

April 2021

# The Hillcrest Herald



## Upcoming Events

April 16	Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day – wear your pajamas to school
April 19-23	Kindness Week
April 19	Be Kind – wear your superhero gear
April 20	Team Kindness – wear your favorite sports team gear to school
April 21	Peace, Love and Kindness – wear tie-dye to school Progress Reports sent home - Grades 1-5 National Kindergarten Day – share your favorite thing about Kindergarten
April 22	Happy Earth Day – wear blue or green to school
April 23	Hillcrest Shows Kindness – wear your Kindness t-shirt or any Royals gear to school
April 27	Character Counts Recognition Day National Tell a Story Day – tell your class a story
May 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 3	ELA PSSA – Grades 3-5
May 4	ELA PSSA – Grades 3-5 Star Wars Day – wear Star Wars attire to school
May 5	Cinco de Mayo Character Counts Reward Event
May 6	ELA PSSA – Grades 3-5 Nurse Appreciation Day
May 8	World Red Cross Day
May 10	Math PSSA – Grades 3-5
May 11	Math PSSA – Grades 3-5
May 13	Science PSSA – Grade 4 Virtual Home and School Association Meeting 6:00pm
May 14	Science PSSA – Grade 4

## Message from Principal McEaddy

Greetings Hillcrest Royals,

I hope everyone had a fun and restful spring break. We are in now April, and we are back to business. Parents and guardians, please continue to monitor your child's educational progress. It is vital that all students are logging onto class on time and are attending their MTSS classes and specials.

Secondly, I want to personally inform you of how proud I am of our teachers and support staff. Our team continues to show resiliency through their ability to communicate, connect, and inspire our students in the flexible model. We are adjusting and moving onward; despite the factors associated with our current pandemic. Importantly, we are in what I like to call the "4th Quarter," and there are no shortcuts for excellence and performing at a high level. Therefore, a simple thank you to your child's teacher(s) can go a long way in continually forging positive relationships as we finish the school year strong.

In addition to the end of the year, our 3rd-5th grade scholars at Hillcrest will be taking The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). The PSSA is a standardized test administered in public schools in the state of Pennsylvania. Importantly, PSSA tests are designed to measure student achievement and annual growth for individual students and their cohorts. Our testing window opens on May 3rd and ends on May 28th.

PSSA Update Testing Window (April 19- May 28, 2021) PSSA Testing Window:

### **Grades 3-5 ELA (3 sections)**

- Monday, May 3, 2021
- Tuesday, May 4, 2021
- Thursday, May 6, 2021

### **Grades 3-5 Math (2 sections)**

- Monday, May 10, 2021
- Tuesday, May 11, 2021

### **Grade 4 Science (2 sections)**

- Thursday, May 13, 2021
- Friday, May 14, 2021

If you have any questions regarding state testing, please contact me directly at [dmceaddy@upperdarbysd.org](mailto:dmceaddy@upperdarbysd.org). Again, we are almost at the finish line and if there is any advice or input you would like to share that supports student achievement, I'd love to hear from you.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and commitment to our school community.

