


March 2020

# The Hillcrest Herald



## Hillcrest Elementary School

March 2020

| Sunday                               | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                                     | Friday                                       | Saturday                             |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1                                    | 2 (Day C)<br>Read Across America Day Celebration | 3 (Day D)<br>1:30pm GeoBee   | 4 (Day A)<br>12:30pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1 through 5)<br>8:50am-10:20am AM Kindergarten<br>11:00am-12:30pm PM Kindergarten<br>March Birthday Celebration | 5 (Day B)<br>6:00pm HSA Meeting              | 6 (Day C)                                    | 7                                    |
| 8                                    | 9 (Day D)<br>HSA Spirit Week at Toni Roni's      | 10 (Day A)<br>HSA Spirit Week at Toni Roni's   | 11 (Day B)<br>HSA Spirit Week at Toni Roni's   | 12 (Day C)<br>HSA Spirit Week at Toni Roni's | 13 (Day D)<br>HSA Spirit Week at Toni Roni's | 14<br>HSA Spirit Week at Toni Roni's |
| 15<br>HSA Spirit Week at Toni Roni's | 16 (Day A)                                       | 17 (Day B)<br>  | 18 (Day C)   | 19 (Day D)                                   | 20 (Day A)<br>K Progress Report #2 sent home | 21                                   |
| 22                                   | 23 (Day B)                                       | 24 (Day C)<br>12:30pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1 through 5)<br>8:50am-10:20am AM Kindergarten<br>11:00am-12:30pm PM Kindergarten<br>March 24 – Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences<br>March 25 – Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences<br>March 25 – April Birthday Celebration | 25 (Day D)   | 26 (Day A)                                   | 27 (Day B)                                   | 28                                   |
| 29<br>4-8pm HSA Urban Air Event      | 30 (Day C)                                       | 31 (Day D)   |  |  |  |                                      |



## Music Notes

### 3rd Grade Recorders

Thank you to all who ordered recorders! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are hard at work learning how to play the recorder and many are on their second belt song. If you still need to order a recorder please send in \$6 and we will complete a second order on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Musical

Our musical Frozen is in the final month of rehearsals! In the next few weeks we will be adding costumes and lighting to create a finished product. We hope to see everyone for the performance **April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.**

### Choir

As we continue to prepare for the upcoming spring concert please do everything you can to be on time (early) for your chorus rehearsal time!

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade rehearses Tuesday Mornings from  
**8:45-9:15**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade rehearses Thursday Mornings from  
**8:45-9:15**
- Select Chorus rehearses Friday Mornings from  
**8:45-9:15**

A decorative border made of musical staves with various notes and rests, framing the central text.

Important Dates

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Frozen Musical

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Frozen Musical

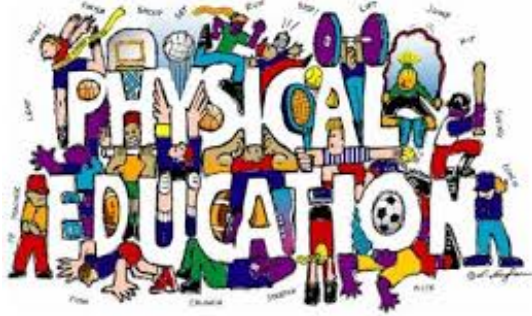
May 4<sup>th</sup> In School Spring Concert 2-3pm

May 4<sup>th</sup> Instrumental Concert 7-8pm

May 6<sup>th</sup> Spring Choral Concert 7-8pm

May 28<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Show 9:30-10:30am

## March Physical Education Updates



*The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades have been working on the following skills in PE class:*

- Focus, attention span, and concentration
- Sportsmanship
- Listening skills
- Problem solving
- Underhand roll
- Hand eye coordination
- Passing and dribbling

*The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades have been playing the following movement activities in PE class:*

- Bowling
- Friday Fitness
- Jump Rope contest

*The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades have been working on the following skills in PE class:*

