

The Hillcrest Herald

May 2019

Hillcrest Elementary School

2601 Bond Avenue



Drexel Hill, PA 19026

610-853-4520

Principal: Mrs. Kristin O'Neill

Hillcrest Elementary School

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 (Day D) Science PSSA – Grade 4 12:30pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1 through 5) 8:50-10:20am AM Kindergarten 11:00am-12:30pm PM Kindergarten 6:30-8:00pm Family Heritage Night	2 (Day A) Science PSSA – Grade 4	3 (Day B) PSSA Make-ups 6:00-8:00pm HSA Family Picnic	4
	Screen Free Week April 29-May 3	MAP Testing May 9-May 23 (Grades K-5) DIBELS Testing May 22-May 31 (Grades K-5)				
5	6 (Day C) 5 th Grade Echo Hill Trip	7 (Day D) 5 th Grade Echo Hill Trip Teacher Appreciation Day	8 (Day A) 5 th Grade Echo Hill Trip	9 (Day B) 5 th Grade Echo Hill Trip 7:00pm 2019-2020 Kindergarten Orientation	10 (Day C) 5 th Grade Echo Hill Trip	11
12	13 (Day D)	14 (Day A)	15 (Day B) Birthday Lunches with the Principal HSA Teacher Appreciation Lunch	16 (Day C) 6:00pm HSA Meeting	17 (Day D) Green & White Day 7:00-9:00pm HSA 5 th Grade Dance	18 10:00 am UDSD Arts Fest (UDHS)
19	20 (Day A) Green & White Day (rain date)	No School for Students Staff In-Service Day	22 (Day B) 6:00-7:30pm Band Parent Meeting	23 (Day C) Math Fluency Check #3 (Grades K-5) 9:15-11:30am Spring Concert Rehearsal (UDPAC) 7:00pm Spring Concert (UDPAC)	24 No School for Students or Staff All offices open Staff Contract In-Service Day	25
26	27 No School for Students and Staff Memorial Day Holiday	28 (Day D)	29 (Day A) 9:30am 3 rd Grade Show 2:15pm 1 st Grade Writer's Tea	30 (Day B)	31 (Day C) 	

FREE
ADMISSION

UDSD

Arts Fest

May 18th, 2019

10:00-3:00

Upper Darby High School

Art Show
Activities
Performances

Artwork on Display

Elementary Schools (B wing)

Drexel Hill Middle School (B wing / T Building)

Beverly Hills Middle School (B wing / T Building)

UD High School (T Building)

Alumni Art Show (T Building)

Faculty Art Show (T182)

Activities

Henna Tattoos (T177)

Silk Screening T-Shirts (T178)

Tile Painting for kids (T179)

Wheel Throwing Demos (T179)

Ceramic Dish and Bowl Fundraiser (T179)

Art Make and Take Activities (T180)

Face Painting (T Building/ B Wing)

Activities for little ones and families (T71)

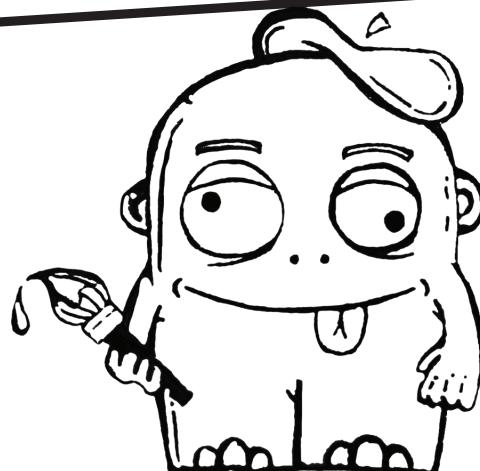
Culinary Cafe- Food For Sale (T175)

Art Club Boutique T-shirts +Student Art For Sale

Performances

Poetry Slam 10:00 (PAC)

Junk to Funk Fashion Show 11:00-12:00(PAC)



Music News from Mr. Thomas

Hello Third Grade Parents!

