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# HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

September 15, 2023

## IMPORTANT DATES

Shana Tovah!

September 21- Back to School Night, Grades PK-2

September 25- Yom Kippur, school closed

October 5- School pictures

October 6- Spirit Day  
Wear red or Hillside apparel

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

### Welcome back!

It is our hope our Back to School Night events are informative. If you have further questions after presentations,, be sure to contact your child's teacher.

### Safety During Arrival and Dismissal

**Expect delays during the busiest times at school.**

Drivers must remain in their vehicles.

Students should enter and exit vehicles from the **passenger side only.**

**Do not double park.**

Do not park on or block crosswalks.

Do not leave cars unattended on the active drop-off/pick-up line.

**Families should cross at crosswalks only; please do not attempt to cross in the active driveways.**

When dropping students off, please pull as far forward as possible.

If you will be walking from your car to the building to drop off or pick up your child, (**kindergarten/first grade parents**) please **park in a designated parking spot - do not park in the pick-up line.**

Parents/guardians should use the sidewalks at all times. Be kind, respectful and patient!

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

### Academic Assistance Program

The Academic Assistance Program will begin 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. Eligibility will be determined by mid-October. Families of K-4 students meeting the criteria will be notified by email. Questions about the program can be directed to Ms. Cohen, Assistant Principal, ([Cohenl@nvnet.org](mailto:Cohenl@nvnet.org)).

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## 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 [haenelk@nvnet.org](mailto:haenelk@nvnet.org).

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

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are your school counselors, Mrs. Lang and Ms. Weiss. This year, Ms. Weiss will be working with students in kindergarten and grade 4 and Mrs. Lang will be working with students in grades 1, 2, and 3. 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!](#)

The role of the school counselor is to support each child's social, emotional, and academic growth. We have many ways we support our students. Our home-grown ICARE and Wellness Wednesday lessons and activities are delivered to students every week. School-based counseling is provided as needed to students on an individual and small group level throughout the year. We also create and conduct classroom lessons as needs arise. Our goal is to work collaboratively with families, teaching staff, and administration to support and enhance student growth while also creating a positive, nurturing environment for all.

We look forward to a great year with you!