- Sportsmanship
- Team building skills (working together towards a common goal)
- Hand eye coordination
- Listening skills
- Underhand roll
- Passing and dribbling

*The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades have been playing the following movement activities in PE class:*

- Card Shark
- Bowling
- Friday Fitness
- Jump Rope contest

**Coming up for all classes: Bowling Bingo!!!**

**(PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD WEAR SNEAKERS ON THE DAY HE/SHE HAS PHYS. ED. Remember that we are on a 4-day schedule and your child might have PE 2 times in one week)**

## Athletes of the Month



*1<sup>st</sup> Grade:* Khadijah Witherspoon Rm#108 & Caleb Armes Rm#108

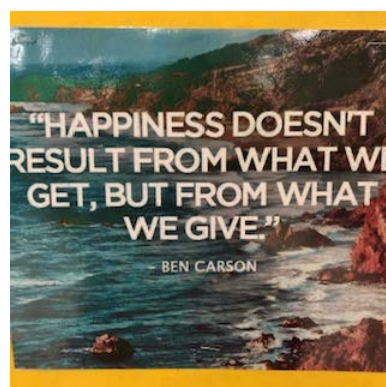
*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:* Kadir Witherspoon Rm#104 & Leah Boyer Rm#104

*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:* Layla Wilson Rm#21 & Eli Encarnacion Rm#21

*4<sup>th</sup> Grade:* David Nagbe Rm #209, Chynna Gutierrez Rm #208 & William Brown Rm #215

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade:* John John Doherty Rm#210, Alexis Rule Rm#210 & Abigail Zaizay Rm#219

## Motivational Quote





## **HILLCREST STUDENTS JUMP FOR THEIR HEARTS AND HELP SAVE LIVES**

**Students jumped from February 18<sup>th</sup> to February 21<sup>st</sup> during their Physical Education classes. The Hillcrest students jumped at the chance to fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 4 killers. Kids are literally jumping into a heart healthier life, while helping kids with sick hearts. The Kids Heart Challenge teaches students how physical fitness benefits the heart and shows them that volunteering can be a fun and positive experience for the whole community. This year the Hillcrest School Community raised \$6,347 for the American Heart Association and a wonderful cause!**

## **KIDS HEART CHALLENGE**



**Michael McCullough, Ryan Ripley, Michael Rogers & Stephen Warrington,  
Morgan Warrington, Matthew Crawford & Claire Crawford  
All supporting Michael Rogers, who is a survivor of CHD!  
Hillcrest School raised \$9,350.60 for the American Heart Association!**

## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE



Turning ropes left to right is Stacey Walthes, Lou Urbanelli & Mandy Werts.  
Jumping left to right is Britney Walthes, Vincent Urbanelli & Hannah Werts.



Turning ropes left to right is Michelle Rogers, Mike McCullough & Cosette MacMullett.  
Jumping left to right is Michael Rogers, Michael McCullough & Shane MacMullett.



## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE



Turning ropes left to right is Anna-Marie Wanamaker, Sanela Vujaskovic & Dianne Memory.  
Jumping left to right is Christian Wanamaker, Marko Vujaskovic & Rylan Elliott.



Turning ropes left to right is Alice MacClelland, Elizabeth Ziogas & Mary Reichard.  
Jumping left to right is Kenzie MacClelland, Athena Ziogas & MaryAnna Reichard.

## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE



Volunteering to turn ropes are Rachel Mitchell & Monica Taylor. Jumping is Quinn Williams.



Turning ropes left to right is Megan Anglin & Mary Reichard.  
Jumping left to right is Avery Anglin, Addison Reichard & Timothy Reichard.

## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE



Turning ropes are Erica Desper and Michael Bratsper.  
Jumping is Jaiden Desper



Partner jumping is Carina Mariani  
& Lea Onaderu



Turning a rope is Heather Harrison,  
jumping is Victoria Harrison.



