



Hillcrest Herald

Catch the Breeze! January 12, 2024 Edition

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Towering into the New Year!



Admin Bulletin

Welcome back to a snowy start to the new year! Thank you for your flexibility as we needed to pivot from in-person learning to E-Learning and then to today's snow day. For those experiencing power outages, snuggle up and stay safe.

Hurricanes Adopted a Brand New Logo

The Votes Are In

After calculating the votes from students, staff, and families, Hillcrest announced the winning logo (pictured here) at our December community meeting. We are excited to create some new swag to help us spread our school spirit.



Hurricanes in the Spotlight

Gingerbread Geniuses

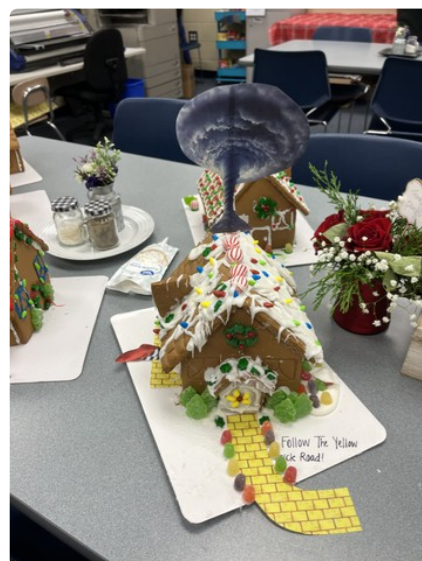
Our creative and competitive Hillcrest staff got into the holiday spirit with a holly jolly Gingerbread House Building Contest. After counting the votes cast by our students, the winner is...



Hillcrest
Gingerbread
House
Competition
Winner

Dream Team
Mr. Brito
Miss Panitke
Mrs. Vorden
Ms. Zajac
Mrs. Hellmann
Miss Cathy

December 20, 2023



"Packing It Forward"

Hillcrest Student Council and family members volunteered at Feed My Starving Children and packed an incredible 119 boxes of food, assembling an amazing 25,704 meals to help feed 70 children a daily meal for a full year.



Thank You, Boosters!

Hillcrest would like to thank our fabulous Boosters for putting together the December Parents Night Out movie night. Dressed in their pajamas and ready with sleeping bags, students cozied up and were able to watch *The Grinch* or sing along with Disney's *Tangled*. Kids also enjoyed a delicious dinner of Antioch Pizza and various snacks to top off the night.

The Hillcrest Boosters also treated the Hurricane staff to a delightful coffee and cocoa bar as a special holiday treat. We are so grateful for their support and the support and generosity of our Hurricane families.



Pizza Fundraiser Monday



A TASTY WAY TO RAISE DOUGH

 **FUNDRAISER** 

MENTION FUNDRAISER AT THE TIME OF PAYMENT TO HAVE 15% OF THE PROCEEDS BENEFIT:

Antioch District 34 Band and Orchestra Boosters
Monday - January 15, 2024



ANTIOCH AND LINDENHURST LOCATIONS

Fundraiser must be mentioned at time of payment.
Share with your friends & family.

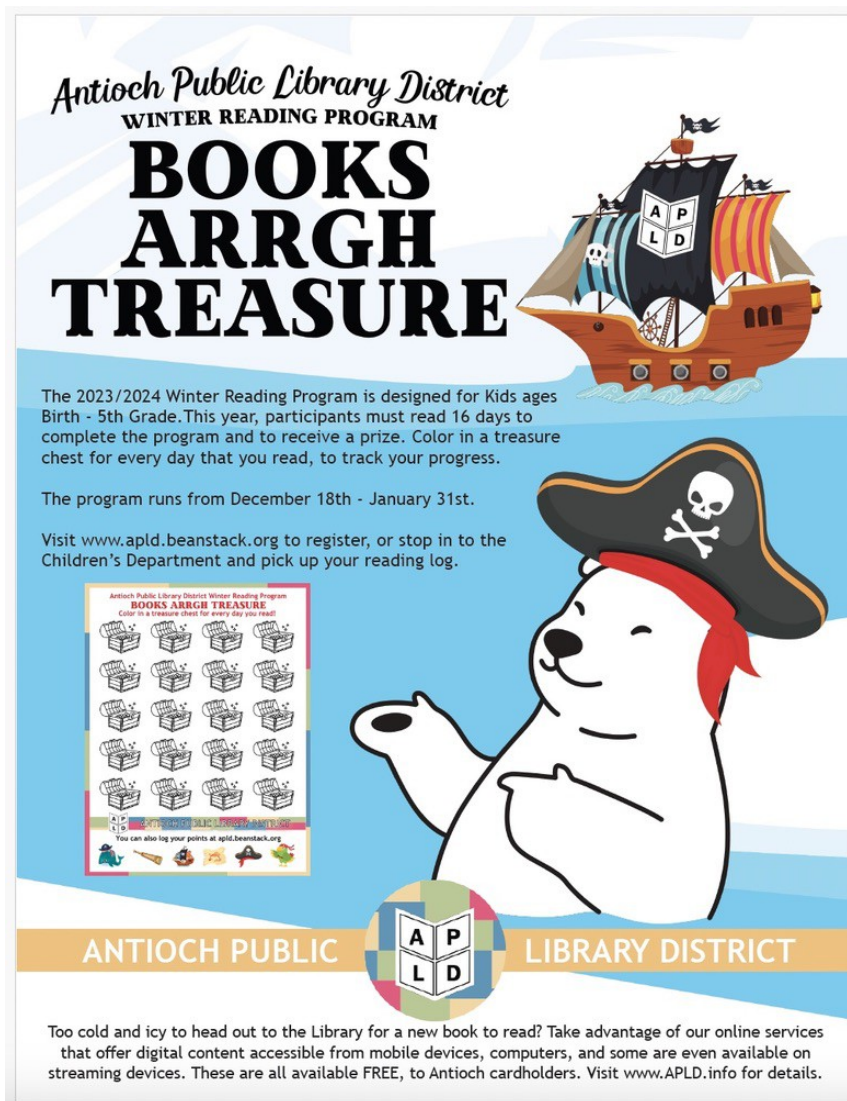
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ANTIOCH LOCATION ■ #847-395-6777
BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER
6:00 AM - 9:00 PM
994 IL RT. 59 ● ANTIOCH, IL ● 60002
www.antiochpizzasho.com