My name is Mr. Thomas, I am the band teacher at Hillcrest Elementary. Your third grade students are eligible to start band lessons next year in 4th grade. Instruments offered at Hillcrest are, flute, oboe, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, French horn, baritone, trombone, and percussion (drums and xylophone/bells). If your child is interested in taking band lessons, or you have any questions, you can contact me at:

- **pthomas@upperdarbysd.org**
- **610-789-7200 x5698**

On Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00PM we will be hosting a “Meet the Instrument Night”. Students have the opportunity to try instruments, learn more about Hillcrest’s lesson program and sign up for a band instrument. Students will be able to hold and make a sound on the band instruments. If you would already like to express your interest in beginning band next year, please follow the following URL or QR code and fill out the online form:

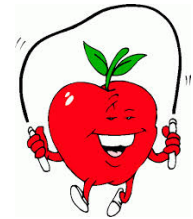
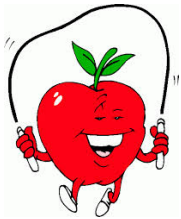
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**Thank you,
Phillip Thomas**

Physical Education News from Mr. Palis

Physical Education Updates



The 1st and 2nd grades have been working on the following skills in PE class:

- Spatial awareness
- Eye hand coordination
- Listening skills
- Focus, attention span, concentration and perseverance
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Cooperation

The 1st and 2nd grades have been playing the following movement activities in PE class:

- ✓ Green & White Activities

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

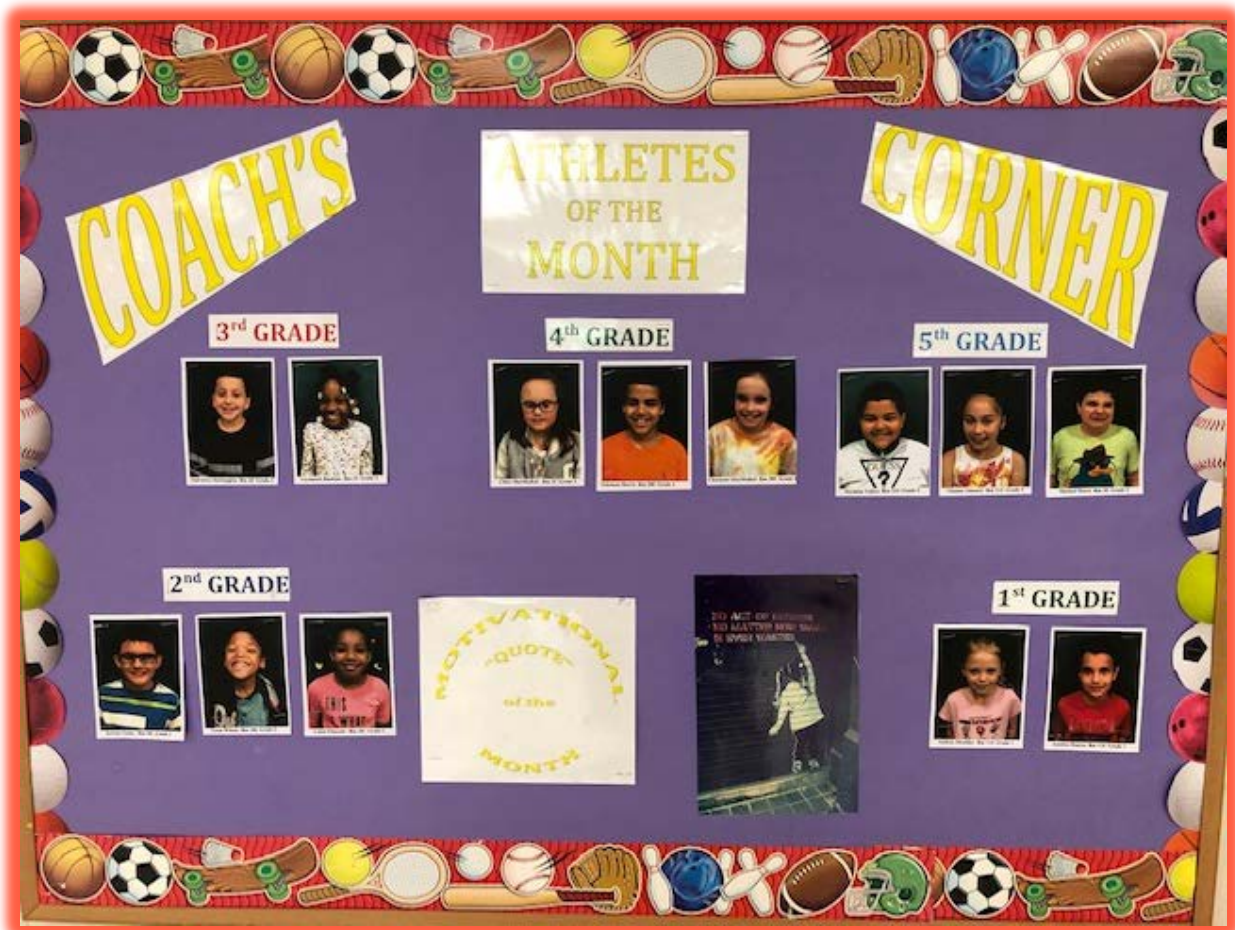
- Spatial awareness
- Listening skills
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Cooperation
- Focus, attention span, concentration and perseverance
- Risk Taking