Your Partner in Education,  
Principal McEaddy



## Congratulations to the following students for PERFECT attendance during the month of March! Keep up the amazing work!

Acree-Bryant, Logan	Carey, Peyton Marie	Davis, Kareem Jamal JR
Adams, Hadiyah Nailah	Carpenter, Raegan	DeAngelis, Justin
Agiri, Adeleye Fateen	Carroll, Jamison Joseph	Deloatch, Laila Mireya
Albano, Gianna	Carroll, Michaela	DeTora, Michael
Allotey, Adotey	Cartmell, Chase Ryan	Diarra, Aissata
Alshurafa, Muhammad Ali JR	Carvin, Stella Rose	Diarra, Amidou
Alshurafa, Taha	Casasola Paz, Jeancarlo	Diarra, Coumba Coumbise
Alshurafa, Zayn	Cavalli, Alaina	Diarra, Fanta Sira
Alston, Shane Corey	Cephas, Magi	Difilippo, Silas Anthony
Anglin, Avery	Cerino, Anastasia Duke	Diouani, Dhahbia
Atiq, Fatima Bint	Chan, Ramsey Hung-Mun	Dix, Aidan Micah
Attas, Lori Renee	Chaney, Aiden James	Dix, Alani Nyla
Auguste, Daniel Rene Miguel	Chen, Christie	Dix, Antonio Lamar JR
Auguste, David Juan	Chen, Louis	Doucette, Colton Michael
Bagley, Keon Mitchell	Cherif, Amira	Doucette, Gracen B
Baker, Josiah	Cherry, Mariah Sootchai	Doucette, Logan
Baker, Marcus Leonard JR	Christ, Charleigh	Down, Alessandra Ida
Baker, Shiloh Marie	Christ, Rhyann	Down, Angelina Evelyn
Baldoni, Bianca Rose	Christian, Onesia N	Duong, Mason Kai
Baldoni, Grace	Chukwu, Chinedum John	Easy, Alonah Marie
Bandy, Christian Clay	Chukwu, Ngozi Jane Mmesoma	Edmond, Lakeia
Barfield, Nyeirrah	Chukwu, Tochukwu Victor	Edmond, Neige
Barnes, Madison	Cicchinelli, Jayden	Elliott, Rylan J
Baron, Matthew Francis	Cisse, Mohamed Amadou	Ettore, Giovanni
Basile, Josephine Patience	Coin, Maryann	Ewing, Irelyn
Baskerville, Kadin	Colella, Joseph	Fabian, Cristian Nahmir
Berkowitz, Quinn Campbell	Colella, Joshua	Farbez, Arhaam Mohammed
Beverly, Brandon Kalieb	Coles, Jennah Ari'	Farhat, Jennan M.
Bivings, Nathaniel Levon	Collins-Scott, Legend	Feehan, Lily
Blanchard, Colin Tanzio	Conlin, Kaitlyn Grace	Ferraro, Layla Grace
Blanck, Ryan Joseph	Conway-Glover, Naomi Ledora	Ferraro, Mason Vincent
Bokano, Darrell Joseph	Cooper, Kailani Marlae	Freas, Sean Patrick
Bonney, Trevor Roy III	Cottman, Akeem Charles	Friedman, Wesley
Bowser, Zion	Cottman, David Keith	Frye, Chase D
Boyer, Leah	Craig, James	Fuiman, Liana
Bradsher, Fyheem	Craig, Julia Cristina	Gagliardi, Hunter
Bray, Lila Ann	Crawford, Matthew Vincent	Gagliardi, Tyler
Bray, Lily Catherine	Crawford-Jackson, Ji annah	Gallagher, Daniel
Brown, Chloe Rose	Criswell, Audrie Madison	Gallagher, Jacob
Brown, Ethan Joseph	Cruz, Aaron	Gallagher, Logan
Brown, Hazel Sophia	Curley V, Louis	Gambrell, Ayva Mae
Brown, Watcilia Avianna	Curma, Artenisa	Gentile, Anthony
Brown, William Watmah II	D'Agostino, James Vincent Felix	Gill, Charlotte Joyce
Brusco, Alfonso	D'Antonio, Jayleb Michael	Gill, Kevin
Budd, Prince Thomas	D'Antonio, Mason Andrew	Goldblatt, Aubrey
Bunton, Skylar Marie	Daffia, Khadija	Golembiewski, Carson Lyric James
Cahueque Ramirez, Jonatan	Dalo, Dominic Nicholas	Golembiewski, Nieva
Cahueque Ramirez, Mayrin	Daniels, Amanda	Grant, Jamison David
Cain, Dillon Na'jee	Daniels, Kaitlyn	Graves, Jennah
Campbell, Fallon	Davies, Aniyah	Gray, Raelynne Ernestine
Campbell, Taya Shay	Davies, Avril	Grear, Nedea Eva

