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# HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

October 13, 2023

## IMPORTANT DATES

**October 16- 20-  
School Violence  
Awareness Week**

**October 17-19-  
PTO Book Fair**

**October 20-  
Closter Fire  
Department Visit**

**October 31-  
Halloween**

**November 3-  
Spirit Day**

**November 9-10-  
School closed**

**November 16-  
Picture retakes**

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

### What are we learning about?

**Kindergarten** students are learning about fire safety.

**First-grade** writers are building sentences.

**Second graders** read about Hispanic Heritage Month.

**Third-grade** readers are making connections to text.

**Fourth-grade** mathematicians are using the distributive property in multiplication.

### Halloween

Halloween will be celebrated at Hillside School on Tuesday, October 31. Students are welcome to dress in a **simple** costume. *To ensure a safe and productive learning environment, please abide by the following:*

-Students are able to wear the costume for the duration of the school day and access the bathroom independently. Staff cannot help take costumes on or off.

-Avoid long robes, props and makeup.

-No costume masks or weapons of any type.

-Be mindful of costumes that may frighten younger students.

-Class parents will communicate allowable snacks in the classroom following the school nurse-approved list.

-DO NOT SEND IN GOODY BAGS.

### Academic Assistance Program

The Academic Assistance Program will begin on October 24 and continue through December 21, 2023. The program will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. Families of eligible K-4 students have been notified. Questions about the program can be directed to Ms. Cohen, Assistant Principal, ([CohenL@nvnet.org](mailto:CohenL@nvnet.org)).

## From The Health Office

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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).

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

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The month of October started with the Week of Respect. We had a themed week where we taught the meaning behind the state-mandated Week of Respect as well as our homegrown social and emotional character education program ICARE.

You can view our [Week of Respect videos and resources](#) that students completed during the course of the week.

This week our students enjoyed a [mindful autumn nature walk](#).

Next week is the annual state-mandated School Violence Awareness Week. We will be sharing more videos and resources to educate our students on safety. Those resources will be shared in our next newsletter. A flyer with planned activities will be shared with families. **To prepare for the week, wear your pajamas on Monday, October 16 to “put bullying to bed!”**

We hope you found the parent tip and wellness tip from last month to be helpful! There will be a new one in our next newsletter at the end of the month. In case you missed the first one, here they are again for you.

### Parent Tip:

Routines are an important part of setting your child up for success. Having a morning, evening, and after-school routine is greatly beneficial in creating structure and helping your

child with knowing what to expect. Routines can help to ease anxiety, avoid fighting, and to empower children with knowledge. Check out [this free resource](#) and spend some time with your child creating or revising routines!

Wellness Activity:

A great way to end the day is to practice positive affirmations. Add these into your child's evening routine and do them together to experience the bonus of quality time! Some affirmations to practice either in the mirror or with each other are: "I love myself. I am strong. I am safe. I am brave. I am beautiful."

From The Closter PTO

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Reminders

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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.