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

- ✓ Green & White Activities

(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



- 1st Grade: Audrey Moulder Rm#114 & Amidou Diarra Rm#114***
- 2nd Grade: Jeremy Lantz Rm#101, Yasin Wilson Rm# 106 & Lakia Edmond Rm#101***
- 3rd Grade: Salvatore Saritsoglou Rm #27 & Giyannah Rankins Rm #22***
- 4th Grade: Chloe MacMullett Rm#23, Solomon Harris Rm# 208
& Charlotte MacMullett Rm#209***
- 5th Grade: Ibrahim Yahya Rm#211, Gianna Almario #210 & Michael Durst Rm #20***

Motivational Quote



**The 2019 Hillcrest USMC Youth Physical Fitness
Team
Gold Medal Winners!**



The 2019 Hillcrest Boys finished in 1st place at the annual USMC Youth Physical Fitness Meet. The team received Gold Medals for their accomplishment. In the team picture from left to right is: Coach Steve Palis, Alex Abreu, Jason Rivera-Martinez, David Jackson, Cole Oxenberg, Chris Sizemore, Jahmir Brown, Jayden Walters and Christopher Clark.

**The 2019 Hillcrest USMC Youth Physical Fitness
Team
Bronze Medal Winners!**



The 2019 Hillcrest Girls finished in 3rd place at the annual USMC Youth Physical Fitness Meet. The team received Bronze Medals for their accomplishment. In the team picture from left to right is: Georgie Mariani, Charlotte MacMullett, C J Devine, Bryn Zimmerman, Makayla Michelson, Julia Rule, Samantha Rogers and Jillian Schaffer.

Hillcrest Fitness Team



Chris Sizemore scored a perfect score of 500 in the 2019 USMC Youth Physical Fitness Meet. He had the highest score in the meet!

Hillcrest Fitness Team



Jahmir Brown scored a 497 in the 2019 USMC Youth Physical Fitness Meet. He had the 2nd highest score in the meet!

Hillcrest Fitness Team





Wee Deliver at Hillcrest!!

Hillcrest is beginning our very own Wee Deliver Program! The students who receive Life Skills Support will be sorting and delivering mail each week. We would like to encourage all parents, friends, and relatives to send mail to our students.

Here's how it works...

Send your letter Via U.S. Mail or drop it in our Hillcrest Mailbox, located in the lobby at the sign-in table. Be sure to include the following information.

Front of envelope:

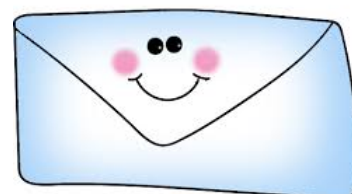
Student's Name
C/O Hillcrest Elementary
2601 Bond Avenue
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Back of envelope (This is VERY important):

Student's Name
Student's Teacher
Student's Room Number

Everyone LOVES to get mail, especially children! Please take the time to write a letter or card and make a student happy ☺ Feel free to pass this information along to your child's family friends and relatives so they may also send your child a note and/or card.

Many Thanks!
Life Skills Support Team



News from the Home & School Association

In just a few short weeks, yet another school year will come to a close. We would like to take this opportunity to once again say Thank You for all the support many of our Hillcrest families have offered to the HSA. Whether you donated drinks or snacks for school dances or the staff appreciation lunch, participated in one of our events, supported one or both of our fall fundraisers, purchased Hillcrest spirit items or spirit wear, volunteered your personal time to help us out at one of our events, attended one or more of our HSA meetings, or maybe you just had a compliment or kind word of encouragement for us... We truly appreciate it all!! We are so grateful to be able to give back to the school and essentially the children and hopefully give them lifelong memories to treasure forever.



In early April some of our Hillcrest families came out to Oasis Family Fun Center for what was definitely a FUN night!



To round out April, we held our first ever Color Run and it was an absolute BLAST!!! We cannot wait to do it again next year. It'll be bigger and better and hopefully a little less windy!!

Our Family Picnic Night during Screen Free Week may have been cancelled, but we were able to throw together a SWEET night of Candy Bar Bingo that was enjoyed by kids, parents & grandparents!



Kindergarten News

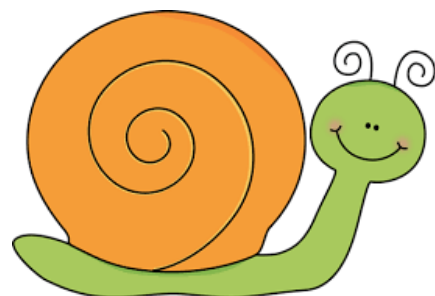


During the month of May, Kindergarten has been learning so many things. We have been learning about measurement and comparing lengths, heights, and weights of classroom objects. In Storytown, we are learning about blending sounds together to make words. We also are practicing rhyming words. In Foundations, we are spelling lots of words on our own. We are working on a lot of special end of the year projects using all the writing skills we have learned so far this year. It was so much fun visiting the Fifth Grade Carnival! We also loved celebrating Kindness week and even got to see our third grade buddies again!

We had other fun in May too. We have really enjoyed practicing for our end of the year Kindergarten show. We are getting so excited to show all we have learned to our families.

First Grade News

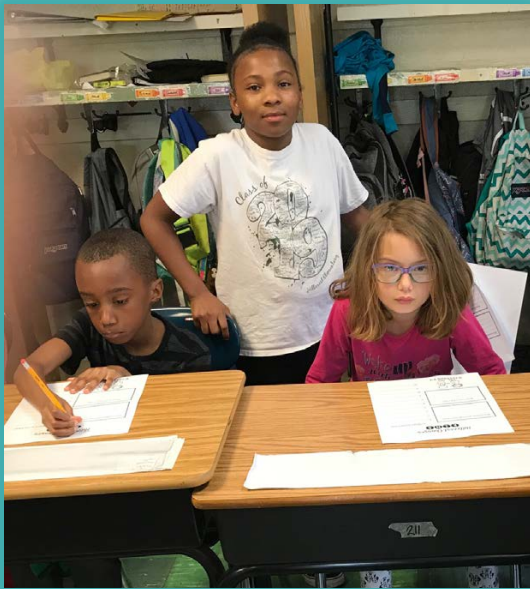
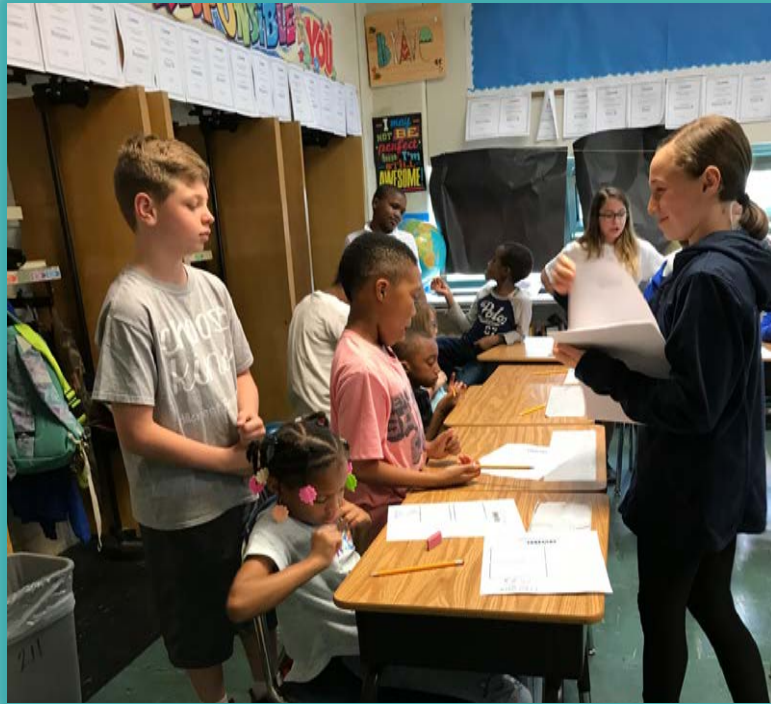
First grade has been studying organisms this spring. We have studied seeds and plants. We have begun to grow our own plants too. It has been exciting seeing the changes our seeds have been making! We are so excited to start observing guppies and snails.



Second Grade News

Kindness is everywhere at Hillcrest Elementary. Second grade students collaborated with their 5th grade buddies for Kindness week. Students worked together on a project discussing how we can be kind to each other, kind to our families and spread kindness throughout our community. Second grade students enjoyed working with the older students at Hillcrest as they have done for several activities this year. It was a great opportunity for students to get to know and work with other students at Hillcrest.





Third Grade News

It's hard to believe that we are in May and beginning the end of year activities! Over the past few weeks the third grade worked extremely hard on the PSSA assessments for the first time. We are so very proud of their efforts. In the upcoming weeks, we will continue to take all of the end of year assessments to show how the students have grown throughout the year.

We are also looking forward to the many fun activities to end our year. This month third grade is traveling to Collenbrook Farm, and we will be learning about the history of our community. We will also be performing in the Third Grade show on the 29th. We will show off all we have learned in music class, and highlight our talented musicians on their violins, violas, and cellos. Green and White Day is on May 17th. We can't wait for a day of friendly competition out on the field. We hope you can join us in the afternoon to cheer us on! We are so excited to wrap up a great year with so many exciting events!!



Fourth Grade News



After PSSA's

Students in fourth grade participated in various activities in their homerooms after PSSA testing. This was their time to unwind after the 7 days of PSSA testing in three content areas. Students worked really hard, stayed focused, and tried their personal best during the two weeks of testing. They made their teachers proud. Students celebrated by having special activities such as Camp Day, Cinco de Mayo, Math 24 challenges with 5th graders, Island Escape, and down time with each other. These celebrations were well deserved. Great work 4th grade!



Fifth Grade News

5th Grade Annual Echo Hill Trip

Fifth grade students will be attending Echo Hill Outdoor School in Worton, Maryland from May 6th to the 11th. The first day is a full of activities with orientation of the grounds, living space, and procedures. They then attend an afternoon class where they learn about the great outdoors, nature, and science related topics. They will experience eating locally grown and healthy foods at the Whip, which is an enclosed outdoor cafeteria and formerly an old Merry go Round!. Other lessons will include community building projects, learning about conservation efforts, and developing independence skills necessary in life.

The fifth grade would like to thank the Home and School Association for contributing money for buses. Students will return Friday, May 10th and show us how much they have grown socially and demonstrate what it means to feel empowered by their challenges.

We can't wait to hear what they learned!

Echo Hill Outdoor School



The Annual Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony is an emotional celebration for students, families, and teachers. It was held at the Upper Darby Performing Arts Center on June 7th, 2019. During this celebration, students reflect on their accomplishments throughout the school year. The ceremony includes musical selections from students and even teachers! Students were given awards ranging from Presidential awards for Academics or Achievement; awards for chorus, Marine Physical Fitness, and for many extra curricular activities.

Most Hillcrest students will attend Drexel Hill Middle School. However, some students may find themselves at different middle schools for the 19-20 school year. No matter where students start middle school, they will always be a part of the Hillcrest Family! Best of luck to our of our fifth grade students for a successful middle school career!