Greene, Christian Bryce  
Gregory, Declan  
Griffin, Aidan Thomas  
Griffin, Ryland  
Griffin, Samuel  
Guillen, Max Emiliano  
Guldner, Avalee Grace  
Guldner, Nathaniel Freeman  
Gutierrez, Chynna  
Habib, Dina  
Habib, Riad  
Hall, Liam Anthony  
Hall, Zoe Ariel  
Hallums, Jade Zuri  
Hannigan, Andrew James  
Harkness, Benjamin Daniel  
Harkness, Lucy M  
Harris, Jayceon Rashad  
Harrisson, Victoria  
Hatton, Austin Augustus  
Hatton, Noah Anthony  
Hawil, Khalil Nathan  
Hemphill, Athena Grace  
Hemphill, Ryan Onyx  
Henry, Daniel Joseph  
Herb, Evan  
Hilbmann, Dominic Alexander  
Hilbmann, Jemma Marie  
Hilbmann Bucurel, Silas  
Hill, Amir Naim  
Hill, April Nicole  
Hill, Ashley Nicole  
Hill, Gavin Jasai  
Hoffman, Michael  
Houn, Sovana  
Howard, Kayleigh Grace  
Hoxhaj, Livia  
Hoyle, Piper Grace  
Hoyle, Willow Mae  
Huganir, Fiona Kathlynn  
Hughes, Vivian  
Humes, Simeon Reece  
Ibe, Samuel C.  
Ipock, Timothy S  
Ipock, William C  
Iqbal, Manahil  
Jabateh, Faith Marie  
Jabateh, Olivia Kolea  
Jabathy, Adela Radiatu  
Jackson, Aliya  
Jackson, Daniel Arthur  
Jackson, Julius  
Jackson, Novalee Marie  
Jalloh, Umu  
Jean, Khadjanin Marie  
Jerue, Nathaniel Paul  
Jeter, Ida Luanna  
Jilozian, Roman Harout  
Johnson, Arianna Paige  
Johnston, Daniel J  
Jones, London Grace  
Jones, Olivia Grace  
Jones, Tavia I.  
Kablan, Eden K  
Kapaj, Emma  
Kashyap, St. Augustino Joseph  
Kashyap, Victor  
Kealey, Emma Marie  
Kealey, Fiona Ann  
Keck, Declan  
Kee, Jayden  
Keen, Emily J.  
Kennedy, Bella-Blu L.  
Kennedy, Katelyn Pearl  
Kennedy, Matthew  
Khan, Azaan  
Khan, Ehan  
Kime, Willow Beth  
Klah, Celine Princess  
Kokir-Miller, Tatiana  
Kone, Chanel Malicka  
Kpunsah, Nathan  
Kulp, Shane E  
Kumar, Roseta  
Lacey, Aidan James  
Lacey, Mckayla Lynn  
Lanctot, Alexander  
Lantz, Jeremy Pablo  
Lee, Mia Rose  
Lee, Sunni Grace  
Leiria, Mateus Frediani  
Lewis, Aria  
Lewis, Chase  
Lewyckyj, Violet Catherine  
Lindsay, Jahseer Kahfi  
Lindsay, Jasiyah Che'Le  
Liu, Jeff  
Lohr, Isabella  
Loizos, Konstantina Antonia  
Love, Brianna  
Love, Edward Patrick JR  
Ludwinski, Sofie Elzbieta  
Ly, Jaden Marie  
MacClelland, Kenzie  
Mahmood, Fatima  
Mahserejian, Samuel Jacob JR  
Martin, Mia  
Martinez, Armando III  
Martino, Arianna J  
Martino, Matthew  
Maxfield, Connor David  
Maxfield, Henry  
Mbaye, Sophia Wore  
McCoy, Travis James  
McCullough, Lia Francesca  
McCullough, Michael James JR  
Mcdermott, Renae Marie  
McDermott, Trinity Bridget  
McFarlane, Layla  
McGeorge, Liam Robert  
McGeorge, Logan  
McNatt, Amirah Rae  
McNatt, Ethan Raymond  
McNatt, Samiya Nevaeh  
McNeill, Penelope Teresa  
McShane, Amelia  
Melnick, Hannah Jo  
Melnick, Maggie Nicole  
Melton, Lily Rose  
Menta, Rocco  
Meta, Alisa  
Meta, Brian  
Meus, Steshlin Danny  
Michaud, Leo  
Mihali, Arsela  
Miller, Niem  
Miller, Owen Jude  
Mitchell, Gia  
Mobeen, Haad Muhammad  
Moore, Anna  
Moore, David  
Moore, Malachi Josiah  
Mora, Kevin Josue  
Morgan-Wood, Cassidi Simone  
Moses-Jackson, Roxanna E.  
Moulder, Audrey  
Muchison, Isa S  
Nagbe, David Denil  
Naz, Aisha  
Neitham, Victoria  
Nelson, Alivia Anne  
Nelson, Ethan Charles  
Ngjelo, Kevin



