

Hillcrest Herald

Catch the Breeze! October 6, 2023 Edition



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October Sunshine--and Smiles!



Admin Bulletin

Although the weather has made it feel like summer, we have already tackled our first full month of school. With our first round of NWEA testing in the books, students and staff have been working hard to boost skills, increase stamina, create, problem-solve, and collaborate. We honored our students of the month at our first community meeting for displaying Focus and Attention throughout September, and we celebrated Hispanic Heritage month with various activities and announcements.

For October, we are focusing on our word of the month, Respect. On October 18th we will be wearing Orange in honor of Unity Day and to combat bullying. We will also be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 23-27 as a reminder to make healthy choices for our bodies. By respecting ourselves, each other, and our school, our Hurricanes will continue to make Hillcrest a great place to learn and grow.

Save the Date! Coming Soon!

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)



Pre-register here for Trunk or Treat!

<https://hillcrestboosters.ptboard.com/formvw?store=3873&form=5>

JOIN THE HILLCREST BOOSTERS CLUB

THE BOOSTERS CLUB WORKS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF AT HILLCREST BY PROVIDING RESOURCES THROUGH FUNDRAISING, PROMOTING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, AND BY ORGANIZING SCHOOL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FAMILY EVENTS.

Next meeting: October 10, 2023

6:30-8PM IN THE KAKACEK ROOM (DOWNSTAIRS) OF THE ANTIOCH PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website: <https://hillcrestboosters.ptboard.com>

Find us on Facebook: "Hillcrest Elementary Boosters Club"

Join our FB Group: "Hillcrest Boosters"

Email us at Hillcrest34Boosters@gmail.com

Hurricanes in the Spotlight

Alternative Communicators

October is AAC Awareness Month. AAC stands for **Augmentative and Alternative Communication**. Many people are unable to express themselves through orally spoken language. Instead, they use pictures, sign language, gestures, body language, and dedicated technology devices to communicate. Regardless of how someone communicates, everyone has something to say. Please respect and acknowledge everyone's preferred mode of communication.



Kinder Apple Enthusiasts

Our littles Hurricanes celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day last week by rotating classrooms to participate in a variety of apple themed activities involving math, writing, cooking, and art! There were lots of sticky smiles to be found!



News from ASC

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.
- The technology department has seen an increase in water damage to iPads. The cause of this seems to be water bottles in backpacks spilling. Please help your student to be careful with any water around the devices.

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 BEFORE HALLOWEEN. 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 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

- Oct. 6-** No school; Staff in-service
- Oct. 9-** No school; Indigenous People's Day
- Oct. 12-** Fire Safety visits with the Fire Department
- Oct. 14-** Boo Bash
- Oct. 18-** Unity Day; wear Orange
- Oct. 23-27-** Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 27-** Community Meeting; Respect
- Oct. 31-** Costume parade; students only