Mrs. Simmons with her daughter  
Madeline & Mr. Carey's daughter Peyton.



Lauren Kleinz turning a rope for her  
son, Zayden.

## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE



Turning ropes left to right is Mike McCullough, Susan Edgar & Will Werts.  
Jumping left to right is Lia McCullough, Julian Edgar & Lydia Werts.



Turning ropes left to right is Lou Urbanelli, Kimberly Haganir & Ryan Johnson.  
Jumping left to right is Matthew Urbanelli, Fiona Haganir & David Johnson.

## Hillcrest 2020 Jump Rope Contest Winners

### Classroom Champions

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Room 105 Madison Barnes  
 Room 107 Julianna Batdorf  
 Room 108 Caleb Armes  
 Room 109 Shane Kulp  
 Room 110 Messi Pierre-Troussaint  
 Room 114 Tyler Gagliardi

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Room 100 Melanie McGinnis  
 Room 101 Willow Kime  
 Room 102 Lila Bray  
 Room 103 Amidou Diarra  
 Room 104 Leah Boyer  
 Room 107 Julianna Batdorf

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Room 20 Lily Feehan  
 Room 21 Lyla Wilson  
 Room 22 Trinity McDermott  
 Room 24 Christian Lozado-Jones  
 Room 25 Mason Ferraro  
 Room 26 Michael Rogers

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Room 207 Ryan Ripley  
 Room 208 Chynna Gutierrez  
 Room 209 Amanda Daniels  
 Room 212 Adotey Allotey  
 Room 215 Michael McCullough  
 Room 23 Ava Donnelly

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Room 210 John John Doherty  
 Room 211 Sofia Acrich  
 Room 213 Matthew Miller  
 Room 214 Kadi Golembiewski  
 Room 219 Damien Rebstock

### Grade Champions

Room 108 Caleb Armes

Room 102 Lila Bray

Room 26 Michael Rogers (50 Minutes)

Room 209 Amanda Daniels

Room 210 John John Doherty (50 Minutes)

**2020 HILLCREST SCHOOL JUMP ROPE CHAMPIONS**

**John John Doherty Rm #210 & Michael Rogers Rm #26**



Classroom Champions!



Grade Level Champions; Ethan Brown, Michael Rogers, Jude Tuttle & John Doherty.



Hillcrest 2020 School Champions  
Michael Rogers & John John Doherty  
(These two boys jumped for 50 minutes before Mr. Palis and Mr. Peters called it a tie)

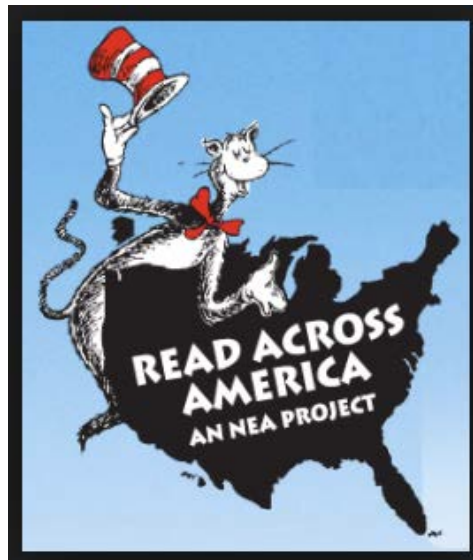


Kindergarten had a fun month! We are really starting to become better readers and we are using our writing skills. We celebrated Valentine's Day by having a party! One of the most fun things that we did this month was getting to choose a book on Read Across America Day. We also attended an assembly and heard all about author Brian Biggs. Some of us participated in Jump Rope for Heart! We just started a unit on the United States with our *Into Reading* program and we have starting learning about consonant blends! In math, we started our unit on shapes. We will be identifying and describing two-dimensional shapes.