Nguyen, Katharine Linh Nhi  
Nguyen, Max  
Nicholas, Jackson Thomas  
Nicholas, Jared  
Noel JR, Rasheed  
Nunez, Karolanne  
Nyagblo, Bernice Akossi  
Nyagblo, Hope  
Occhiolini, Luke Joseph  
Parks, Jayden Caleb  
Parks, Leah Naomi  
Paul, Samantha  
Pena, Isaac Joel  
Peters, Nathan Phoenix  
Pfeffinger, Andrew Lawrence  
Pfeffinger, Giavanna  
Phan, Thy Minh  
Phan, Tri Minh  
Piche, Ava Rosemary  
Pieretti, Cassidy  
Pierre-Toussaint, Messi  
Poland, Alphonso JR  
Pope, Phelix  
Powell, Curtis Edwin  
Quartlebaum, Grey Ermias  
Quattrone, Sofia Catherine  
Rainey, Thomas Joseph  
Rankins, Giyannah Raquel  
Rankins, Laurence Mickel  
Rauceo, Abigail Grace  
Rawlins, Abigail Harper  
Rawlins, Arielle Ryann  
Redley, Kaitlyn Eliana  
Reichard, Addison Elizabeth  
Reichard, Timothy  
Reiter, Mia Ghaela  
Ricciuti, Christian James  
Richart, Vanessa O.  
Ripley, Ashliee Lynne  
Roach, Tyson Joshua  
Roberts, Rasheed Sincere  
Robinson, Dylann Jade  
Robinson, Terrance  
Robinson-Young, Duwan Yameer  
Rodney, Khalon  
Roney, Aaliyah  
Rowe, MacKenzie Olivia  
Sabatini, Joseph Frank III  
Samaniego, Samantha Nayeli  
Samaniego-Caivinagua, Dayana  
Sanchez Garcia, Samuel  
Sanderlin, Richard Aaron  
Sanders, Siana I  
Satchell, Kairae Zaire  
Savage, Justin  
Schaffer, Abigail  
Scott, Milana  
Seefeldt, John Frederick  
Seng, Ryan Virak  
Serrano, Jacob  
Sheikh, Abdul Basit  
Shekpeh, Abraham  
Shepherd, Halle Margaret  
Sibri Guaman, Jeshua  
Signora, Hadleigh  
Sills, Madison  
Silvis, Nathaniel  
Simmons, Madeline Grace  
Simpson, Augustus  
Simpson-Darden, Kaidence Marie  
Singh, Tarunpreet  
Smith, Cameron Aaron  
Smith, Casey Alida  
Smith, Conner Liam  
Smith, Jeremiah Chad  
Smith, Olivia Nicole  
Solorzano, Madelyn Juliani  
Sorrentino, Rylie  
Soumahoro, Rayann Makesha  
Stapleton, Augustine Christopher  
Stapleton, Persais Corrin  
Stapleton, Priya Colette  
Stefos, Aubrey  
Stephens-Evans, Rene  
Stephens-Evans, Ryan  
Stevenson, Edward Choi JR  
Stierelli, Ava Rae  
Suero, Ellionna Rose  
Swift, Alexander  
Swift, Arik Xavier  
Tacconelli, Nicole  
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Thlang, Connor Throdore  
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Thompson, Nahla  
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Thompson-Witherspoon, Khadijah  
Tisdale, Soleil Pheonix  
Tolbert-Martin, Aiden  
Tomicki-Mendes, Finley Jayne  
Torrence, Jude Michael  
Torrence, Rocco Thomas  
Trotti, Samantha Anne  
Tucker, Leric Akhalah  
Tucker, Siydah Alliyah  
Tucker-McIver, Levi  
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Tyler, Karter  
Urbanelli, Matthew  
Urbanelli, Vincent  
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Vera-Duy, Danna  
Verden, Brielle Amora  
Vujaskovic, Lana  
Vujaskovic, Marko  
Walczak, Emma  
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Walker, Jordan Joanne  
Walker, Mericle  
Wanamaker, Christian  
Wanamaker, Gabriella  
Ward, Mason  
Warrington, Morgan E.  
Warrington, Stephen III  
Washington, Mya Paige  
Washington, Richard IV  
Washington, Zuri Marie  
Whoriskey, Philip  
Whoriskey, Roselyn  
Williams, Amier  
Williams, Ariana Kaylee  
Williams, Christopher  
Williams, Gavin Alexander  
Williams, Kayla Mckenna  
Williams, Kylie Elaine  
Williams, Quinn Avery  
Williams, Sean  
Wilson, Layla Rose  
Wilt, Austin  
Wimberly, Amora Lee  
Winas, Leah Aubrey  
Wirawan, Benjamin  
Wismer, Garrett James  
Witherspoon, Kadir B.  
Yashin, Hannah Wilson  
Young, Jason

