

The Hillcrest Herald

April 2022



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HILLCREST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Hillcrest Elementary School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 (Day D)	2
					9:00am Geobee (Grades 4-5) Crazy Hat Day	
3	4 (Day A)	5 (Day B)	6 (Day C)	7 (Day D)	8 (Day A)	9
				6:00pm Home and School Association Meeting	Dress for Vacation Day	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18 (Day B)	19 (Day C)	20 (Day D)	21 (Day A)	22 (Day B)	23
			9:30-11:30am Spring Concert Rehearsal (DHMS)	7:00pm Spring Concert (DHMS)	9:30am In-School Spring Concert 2:15pm PSSA Pep Rally (Grades 3-4-5) Twin Day	
24	25 (Day C)	26 (Day D)	27 (Day A)	28 (Day B)	29 (Day C)	30
	6:00pm Music Meeting for 5 th Grade Parents	ELA PSSA Testing (Grades 3-4-5) Character Counts Recognition Day	ELA PSSA Testing (Grades 3-4-5)	ELA PSSA Testing (Grades 3-4-5)	Dress like your Favorite Flower Day	HSA Color Run (Look for more Information in the weekly parent emails)



NATIONAL
**AUTISM
AWARENESS
MONTH**
APRIL

Hillcrest celebrated Light it Up Blue in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

Hillcrest students, Aria and Journey, celebrated by wearing blue and creating this collage in honor of their brother!



Kindergarten News



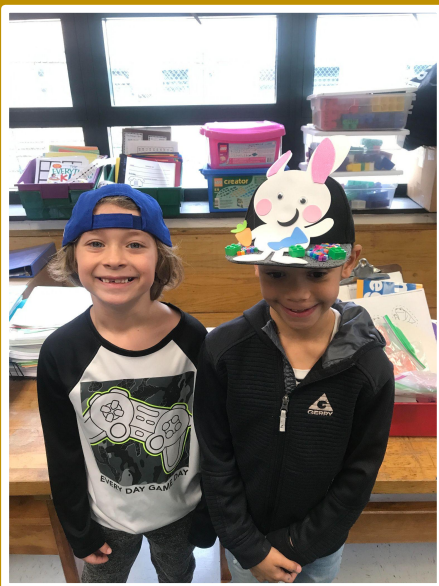
**Kindergarten is ready for Spring Break!
We have been doing a lot of writing and
blending. We are hard at work putting
our CVC words together. We did an
awesome job composing and
decomposing numbers and now we are
counting all the way up to 100!! We've
also started practicing for our
Kindergarten show! We are learning
our songs and speaking parts.**



1st Grade News

FIRST GRADE LOVES SCIENCE!

We are learning about Solids and Liquids. In these lessons we sorted solids based on different properties such as color, shape and hardness. We also completed experiments to see which solids would stack, roll and attract to a magnet.



We are having fun with Hillcrest Spirit Days. Here are two first graders ready for **CRAZY HAT DAY!!**



