

Hillcrest Herald

Catch the Breeze! November 17, 2023 Edition



Hillcrest Elementary School

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Hillcrest Salute to Veterans



Admin Bulletin

One of the most special events at Hillcrest is Veterans Day, and this year was no exception. We were honored to have over 50 veterans and their family members attend our donut breakfast and

Veterans Day assemblies, complete with the presentation of colors by our Boy Scouts, musical performances by various grade levels as well as our strings ensemble, poetry readings, and a slide show showcasing over 90 veterans connected to our Hillcrest family. Thank you to Tiffany Jones for coordinating the event, and the many other staff members who worked behind the scenes to help make it a success. Thank you also to our kindergartners for decorating our Multi-purpose room with poppies, and our Student Council members for greeting and escorting our guests and designing our banners. Each Hillcrest student added a star to our banners to honor our Veterans.





Hurricanes in the Spotlight

Diabetes Advocates

Miss Pantke's first graders proudly wore blue in honor of World Diabetes Day on November 14th.



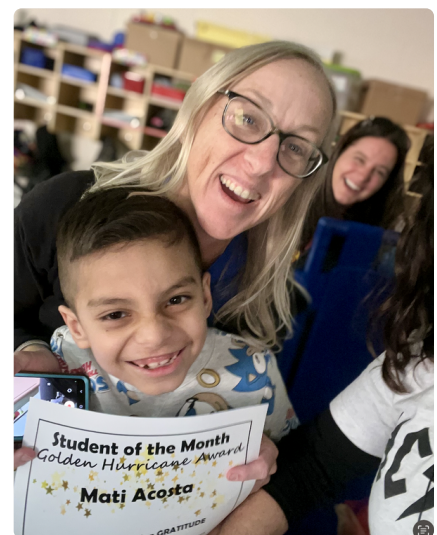
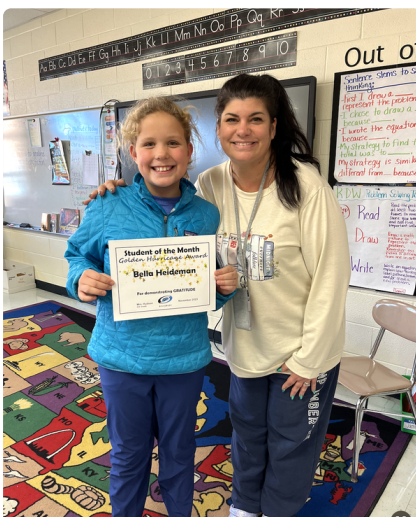
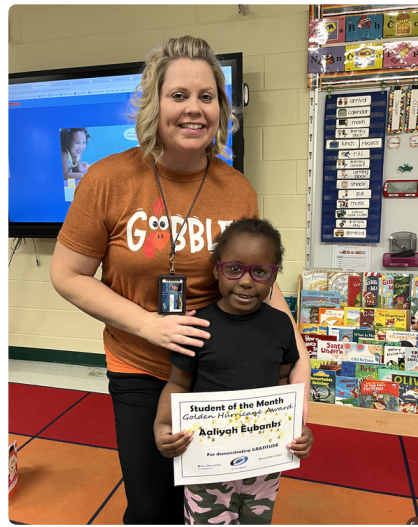
Feast Enthusiasts

Our Structured Learning Program classes celebrated being grateful by having a Thanksgiving sharing feast this week. The students were able to practice turn taking, socializing, communication, and “food preparation” skills. There was even a menu for them to choose the items that they wanted to eat. Many of the students were even willing to try some new foods. The smiles on the faces of the students is definitely something to be grateful for!



Students of the Month (a Sampling)

Students in each class were recognized for showing Gratitude for the month of November.



Gratitude Singers

Led by music teacher Mrs. Smith, students shared what they are thankful for in our community meeting Gratitude Sing-Along.



Up Next We've Got Spirit!

November spirit week!

Monday 11/27 - Wear Fall colors. ❤️🧡💛 or 🍂

Tuesday 11/28 - Twin Tuesday. Dress like your friends!

Wednesday 11/29 - Music day. Wear a musical shirt & listen to music.

Thursday 11/30 - Thankful Thursday. Write a note to a teacher.

Friday 12/1 - Bring a stuffed animal to school.

GRATITUDE BINGO!

- Cards due back Dec. 1
- 5 in a row or any 10 squares
- Raffle prizes

Hillcrest Hurricanes are grateful for their
Kindness and diversity!