## Hillcrest Home and School Association News

### Officer Elections

The HSA is looking for volunteers to fill open positions on the board for next school year. The positions to be filled are Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Evelyn Attas, current Vice President, will move into the President position for the next school year. If you are interested please send an email to [hillcresthomeandschool@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcresthomeandschool@yahoo.com) and include your name and position that you are interested in. Submissions will need to be in by April 30, 2021. Elections will be held during the May 2021 HSA meeting.

### WHAT A CROCK: Place your orders today!!!

**Remember this fundraiser is still open!**

**HSA has partnered with What A Crock once again for this year's fundraiser. It's so simple!**

**Here are the highlights:**

**ORDER: Order online using our link: [Hillcrest HSA - What a Crock Fundraiser](#)**

**FREQUENCY: Order all year long! Meals ship within two business days and arrive DIRECT to your door!**

**PROFIT: Up to 20% of your purchase will go back to our organization, every time you order.**

**DINNER IS SERVED: No Prep! No Hassle! No Mess! Just follow the cooking instructions provided in each meal and you'll have chef-prepared meals for dinner any day of the week! Jambalaya, Pulled Pork, Uptown Beef Stew, Mac and Cheese, SO many choices to fit all types of appetites!**

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## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is learning and growing this spring! We are learning all about three-dimensional and two-dimensional shapes. We know if they can roll, slide, or stack and which real life objects look like them! In Reading, we are learning about our country, America. We have read books about baseball and landforms and will be reading about important Americans like Dr. Martin Luther King and George Washington soon. We are working hard at tapping our words and starting to learn about the difference between long and short vowels.

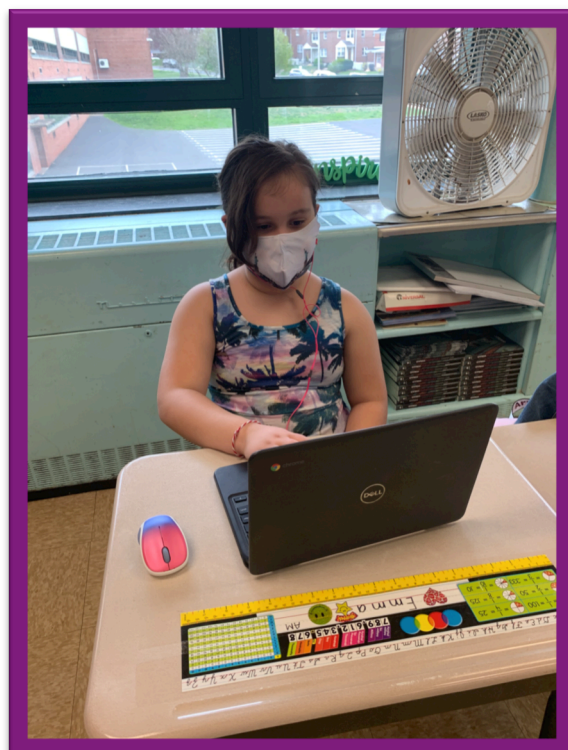
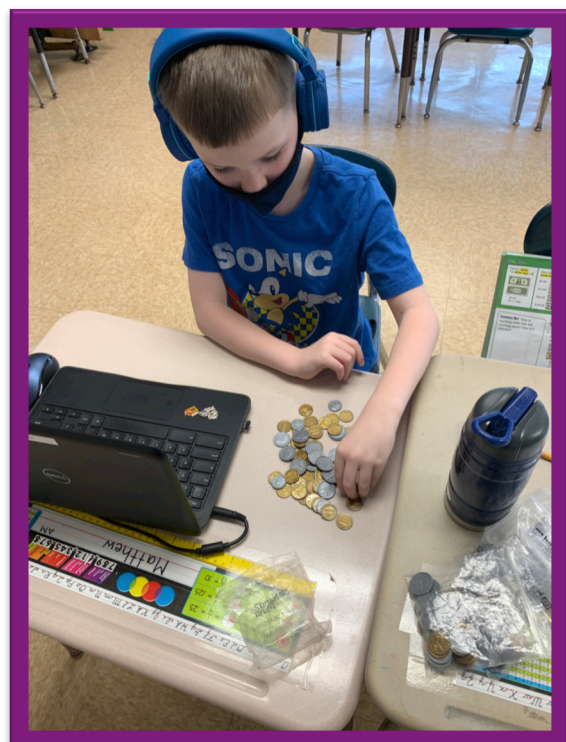
# First Grade News





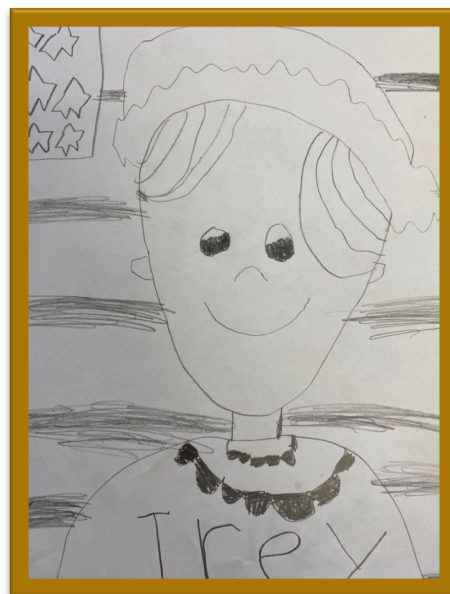
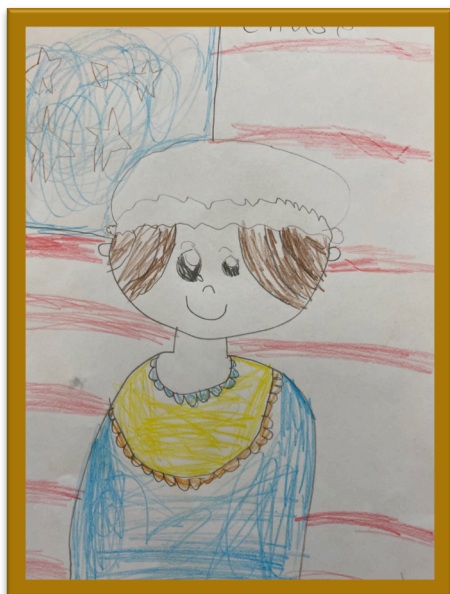
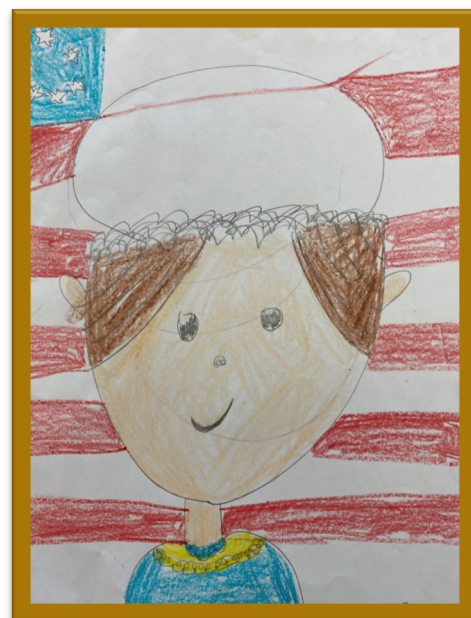
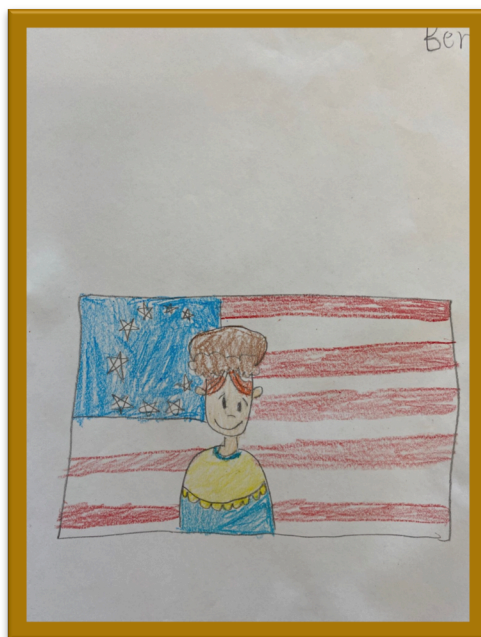
## Second Grade News

