

# Hillcrest Herald

Catch the Breeze! March 8, 2024 Edition

# **Hillcrest Elementary School**

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HC Honors D34 Day-And Pays It Forward!





## **Admin Bulletin**

Hillcrest had a busy and successful week. On Monday we kicked off the week with D34 Day, and all week we have been collecting items for our Food Drive for Open Arms Mission and our Toiletry Drive for Antioch Traveling Closet. Thank you to the many families who have donated items to serve our community.

Last night our Family STEM Night was a great success! Thank you to everyone who came out for the event (we had 146 of our students in attendance, plus their families), and thank you to our staff and volunteers for all of their hard work. It's awesome to see our families coming together to learn, create, and connect.

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have also been busy demonstrating their knowledge and skills on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). Testing continues next week, and our students are doing a fabulous job. Please encourage a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast on testing days.

In March we are celebrating Women's History Month with activities and daily announcements. We are also practicing Mindfulness, our March Word of the Month. Mindfulness means slowing down and thinking about what you are doing, how you are feeling and what is happening around you. Take time to notice and appreciate the little things that make life sweet.

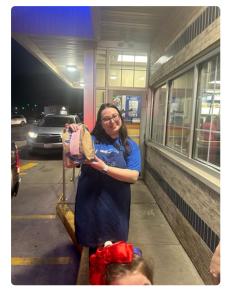
# 5 Essentials Survey-- It's Essential; YOUR RESPONSES ARE NEEDED

Families, we need your input on the 5 Essentials Survey. Please <u>click the link</u>. Currently, only 17% of our Hillcrest families have completed this important survey. We need and appreciate your feedback.

# **HC Boosters Rocks**

Thank you to our fabulous Boosters for coordinating the awesome skating party and the fun-filled night at Culver's! We appreciate everyone who came out to support our school!









# Hurricanes in the Spotlight

# **Master Builders**

# **STEM Night Master Builders**

Let's hear it for our scientists, builders and inventors!





















# **1st Grade Scientists**

In honor of Read Across America week, Mrs. Owens's class read the story *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*. Students then got to experience the wonder of making and playing with Oobleck themselves.









# **5th Grade Stewards of Service**

Ms. Zajac's math students organized and counted our donations for Open Arms Mission and Antioch Traveling Closet. The numbers are in....

Hillcrest collected 286 items of food and 690 toiletry items for a total of 976 items donated! Great work, Hurricanes!







# Calling all 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Poets

# Poetry Contest!

The America Library of Poetry is conducting the 2024 poetry contest. Students may enter by writing an original poem that is no longer than 20 lines on any subject in any style except a shape poem. Only one poem can be entered per student. The poem must be submitted by April 5th. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! There are also prizes just for entering! To participate, click to fill out this <u>Google Form</u> or scan the QR code to access the form. If you have questions, contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Ingrum at <u>bingrum@antioch34.com</u>.



# **D34 Headlines**

#### 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.

Also please contact a teacher or the school if your student has misplaced their iPad. The sooner the school knows, the easier they are to find.

#### **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 <u>click here to find out if you qualify for free internet</u>.

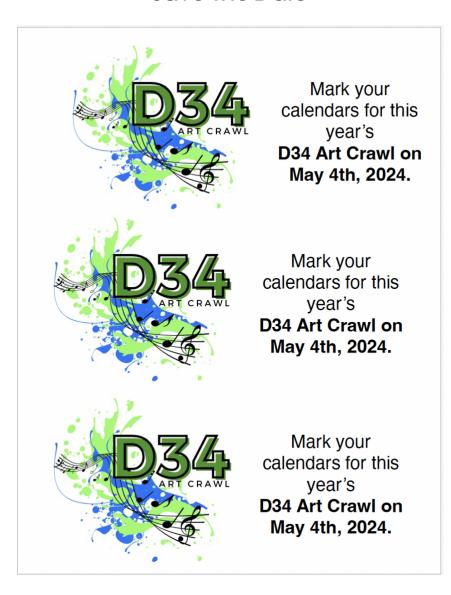
Also the state is participating in a digital equity program to help provide internet for families at a reduced rate. The Affordable Connectivity Program is ending with the national government. The

state is developing a program that you will need to sign up with if there is any interest. <u>Please see linked flyer to get more information</u>

5Essentials Survey Family Participation

The annual 5Essentials survey is open for families. Click on the link to learn more: <u>5Essentials</u> Family Letter: English version 5Essentials family letter: Spanish Version.

# Save The Date







MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR D34'S 1ST ANNUAL STUDENT

**SHOWCASE!** 



AUGS SPRING SHOWCASE 6-7 PM







MKM ELC SPRING SHOWCASE 5-6 PM







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# CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

2024-2025

Mark Your Calendars!

## **AUG 20**

First Day of School

# SEPT 2

NO SCHOOL Labor Day

## OCT 11

NO SCHOOL Staff Inservice Day

## OCT 14

NO SCHOOL Indigenous Peoples' Day

## NOV 5

NO SCHOOL Election Day

# NOV 19/21

Student/Family Conferences

# NOV 25-29

NO SCHOOL Fall Break

# DEC 23-JAN 3

NO SCHOOL Winter Break

# **JAN 20**

NO SCHOOL MLK Day

# **FEB 14**

NO SCHOOL Staff Inservice Day

## **FEB 17**

NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day

# **MAR 24-28**

NO SCHOOL Spring Break

## **APRIL 18**

NO SCHOOL Board Holiday

## **MAY 26**

NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

## **MAY 29**

Last Day of School\* "if emergency days aren't used



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#### **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



# **Hurricane Forecast**

March 11-15- IAR Testing continues for 3rd, 4th, and 5th

March 12 & 14th- Erin's Law Presentations

March 14- 1st Grade Concert

March 18- 2nd Grade Concert (rescheduled date)

March 21- Kindergarten Concert

March 22- Community Meeting

March 25-29- Spring Break

April 1- School resumes

April 8- Spring Showcase, K-2

April 11- Spring Showcase, 3-5



# **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!

