



Hillcrest Herald

Catch the Breeze! March 8, 2024 Edition

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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 [click the link](#).

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 [Google Form](#) or scan the QR code to access the form. If you have questions, contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Ingram at bingrum@antioch34.com.



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 [click here to find out if you qualify for free internet](#).

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. [Please see linked flyer to get more information](#)

5Essentials Survey Family Participation

The annual 5Essentials survey is open for families. Click on the link to learn more: [5Essentials Family Letter : English version](#) [5Essentials family letter : Spanish Version](#).

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4 APRIL THURSDAY AUGS SPRING SHOWCASE 6-7 PM 	8 APRIL MONDAY K-2 SPRING SHOWCASE 6-7 PM   
9 APRIL TUESDAY MKM ELC SPRING SHOWCASE 5-6 PM 	11 APRIL THURSDAY 3-5 SPRING SHOWCASE 6-7 PM   



ANTIOCH CCSD 34 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* <small>*if emergency days aren't used</small>



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 Kaprosoy 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!



Holly Kaprosy

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