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# HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

*March 8, 2024*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**March 4-18-**

**PTO Read-a-Thon**

**March 18-**

**Grading open in  
Realtime**

**March 19-20**

**PTO Book Fair**

**March 29-**

**Good Friday, school  
closed**

**April 6-**

**PTO Gala**

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

### Arbor Day Poster Contest

Information on the Arbor Day poster contest can be viewed here. ([LINK](#))

### What's Happening in Hillside?

Trimester Two concludes on March 14. The parent portal will open for report card viewing **after school on Monday, March 18**. Look for an email with this notification.

Students celebrated Read Across America with guest readers, Drop Everything and Read, pajama parties and book tastings.

The Academic Assistance Program (grades K-2) runs through May 2.

The high-impact tutoring program for grades 3-4 students concludes on May 30.

ACCESS testing for multilingual learners continues.

Cogat testing for 2nd, 4th, and new to district students will occur during the first week of April.

NJSLA testing will take place in May.

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

**Kindergarten** registration for the 2024-25 school year is now live on the website.

**Kindergarten** friends are learning about digraphs.

**First-grade** readers are making text to text, text to self, and text to world connections.

**Second-grade** mathematicians are solving multi-step problems.

**Third-grade scientists** are studying weather and climate.

**Fourth graders** mathematicians are multiplying fractions.

## From The Health Office

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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](mailto:HaeneltK@nvnet.org).

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

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

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To end the month of February students completed a fun [100 Days of School and Kindness](#) activity. Students also learned about [Goal Setting](#) and [Relationship Skills](#).

We also celebrated National School Counseling Week! We want to express our gratitude to our amazing families for their unwavering support. We appreciate the important role you play in our students' lives and the partnership we have!

If you'd like to learn more about who your school counselors are, see our "About Me" pages.

[Click here to get to know Mrs. Lang!](#)

[Click here to get to know Ms. Weiss!](#)

To start off the month of March, we are focusing on [Responsible Decision Making](#).

Parent Tip:

Social media can offer amazing tips—here is one [on how to reframe your words](#) to foster cooperation from your child(ren).

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## Reminders

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-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](#).