Name _____ Teacher _____

BINGO

Do something helpful at home to show your gratitude	Write a thank you note	Talk to someone who has traveled outside of the USA	Pick up garbage you see in your home or class	Learn to say hi to someone in a different language
Watch a movie or show set in a different country	Help a family member at home	Tell a family member why you are grateful for them	Try a food from a different country	Ask someone if they
Hold the door for a friend	Count to 10 in a different language	FREE SPACE	Offer to help a staff member at school	Tell a classmate why you are thankful for them
Learn how to say your name in two languages	Give a bus driver a thank you note	Draw or write a way to help someone with a disability	Tell your teacher why you are thankful for her/him	Listen to music from another country or culture
Talk to someone who has different interests than you	Help cook a meal with your family	Say "Please" and "Thank you" everyday	Talk to someone about a holiday they celebrate	Write or draw 3 things you are thankful for

Fill out 5 in a row or any 10 squares & bring it back to school for a chance to win a prize!

Book Fair in the Books



Thank you to everyone who came out to support our fair!

If you did not get a chance to visit the fair in person, the online fair is still open. Left over eWallet money can be used at the online fair. Visit our school's book fair website using the link below for information.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/hillcrestelementaryschool19>


Conference THANK YOUs!

On behalf of the Hillcrest Elementary staff, we would like to send a giant thank you to our Boosters and the families who donated food to feed us at conferences. Your generosity and support are appreciated.

We would also like to say thank you to all the families who attended conferences. Your partnership is so important to us!



Community Collection



The Penny's Purpose

Community Outreach to:

- Biggie Paws Rescue
- Canines for Comfort
- Caring 4 Kids
- ELCA of Kenosha
- Antioch Township Senior Services
- Hillcrest Nursing Home
- Kids' Corner
- Love Inc.
- Our Turn Pet Center
- One Hope United
- PADS of Lake County
- Reach Rescue
- The Sharing Center
- Willow House



Annual

BLANKET DRIVE

NOV 1-DEC 15

The Penny's Purpose

is collecting
blankets & sleeping bags:
new, homemade,
or gently used
to be distributed in IL. and Wis.
Donation bins are available
at the locations listed.
If donating a gently used blanket
(including sheets, pillowcases, etc.),
please make sure they are laundered.
No holes, tears, or stains

<https://thepennyspurpose.org>
THEPENNYSPURPOSE

Learn to give when blessed with less.

Donation Locations:

<p>ANTIOCH ANTIOCH VFW 4551-75 North EXQUISITE STYLE-360 North Ave RAYMOND CHEVROLET - 118 IL-173 WINGS ETC-480 Orchard St.</p>	<p>GRAYSLAKE GRAYSLAKE STRIKE ZONE 34723 North, IL- 83</p>	<p>SALEM, WI SANDLOTS OF SALEM 9251 Antioch Rd.</p>
<p>LAKE VILLA-LINDENHURST ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP CENTER 1625 Deep Lake Rd. BRAINSTORM- 625 North Bridgeport LAKE VILLA VFW 4308- 130 Grand Ave REV FITNESS- 23408 Apollo Court</p>	<p>PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI REC PLEX 9900 Terwall Tr.</p>	

D34 Headlines

Military Wall of Honor

The D34 Military Wall of Honor represents our commitment to honoring our D34 graduates who have selflessly served our great nation.

The next phase of our initiative involves collecting and displaying the names of U.S. veterans who graduated from Antioch CCSD 34. If you or a family member is a D34 graduate who served or is serving in the United States military, we respectfully invite you to complete a submission form to have the veteran's name added to our Military Wall of Honor.

Please help us spread the word so we can recognize as many D34 veterans as possible! Verified submissions received by January 1, 2024 will be added to the wall and recognized during our inaugural ceremony on February 20, 2023. All submissions received after January 1st will be added to the wall annually during the [Antioch Upper Grade School](#) Veterans Day reception.

Military Wall of Honor Submission Form: bit.ly/D34MilitaryWallofHonor

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hogan at (847) 838-8481

Human Resources:

We are hiring! Please visit antioch34.com to view our open positions.

Honoring Those Who Served

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D34 MILITARY WALL OF HONOR

We are respectfully seeking the names of D34 graduates who served or are serving in the United States military to add our Military Wall of Honor.



Technology:

Pad 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.

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

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](#).

Apple ID Password

The technology department has seen an increase in students' iPads requiring the Apple ID password to be entered in due to updates occurring. Please don't allow students to click cancel or instruct students to click cancel. This password can affect future updates as well as other features on the iPads. All students' Apple ID passwords can be found on PowerSchool under other school information on the PowerSchool parent portal.



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 Kaproty 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

Nov. 20-24- No school; Thanksgiving break

Nov. 27-Dec. 1- Spirit week

Nov. 30- 5th grade music concert -6:30 PM

Dec. 1- Gratitude Bingo cards due



Have a safe and fabulous Thanksgiving!



Holly Kaprosy

Holly is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters