRUNK
OR
TREAT

OCT 14TH | FROM 2-4PM
HILLCREST ELEMENTARY

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR EVENT WITH TRUNK OR
TREATING, COSTUME CONTESTS, RAFFLES, FACE PAINTING,
PUMPKINS, GAMES, PHOTO BOOTH, AND MORE!

*Vehicle entries receive free admission

*Prize for best decorated vehicle

*Family event (no drop off)

Students: \$8 (\$10 at the door)

Families w/ 2+ students: \$16 (\$20 at the door)

PARENTS/PRESCHOOL CHILDREN ARE FREE

Pre-register to save!



FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION:
[HTTPS://HILLCRESTBOOSTERS.PTBOARD.COM](https://hillcrestboosters.ptboard.com)



Hurricanes in the Spotlight

Dr. PG's Dot Designers

Students at Hillcrest Elementary celebrated International Dot Day this week in art classes. Students watched an animated version of the story, *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. Students had discussions about how each person is unique; how being different is important and cool because it takes each one of us to make the world a better place. We each bring something different to the world that is special. Students created a dot that was unique like they are, and Hillcrest hallways are covered in dots!



News from ASC

Curriculum & Instruction:

e-Learning Day Checklists

Should D34 need to call an e-Learning Day, we have developed some helpful student and parent checklists to help you navigate the day. Keep these Google links handy:

- [Antioch CCSD 34 | e-Learning Checklist for Families](#)
- [Antioch CCSD 34 | e-Learning Checklist for Students](#)

Human Resources:

We are hiring!

We are hiring! [Click here](#) to see our open positions.

Student Services:

Join us for a Community Safety Night

Monday, October 2nd | 6:30-8:30 PM

Location: Antioch Upper Grade School

Topics will include:

A District Safety Update, An Update from our Local First Responders, Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences, and information about School Resource Officers (SRO)

Technology:

iPad Information

- Student iPads have a district-approved case installed that cannot be removed due to the warranty on the iPads.

- Each student was given an Apple cord and Apple charging brick. These now belong to the student/family. If these break, there are two options for families.
 1. Purchase one from D34 (\$19 for the cord and \$19 for the brick).
 2. Purchase a cord and brick from an outside vendor.
- These cords and bricks belong to the student and will not need to be returned at the end of the year. If there is an issue and an item is not working, please contact your building administrator to get a different one as soon as possible.
- Stickers and/or labels should not be placed on the iPad.
- Please help with the expectation of having students charge their iPad every evening. It is very important that the student has a charged iPad so that class instruction time isn't lost accomplishing this task.

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

Business Services & Operations:

Bus Rider Safety

We are asking families to partner with us to help improve student safety and behavior while riding the school bus.

We kindly ask families to remind their students of bus expectations, which are outlined in the Family Handbook.

Bus Conduct (Reference: Board Policy 7:220)

Students are expected to follow all school rules when riding the school bus. A student may be suspended from riding the bus for up to 10 consecutive school days for engaging in gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to, the following:

1. Violating any school rule or school district policy.
2. Willful injury or threat of injury to a bus driver or to another rider.
3. Willful and/or repeated defacement of the bus.
4. Repeated use of profanity.
5. Repeated willful disobedience of a directive from a bus driver or other supervisor.
6. Such other behavior as the building administrator deems to threaten the safe operation of the bus and/or its occupants.

If a student is suspended from riding the bus for gross disobedience or misconduct on a bus, the school board may suspend the student from riding the school bus for a period in excess of 10 days for safety reasons.

A student suspended from riding the bus who does not have alternate transportation to school shall have the opportunity to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit. It shall be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian to notify the school that the student does not have alternative transportation.

We greatly appreciate your help in ensuring the safety of our bus riders and bus drivers. If you have any questions regarding school transportation, please reach out to the D34 Transportation Department at (847) 838-8385.

Communication:

School Facebook Page

Our school Facebook page is moving! Announcements, pictures and communication from all D34 schools will now be shared through the Antioch CCSD 34 Facebook page. Please be sure to like and follow us at www.facebook.com/AntiochCCSD34

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 IN OCTOBER. 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.



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 Kaproty to set up a time for a coffee chat.

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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!



Hurricane Forecast

Sept. 29- Community Meeting; Focus & Attention

Oct. 4- T-shirt order closes

Oct. 6- No school; Staff in-service

Oct. 9- No school; Indigenous People's Day

Oct. 14- Boo Bash