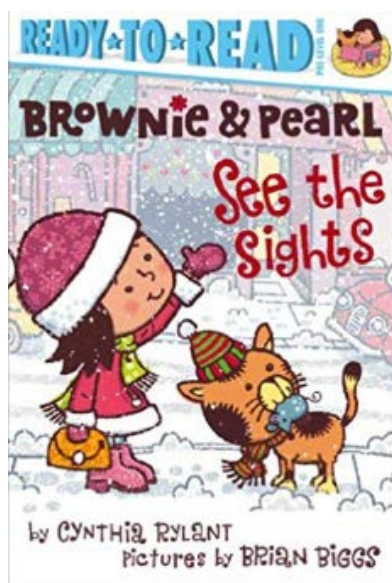
# First Grade



Read Across America Day was on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a day to celebrate the joy of reading. Each first grade child had the opportunity to pick out one book from school to keep at home. The children were excited about taking a book home to read to their families.

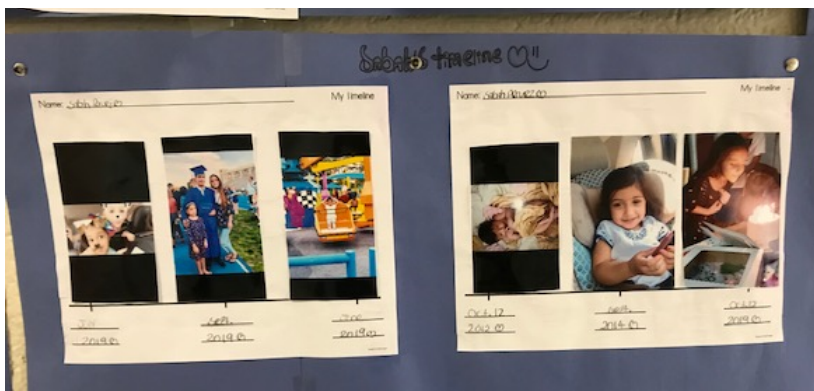
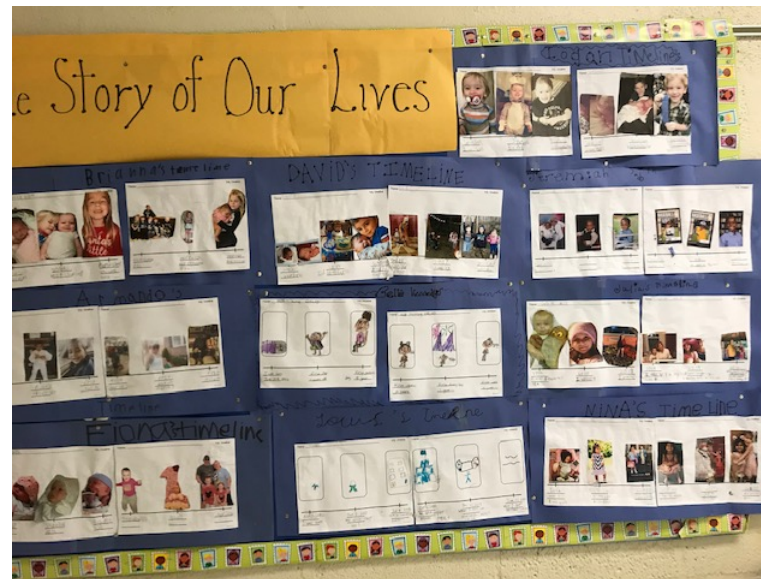
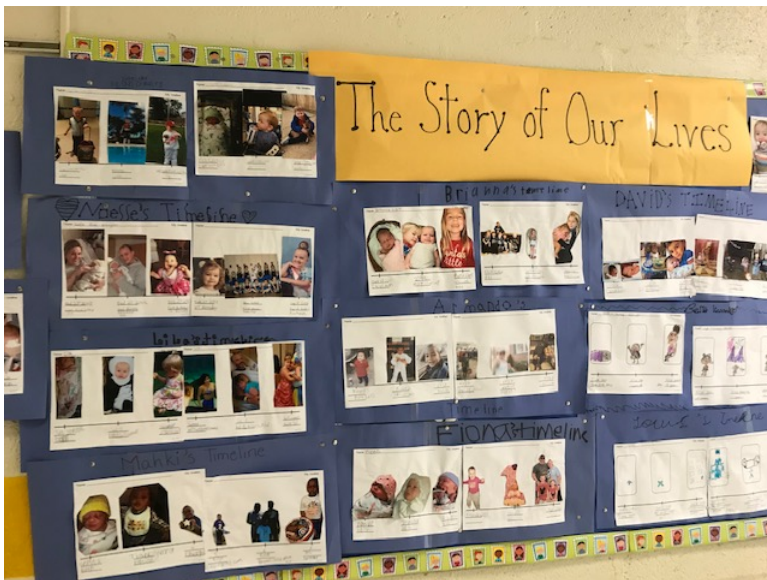
Our Reading Specialists invited Brian Biggs to Hillcrest. He is an author and an illustrator. He showed the children different pictures from his childhood. He talked about how he always wanted to make books. It was interesting to learn about a real person who achieved his goal.