LINDENHURST LOCATION ■ #222-444-8657
LUNCH / DINNER
12PM - 9:00 PM
1858 E. GRAND AVE ● LINDENHURST, IL ● 60046
www.antiochpizzasho.com

Winter Reading Program



D34 Headlines

Human Resources:

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

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.

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](#).

Business Services & Operations:

School Fees

Monthly invoices for outstanding fees were emailed on 1//2023. Payments of check or cash can be made at the District office. Please make checks payable to Antioch School District 34. To pay fees online, please access the Rycor link available in your students PowerSchool account. Below is the link for PowerSchool: <https://antioch34.powerschool.com/public/home.html> or you can call Cheryl Masnova to make a payment with your credit card at 847-838-8423.

Please note that if you are looking for your school fees to be waived a separate application must be completed and submitted)

2023-2024 Fee Waiver: [English/](#) [Spanish](#)

All required supporting financial documentation must be submitted.

Lunch Fees

Please add funds to your child's lunch account. We are currently carrying high negative balances. If you need assistance please contact JulieByczek, Food Service Coordinator at 847-838-8409 between 7am-1:30pm or via email at jbyczek@antioch34.com. To make payment of a check or cash can be made at the District office. Please make checks payable to Antioch School District 34. To pay fees online, please access the Rycor link available in your students PowerSchool account. Below is the link for PowerSchool: <https://antioch34.powerschool.com/public/home.html> or you can call Cheryl Masnova to make a payment with your credit card at 847-838-8423.

Families receiving **Free/Reduced Benefits** are reminded to **re-apply each year**. This benefit does not automatically renew. An [Income Eligibility Application](#) must be filled out to renew your benefits for the current school year.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please help us work together to be good stewards of all taxpayer dollars. If you have any questions about your account or if payment has been made and you have received this notification in error, please email mtretofrench@antioch34.com.



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 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

January 15- No school; MLK Day of Service

January 16- Spelling Bee for 4th/5th

January 18- Band and Orchestra Concert at AUGS; 4th and 5th concert field trip in the am

January 22- NWEA testing begins

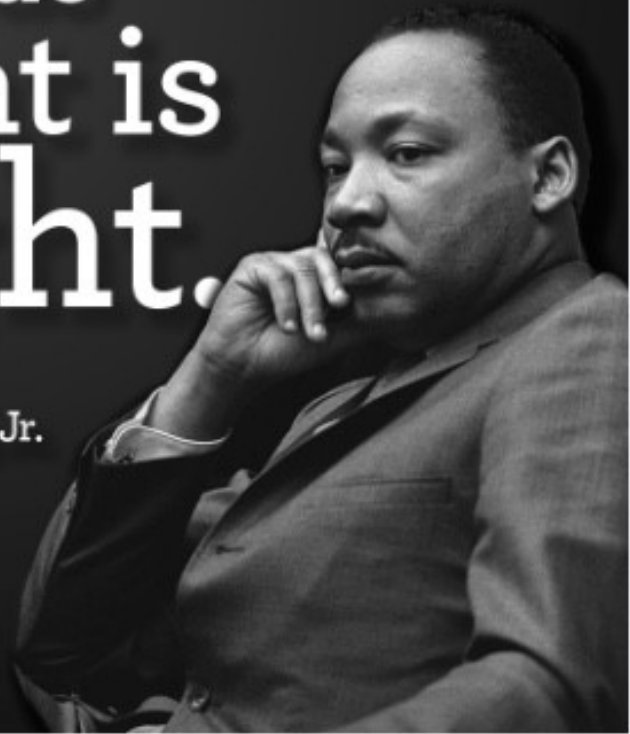
January 25- 4th grade concert

January 26- Community meeting



The time is
always right
to do
what is
right.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



Holly Kaprosy

Holly is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters