

The Hillcrest Herald

May 2022



UPPER DARBY
HILLCREST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Hillcrest Elementary School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 (Day D) Math PSSA (Grades 3-5) Teacher Appreciation Week 	3 (Day A) Math PSSA (Grades 3-5)	4 (Day B) 12:30pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1 through 5) 8:50am-10:20am AM Kindergarten 11:00am-12:30pm PM Kindergarten Wear Star Wars Gear – May the 4 th Be with You!	5 (Day C) Science PSSA (Grade 4)	6 (Day D) Science PSSA (Grade 4) Wear a Baseball Jersey or Baseball T-Shirt 7:30pm HSA Movie Night	7
8	9 (Day A)	10 (Day B) Royals Spirit Day HSA Staff Appreciation Luncheon	11 (Day C)	12 (Day D) 6:00pm Home and School Association Meeting	13 (Day A) Dress like a Bug	14
15	16 (Day B) 6:00pm-7:00pm 2022-2023 Kindergarten Orientation	17 (Day C) 5:00pm-6:00pm HSA Moe's Fundraiser Pick-up	18 (Day D) Color Day	19 (Day A)	20 (Day B) Wear a Cape Day 7:00pm-9:00pm 5th Grade Dance	21 Brad Schoener Memorial 5K & Music Man Festival 11:00am-3:00pm UDSD Art Show
22	23 (Day C) Spelling Bees	24 (Day D) Color Day (rain date)	25 (Day A) 9:30am 3 rd Grade Music Show	26 (Day B) Carnival (during the school day - students only) Wear Red, White & Blue	27 No School for Students and Staff UDSD and School Offices are open	28
29 	30 Memorial Day Holiday No School for Students and Staff UDSD and School Offices are closed	31 (Day C) Character Counts Recognition Day				

Kindergarten News



Kindergarten is so exciting this month. We are learning to read by blending letter sounds into words. We write sentences by sounding out the words and writing the letters that we hear. In math, we learned about numbers all the way up to 100 and now we are learning about flat and solid shapes. We have learned so much this year and are getting very excited about being first graders.

We celebrated May 4th with “May the 4th Be With You” Day and wore Star Wars gear to school. The rest of the month, we are counting down to the last day of school with an ABC Countdown. Every day we will do something special for each letter of the alphabet. “A” Day was an art project and “Z” Day will be Zoom out of Kindergarten on the last day of school!

1st Grade News

First grade has been working with shapes and their attributes in math. The kids had a great time using their imagination to design a creation while only using a few foam cutouts.



2nd Grade News



In our last reading module, we had the opportunity to read biographies. We learned about time lines and important events in the lives of outstanding role models we read about, like Helen Keller and Jackie Robinson. Students were very excited to make their own timelines. They used chronological order and highlighted important events from their lives to make their own timelines.



3rd Grade News

Third Grade students have been working diligently to complete the ELA and Math PSSA this past month. We're so proud of all the hard work they put in. Afterwards we've enjoyed some fun afternoons of sidewalk chalk, bubbles, board games and activities as a class.



Third grade also participated in cleaning up the grounds of Hillcrest on Earth day! They wore gloves and picked up all the litter and trash on the playground, field and courtyard. Awesome job keeping our school and community beautiful!



4th Grade News

Our fourth-grade students are busy as we get close to the end of our school year together!

PSSA testing is finished (HOORAY!!) and we did an awesome job with our testing!



Some of our fabulous students have been trained and are filling in for the fifth-grade safeties while the fifth-grade students are on their Echo Hill Trip. These students were asked to be safeties because they are safe, responsible and respectful students who are great role models for their peers. Congratulations to those students who were selected, and we hope to see more students selected next year!

Color Day is on Wednesday, May 18th. We can't wait to show our great sportsmanship and have fun doing all of the activities that are planned for us on Color Day. Who will win: purple or gold??? We'll see on the 18th!!



Fourth and fifth graders have the opportunity to compete in the Hillcrest Spelling Bee. Two winners from each homeroom will move on to the school spelling bee on Monday, May 23rd. Students received packets of words to study if they are interested in striving to be a classroom winner. We look forward to seeing all our super spellers competing in our classrooms and in the final bee. Good luck to everyone competing!

The last day of school is Friday, June 10th. There is a 12:05 dismissal that day. Students: don't forget to read and memorize your math facts over the summer, so you are ready for 5th grade in the fall!



5th Grade News

As we approach the end of the year, Hillcrest Elementary prepares to say farewell to another amazing group of 5th grade students. These students have persevered and showed resilience throughout the last few years. They've endured Covid quarantines, scheduling changes, losing time with their friends and missing so many fun school activities. We were very fortunate to have had a fairly regular school year!

Students will be promoted to middle school on June 3rd. We are working on a plan for promotion that allows students to participate in their ceremony here at Hillcrest. More information will be sent out once we know what that will look like for the ceremony.

We are excited for the upcoming month and know the end of the year will still be special for families, students, and teachers. Thank you for a wonderful school year!

Congratulations to Hillcrest Class of 2022!

