


March 2020

The Hillcrest Herald



Hillcrest Elementary School

March 2020

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



Music Notes

3rd Grade Recorders


Thank you to all who ordered recorders! Our 3rd 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 20th.

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 2nd & 3rd 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!

- 4th Grade rehearses Tuesday Mornings from
8:45-9:15
 - 5th Grade rehearses Thursday Mornings from
8:45-9:15
 - Select Chorus rehearses Friday Mornings from
8:45-9:15
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A decorative border made of musical staves and notes surrounds the central text. The top staff starts with a treble clef and contains a sequence of notes. The bottom staff also contains a sequence of notes. The left and right sides are decorated with vertical staves of notes.

Important Dates

April 2nd Frozen Musical

April 3rd Frozen Musical

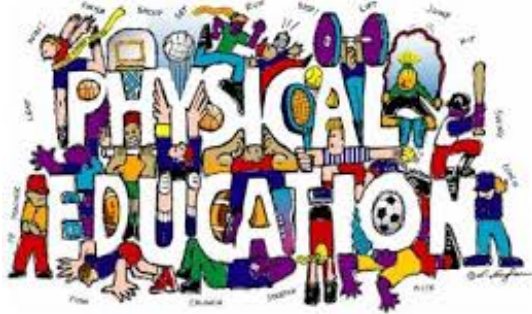
May 4th In School Spring Concert 2-3pm

May 4th Instrumental Concert 7-8pm

May 6th Spring Choral Concert 7-8pm

May 28th 3rd Grade Show 9:30-10:30am

March Physical Education Updates



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

- Bowling
- Friday Fitness
- Jump Rope contest

The 3rd, 4th and 5th 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 3rd, 4th and 5th 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



1st Grade: Khadijah Witherspoon Rm#108 & Caleb Armes Rm#108

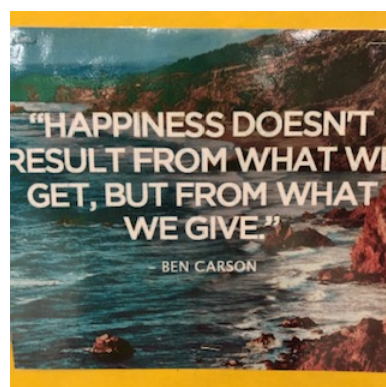
2nd Grade: Kadir Witherspoon Rm#104 & Leah Boyer Rm#104

3rd Grade: Layla Wilson Rm#21 & Eli Encarnacion Rm#21

4th Grade: David Nagbe Rm #209, Chynna Gutierrez Rm #208 & William Brown Rm #215

5th 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 18th to February 21st 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!**

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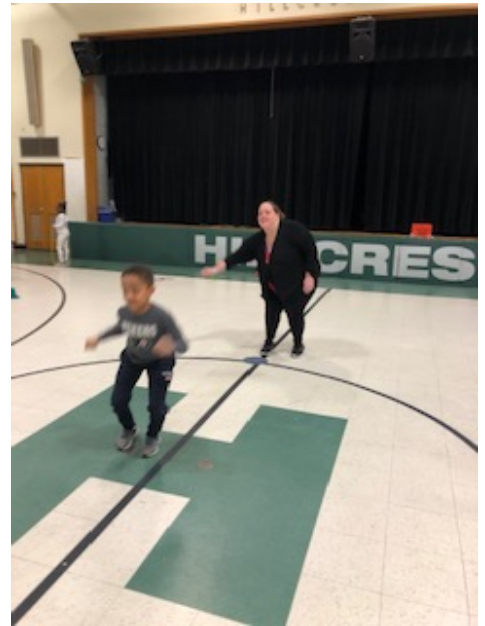


Turning ropes left to right is Stacey Walthes, Lou Urbanelli & Mandy Werts.
Jumping left to right is Britney Walthes, Vincent Urbanelli & Hannah Werts.



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

1st 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

2nd 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

3rd 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

4th 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

5th 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.



