

# HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

November 17, 2023

## IMPORTANT DATES

**November 22-  
12:40 dismissal**

**November 23-24  
Happy Thanksgiving  
School closed**

**Parent Teacher  
Conferences**

**November 29-  
12:40 dismissal**

**November  
30-evening  
Week of December  
4-mornings**

**December 5-6-  
PTO Holiday  
Boutique**

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

## Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of the administration and staff of Hillside School, we wish your families a Happy Thanksgiving! We are grateful for our supportive community. Enjoy this holiday with family and friends.

## What's Happening in the Media Center?

**Kindergarten-** Preparations for Thanksgiving and all things fall are underway.

**First-grade readers** are making appropriate book selections using the five-finger rule.

**Second-grade readers** are moving into short, high-interest chapter books. We are reading Freckle Juice!

**Third graders** are beginning to learn research skills.

**Fourth graders** are learning to navigate the internet safely and be good digital citizens.

## From The Health Office

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. Long and Ms. Weiss

The month of November is focused on being thankful and expressing our gratitude. In this theme, we delivered our first lesson of the month through our ICARE program on the topic of [Gratitude](#).

We also celebrated [World Kindness Day](#) and learned all about the importance of kindness!

Below you will find a parent tip and wellness activity for the month of November.

### Parent Tip:

Did you know that chores can have many benefits? Chores instill a sense of responsibility, contributing to a larger cause, and even a sense of self-worth and pride. Giving a few chores to your child can be beneficial to them and the entire family. Check out this [TikTok video](#) that explains this concept a bit further.

### Wellness Activity:

November is themed in Gratitude with Thanksgiving being celebrated by many. Gratitude is an important skill to develop for all that has many benefits! [This video](#) explains the power of gratitude and its benefits in a kid-friendly way.

Enjoy some or all of these [gratitude activities](#) with your family!

## Reminders

-Help your child(ren) to arrive on time to school each day.

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

-Dogs are not permitted on school property. ([Policy 7490](#))

-Students should wear appropriate and safe footwear for recess each day. Crocs and slides are not safe for outdoor recess.

-Bikes, scooters, or other recreational wheeled devices should be **walked** while on school property.