
HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

February 9, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

**February 19-23-
Winter recess,
school closed**

**Week of March 4-
Parent/Teacher
Conferences**

**March 6-
12:40 p.m. dismissal**

[Hebrew translation](#) [Korean translation](#) [Spanish translation](#)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Here is information on spring conferences ([LINK](#))

Yearbook information

Orders are due February 12, 2024. Previous communication can be viewed PK-3 ([LINK](#)) Grade Four ([LINK 1](#) and [LINK 2](#))

Valentine's Day

With Valentine's Day approaching, students are invited to participate in this enjoyable childhood tradition safely. Students may send their classmates **cards**.

Please **do not** send any kind of food or candy. Some safe alternatives include cards with tattoos, pencils, stickers, erasers, etc. If you send in food or candy with the cards, this will be sent back home with your child.

Your cooperation in keeping our students and staff safe is appreciated!

What's Happening in Hillside?

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration for the 2024-25 school year are now live on the website.

Kindergarten scientists are learning about force and motion.

First-grade celebrated the 100th day with 100-day centers.

Second-grade friends are celebrating Black History Month.

Third-grade readers are focused on non-fiction books.

Fourth graders are reading books with diverse characters.

Mayor Glidden joined us for a Groundhog Day celebration!

Our Academic Assistance Program runs through May 2.

ACCESS testing for multilingual learners will take place beginning February 12.

Cogat testing for 2nd, 4th, and new to district students will occur in March.

NJSLA testing will take place in May.

Contact Ms. Zanin (zanink@nvnet.org), District Testing Coordinator, with any questions.

With Appreciation

Thank you to the KPG for a beautiful Lunar New Year celebration. We are so proud of all our students who participated in the assembly. We wish our families love, luck, and health!

From The Health Office

In the event that lunch is held in the classroom, and your child's classroom is a nut-free room, please know that your child will be placed in a nearby classroom if he/she brings in a lunch containing nuts or nut products. This will help to ensure the health and safety of students with food allergies.

The school nurse will begin screening students in Grades 1-4 without a current physical for height, weight, blood pressure, etc., per the NJ state requirement. If your child has had a physical examination within the last 365 days, please forward the paperwork/results to the nurse at HaeneltK@nvnet.org.

Here are healthy tips from Mrs. Haenelt! [\(LINK\)](#)

A Message From School Counselors Mrs. Lang and Ms. Weiss

During the month of February we have been focusing on kindness and goal-setting. You can view the lessons here: [100 Days of School and Kindness](#) and [Goal Setting](#). The Goal-Setting lesson was a follow up to our [January Jumpstart](#) presentation.

During the week of February 5th, we celebrated National School Counseling Week! We felt so much love and appreciation from everyone in our school and our community and we thank you for celebrating us!

Parent Tip:

Here you will find an article about [screen time during winter break](#).

Reminders

-Please keep items from home (Pokemon cards, toys, etc.) at home **unless your child's teacher has requested they be brought into the classroom.**

-With winter upon us, please review the procedures for a delayed opening and early dismissal schedule on our site. ([LINK](#))

-While we understand that many parents would like their children to wear a smartwatch, we are seeking your cooperation in supporting [Closter Board of Education Policy 5516](#), which indicates appropriate use of an electronic device during the school day.

The use of smartwatches and other electronic devices is very distracting to the learning environment, and it is the district's policy that all devices with the capability to audio or video record must be turned off during the school day. **If the smartwatch is capable of making and/or receiving phone calls and/or text messaging, these features should not be utilized at all during the school day. Parents must not call or text students at any time while school is in session. If you need to communicate with your child, you must call the school office at (201) 768-3860, extension 41127.**

Please understand that if this policy is violated, your child(ren)'s smartwatch will be confiscated, and a parent will be required to pick it up from the office.

We would appreciate your conversing with your child(ren) regarding the appropriate use of such devices. With your help, we will succeed in making the students' time in Closter Schools a rewarding learning experience for all.

-Visit our school and district website for up-to-date information and upcoming events.
You can find Superintendent reports [here](#).