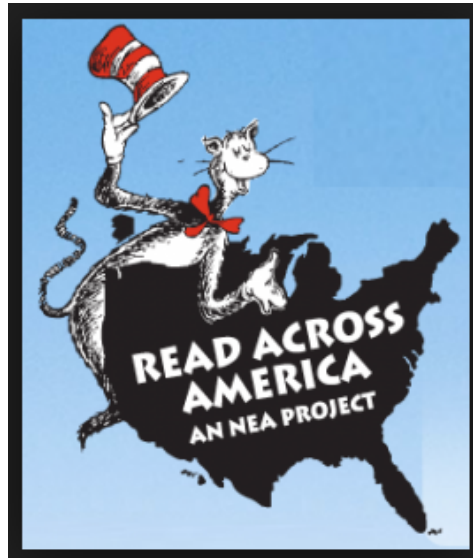
Hillcrest 2020 School Champions
Michael Rogers & John John Doherty
(These two boys jumped for 50 minutes before Mr. Palis and Mr. Peters called it a tie)



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.



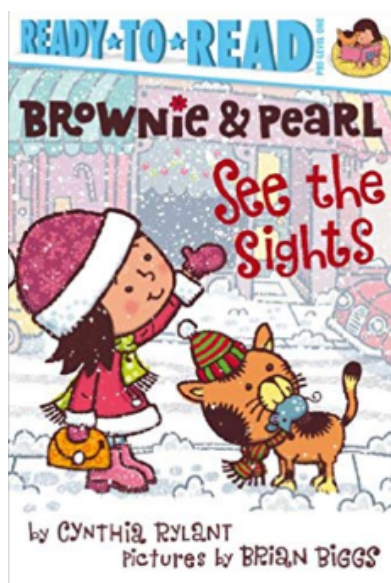
First Grade



Read Across America Day was on March 2nd. 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.

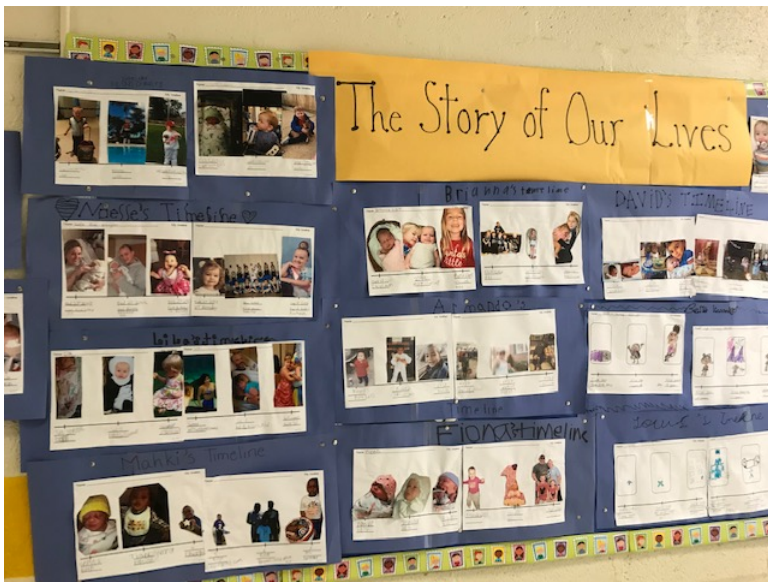
Our Reading Specialists invited Brian Biggs to Hillcrest. He is an author and an illustrator. He showed the children different pictures from his childhood. He talked about how he always wanted to make books. It was interesting to learn about a real person who achieved his goal.

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.

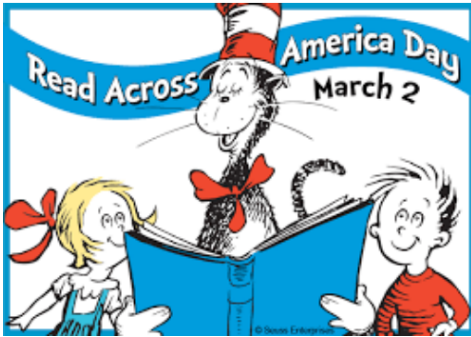




Second grade students learned about many interesting people while reading their biographies. We learned about the obstacles they overcame and the interesting events in their lives. Students used chronological order to create their own personal timelines, which included some of the interesting events 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 31st. 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.

4th GRADE



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. 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!

