
HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

September 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

9/6- First day of school

9/14- Back to School Night, Grades 2-4, 7 p.m.

9/21- Back to School Night, Grades PK-1, 7 p.m.

9/26- Rosh Hashanah, school closed

10/6- School photos



WELCOME BACK!

Hillside Elementary School will soon be filled with the excitement that comes with the first days of school!

We look forward to welcoming back our students and staff on September 6. To help prepare students for the first days, our school counselors have prepared a short video. ([link](#))

NEW STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

Join us in welcoming new staff members and staff working in new assignments!

Assistant Principal- Ms. Kristen Zanin

School Counselor- Ms. Suzanne Lang

PreK- Ms. Alison Wong

K- Ms. Kaitlyn Yu and Ms. Wendy Bajakian

2- Ms. Grace Park

3- Ms. Jennifer Smith and Ms. Kerry Vogel

Special Educators- Ms. Becky Dippolito, Ms. Bianca DiQuattro, Ms. Lauren Engle

Psychologist- Ms. Kayce Perkins

Social Worker- Ms. Leeann Cameron

Behaviorist- Ms. Elizabeth Apollo

Plus- Ms. Julianna Kadian

A full listing of our staff can be found on our website. ([link](#))

FIRST DAY PREPARATION

Plan accordingly and allow yourself time to park in a designated spot or on the street. We expect the first few days to be crowded and busy.

Take time to review our drop off and arrival procedures.

- Parents must remain in their vehicles when using the designated drop off lanes in the front of school or upper loop.
- Students should enter and exit vehicles from the passenger side only.
- Do not double park.
- Do not park in or block crosswalks.
- Do not leave cars unattended on the active drop-off/pick-up line.
- Families should cross at crosswalks only; they should not attempt to cross in the active driveways.
- When dropping students off, please pull forward as far as possible.
- If you will be walking from your car to the building to drop off or pick up your child, please park in a designated parking spot - do not park in the pick-up line*.
- Parents/guardians should use the sidewalks at all times.

*Parents of kindergarten and first grade students should park in designated parking areas. These students must be handed off to an adult. They cannot walk to a car pick-up line by themselves.

Please review the first days of school information [here](#).

PTO INFORMATION

PTO Membership - Join the Closter PTO, Membership gives access to the PTO Student Directory, After School Enrichment Program (ASEP), School Lunch Program, and PTO email and text notifications.

K Coffee Klatch - We invite all kindergarten parents and guardians to gather by the Hillside playground on Friday, September 9, immediately following drop-off. (refreshments will be available).

PTO Lunch - Stay tuned for information about Lunch ordering window and tasting options.

ASEP - Stay tuned for information about class schedule and registration.