2nd Grade News

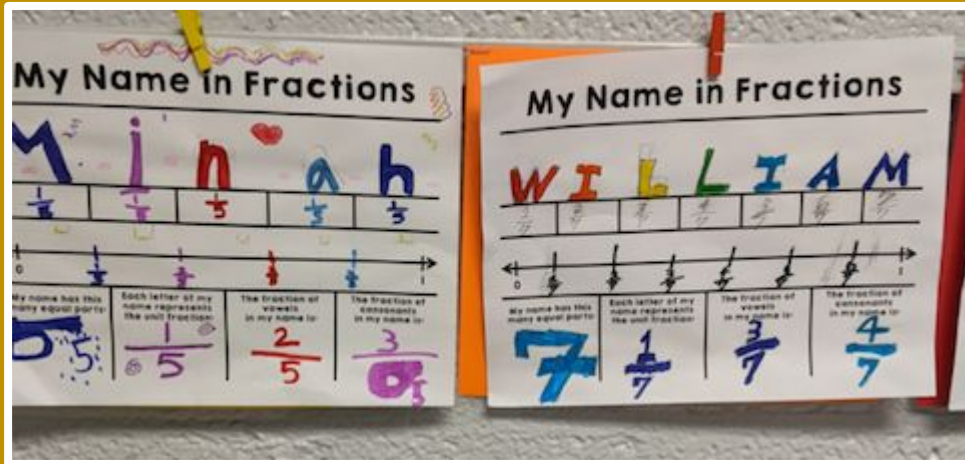
Slime Time in Second Grade

Students in second grade are learning about the three states of matter in their science unit called **Changes**. A lot of excitement occurred in one special experiment. Students learned about chemical reactions when certain solids and liquids are combined. Using a few ingredients, students mixed Borax, glue and water to make slime. As they mixed the solution over and over with a spoon an interesting effect occurred. The glue and water got thick and created a cool thick glob of slime. Students were pleasantly surprised with the result. Students took home a small bag of slime to show their families.

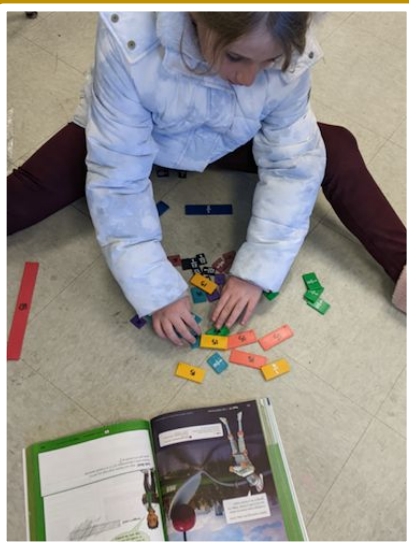


3rd Grade News

Fun with Fractions in Third Grade



This month, in third grade, we have been having fun using hands-on activities to explore fractions! We're developing our understanding of fractions as numbers represented in different ways. Students have found "fractions of us" in cooperative groups, fractions of a set with Lego, created our name in number lines and much more.



4th Grade News

Everyone in 4th grade, the students and the teachers, cannot wait, as we near Spring Break. In 4th grade, we have finished our Science units and are getting ready to move on to Social Studies. Students will be learning about the different regions in the USA and focusing mainly on the Northeast region, the region they live in. In ELA, students are working hard on their module writing pieces. They're writing on a place they would like to visit. In the words of Dr. Seuss, Oh, the places you will go!



In Math, students are finishing up the last 4 topics of the year by focusing on the different geometric terms, specifically Angles, Rays, Lines and Line Segments. They will also be looking at the different shapes and lines of symmetry also well.

4th grade Band and String students also are feeling the excitement as they are nearing their Spring Concert performance. Showtime will be on the 21st. The concert will be held at Drexel Hill Middle School at 7 pm.

Lastly, our students are getting ready to take the PSSA tests at the end of April. The students have worked incredibly hard and will use all the knowledge they've gained on these tough tests. Testing will start the last week of April on the 26th and conclude the first week of May on the 5th. Wishing all students the best of luck on the upcoming tests.

5th Grade News

Fifth Grade students at Hillcrest Elementary School have been learning about the election process by electing and forming a Student Council. The goal of the student council is for students to have a “voice” in their school and be able to make a difference. Council members will meet monthly to discuss topics of concern that students may have at Hillcrest. Through these meetings, students will problem solve, use critical thinking skills and learn the processes by which organizations make decisions.

Student Council has two groups of members. The first group in the Executive Board, which include the president, vice president, secretary and the treasurer. The second group of council members is made up of class representatives. Their job will be to represent different grades during council meetings with the Principal.

During class elections for the Executive Board, candidates advertised their “positions” by putting together poster boards of “Why to vote for me.” They then submitted a 1 minute video of why other students should vote for them for a specific office. Once all students watched candidates one minute speeches, they submitted their vote via a google form. We are happy to present the following students for the Executive Board as selected by their peers:

President:	Lori Attas
Vice President:	Quinn Williams
Secretary	Arielle Rawlings
Treasurer:	Augie Stapleton

Be on the lookout for fundraising and collections based on the hard work of the newly formed Student Council at Hillcrest!

