



Hillcrest's Parent Newsletter

March 2024

School Information

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Dear Hillcrest Families,

As March unfolds, we find ourselves on the cusp of Spring Break, with only three weeks remaining until this well-deserved break and just 55 school days left in the academic year. We're eager to maintain our momentum in delivering top-notch instructional practices and providing essential social-emotional support for our students.



During my visits to the classrooms, I've been consistently impressed by the academic growth our students are displaying. Undoubtedly, you've observed this positive trend at home too, and I attribute this success to the exceptional efforts of our dedicated teachers.

Women's History Month

This month, in honor of Women's History Month, we encourage you to take some time to explore and discuss the contributions of remarkable women who have left an indelible mark on history or have influenced your lives personally.

5Essentials

Our 5Essentials survey response rate is at **20%** we are **striving for 35% this year**. *Thank you to the parents who have taken time out of their busy day to complete the survey, signed and returned their child's raffle ticket.*

The 5Essentials Survey will be administered online on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education. The research-based survey identifies five indicators that can lead to important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. Research has shown that schools strong on these indicators are 10 times more likely to improve student learning. The five indicators are:

Effective Leaders: The principal works with teachers to implement a clear and strategic vision for school success.

Collaborative Teachers: The staff is committed to the school, receives strong professional development, and works together to improve the school.

Involved Families: The entire school staff builds strong relationships with families and communities to support learning.

Supportive Environment: The school is safe and orderly. Teachers have high expectations of students and support students to realize their goals. Classmates also support one another.

Ambitious Instruction: Classes are academically demanding and engage students by emphasizing the application of knowledge.

Hillcrest is raffling bikes to encourage participation. Please use this [link](#) to complete the survey.

We have extended the deadline to complete the survey to Tuesday, March 12, 2024. The raffle will take place on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. The winners' parent's will be notified in order to make pick-up arrangements.

Car Riders Pick-Up

We are asking our **Car Riders** parents to **refrain from blocking our neighbors' driveways** while waiting in line to pick up your child.

Spring Break

Spring Break is scheduled from March 25 through April 1, and I extend my warmest wishes to our Hillcrest families for a safe and enjoyable vacation. This is a perfect opportunity to bond with your children, fostering connections between classroom learning and real-world experiences. Consider visiting museums and parks offering free entrance to further enrich your time together.

State Assessments

I also wanted to keep you inform regards the next state assessment our students in grades 3-6 will be taking in March or April.

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA):

Testing Period: March 6- March 24, 2024

Grade: 5

Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR):

Accommodated Testing: March 18 - April 19, 2024

Testing Window: April 2 - April 19, 2024

Grades 3-6

Remember, our support extends beyond the classroom walls. If there's anything we can assist you with, please don't hesitate to contact us using the numbers provided above.

Your support contributes significantly to our shared success. Thank you for being an integral part of the Hillcrest community.

Warm regards,

Dr. Rosado Principal, Hillcrest School

Mark your Calendars

- **March 1- Teacher Institute – No School**
- March 7 – PTO Meeting – 5:00 p.m. Hillcrest Library
- March 19 – Election Day- No School
- March 25- March 29- No School (Spring Break)
- April 1 – Spring Holiday – No School
- April 2- Classes Resume



Dr. Rosado

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