The first grade teachers read different Brownie and Pearl books to their classes. Your child might want to go to the public library to find some more books by this talented man.

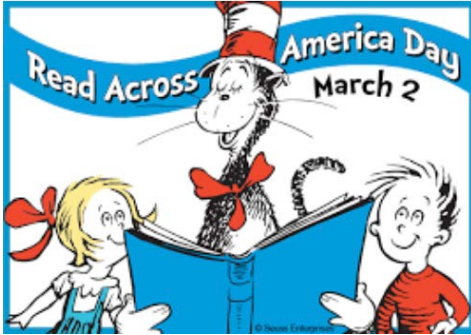




Second grade students learned about many interesting people while reading their biographies. We learned about the obstacles they overcame and the interesting events in their lives. Students used chronological order to create their own personal timelines, which included some of the interesting events and milestones from their own lives. Great job second grade!



# 3rd Grade



Spring? We forgot winter! Regardless, Hillcrest's Third Grade is moving on!

Our third grade *Jump Rope for Heart* participants did a fabulous job raising money for American Heart Association. Mason Ferraro (Rm. 25), Michael Rogers (Rm. 26), Layla Wilson (Rm. 21), Lily Feehan (Rm. 20), and Trinity McDermott (Rm. 22) represented the third grade in the school-wide competition. Congratulations to Michael Rogers from Team McKeon for winning among the third grade competitors and TIED for first place in the school competition!

Third Grade's annual Living Bio Museum will be Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Parents and relatives are invited to stop by the gymnasium to "walk back in time" to meet famous people from our past and present. The students will share what they learned about the life they researched. They will use "props" to enhance the experience for our very important guests.

Third grade students also reminisced about their favorite books. Many happy memories were shared of reading treasured Dr. Seuss tales with family members in years gone by. The students recognized how Dr. Seuss's work helped them, and children all around the globe, become better readers. Author/Illustrator, Brian Biggs shared his experiences and inspirations on the path to becoming an accomplished voice in children's literature.



**Students in 4th and 5th grades at Hillcrest Elementary School were participants in the National Geography Bee (Geobee). These boys and girls spent many hours during lunchtime and after school studying for the Bee. They used a packet that was sent to us from the National Geography Bee Association and the online resources that were accessible through the website, [nationalgeographic.org](http://nationalgeographic.org). After a grueling 60 minutes of competition, there were only two students left. Both were fifth graders, but 4th graders were 3rd in line to win! Many congratulations to the 5th grade winners and a special thanks to all participants! Also, a special thanks to Leslie Forberger, retired Hillcrest teacher, for being a guest presenter!**



# 5th Grade

Hillcrest fourth and fifth graders competed in the annual basketball tournament this month. There were so many great competitors. Two Hillcrest teams made it to the final round. Let's keep our fingers crossed that one comes out as the champion when the finals are rescheduled!