Second graders have been working hard in math! This month, we learned all about money. First, students learned how to identify coins and their value. Fun songs and rhymes helped students remember each coin and its worth. Fun songs and rhymes helped students remember each coin and its worth. Then, we learned to count money using a variety of strategies. We became expert skip counters by 5s, 10s, 25s and 50s! Students stayed engaged in learning while working through problems on Blooket, wordwall.net and using manipulatives. Students made real life connections while working through word problems about purchasing items and receiving change. We are looking forward to learning how to tell time next!



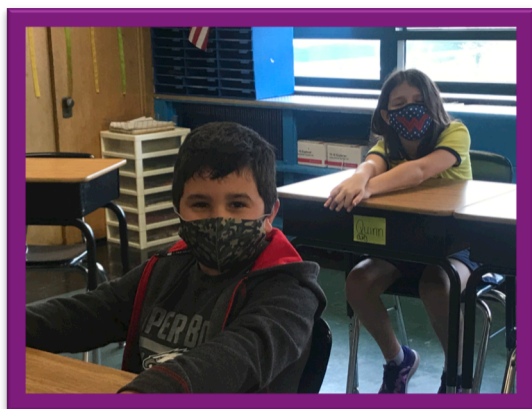
## Third Grade News

Right before Spring Break, third graders had the opportunity to attend a virtual field trip to the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia. We learned about Betsy Ross's life, the history of our flag, and how people lived during that time. This paired perfectly with our Reading Module from November, "Let Freedom Ring!" Special thanks to Audrey and Ms. Acker-Moulder from Mrs. Simmons' class for making this happen!

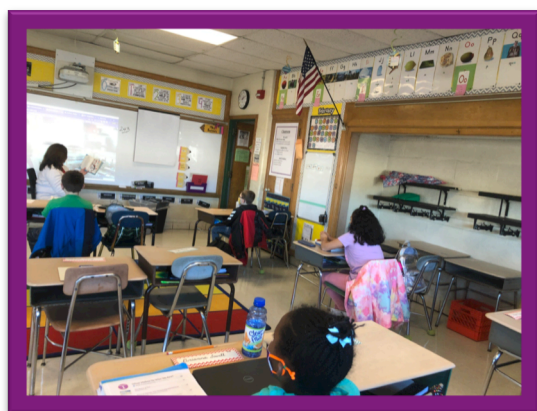




## Fourth Grade News



**On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the fourth and fifth graders at Hillcrest were able to return to the classroom for in person instruction!!!!!!! It was great to see our friends after being out of the classroom for almost a year!**



## Fifth Grade News

# Echo Hill Outdoor School



Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, the fifth grade trip to Echo Hill Outdoor School was cancelled for this year. We will still teach the science lessons in our Ecosystems unit that correlate with lessons at Echo Hill. Some of the lessons we will teach include community building projects, learning about conservation efforts, and learning how the Chesapeake Bay Watershed contributes to the fresh water we get in our homes in Drexel Hill. We will also learn about fish and their life cycles and how we can protect water life from the dangers of pollution.

We are also planning a virtual trip to Echo Hill so students can see what the school has to offer for the summer. Students can attend Echo Hill as a summer camp.

Any parents that are interested in learning about Echo Hill's summer camp offerings, can check out the website at: <https://www.ehos.org/>

We are hoping to be able to visit Echo Hill for the 2021-2022 school year!!

