



HILLTOP HUSKIES

MARCH 2020

The official newsletter of the Hilltop Elementary PTSA

READ-A-THON

Students have their packets and should be collecting sponsors/donations. They record their reading minutes in the squares starting Monday (3/2)



Important dates!

GENERAL PTSA MEETING

Thursday March 5th @6:30pm | Hilltop Library

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE HOUR

Tuesday March 24th @8:45-9:45am

EQUITY MEETING

Thursday March 26th @6:30-8pm



KICK OFF TO KINDERGARTEN

Registration will begin Wednesday, March 4th. Registration packets will be available in the school office for pick up.



Sno-Isle Libraries Mega-Fun, Biblio-Trivia, Rockem-Sockem, Third-Grade Reading Challenge

The winning team from Hilltop will compete in the Semi-Finals this Wednesday, March 4th, at Meadowdale High School

6:00pm - Doors Open
6:30pm - Competition Begins

<https://www.sno-isle.org/reading-challenge/>

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STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATES

Check out what our student council has whipped up for the coming months!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Hilltop PTSA couldn't accomplish all of their events and milestones without the help of parents. Sign up to join the team!

EVENT CALENDAR

Get up to date on all things Hilltop for the 2019-2020 school year.

QUESTIONS?

Email us at hilltopelemptsa@gmail.com





PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

by Principal Melissa Somoza

Dear Hilltop Families,

We had such a wonderful turn out at the Neon Glow Dance Party. It was so much fun to watch the students interact with the music and each other. Thank you so much to all of the fabulous volunteers who create special events for our school community. This event and the Student Council Food Drive brought in an enormous amount of food for the Lynnwood Food Bank. There is such generosity at Hilltop!

We look forward to seeing our families throughout the month of March:

- **March 11 & 12** Early Release & Conference for Select Students: If you would like to request a conference, please contact your child's teacher.
- **March 19** Open House & Art Gallery 6:30-7:30PM: Children will take their families on a tour of their classroom and of the art gallery in the gym.
- **March 24** Principal's Coffee Hour 9:00-10:00AM: Join me for a cup of coffee or tea, get to meet other parents, and chat.
Topic: How do students grow as writers in K-6th grade?
- **March 26** Equity Meeting (NEW DATE) 6:30-8:00PM: Join us to discuss institutional barriers to reduce inequities at school.
RSVP: SomozaM341@edmonds.wednet.edu

Spring is just around the corner, and I am looking forward to having longer days and spending more time outside. If you are a gardener and would like to volunteer to help spruce up one of our flower beds, please let me know. You can also contact your child's teacher if you would like to lead the class in a gardening activity. I believe it is very important to give our students opportunities to connect with nature and take a leadership role in making Hilltop a wonderful place to learn.



Warmly,

Melissa Somoza

Principal, Hilltop Elementary

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UPCOMING EVENTS



MOVE 60! UPDATES

EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 26TH!

Move 60 Winter Session has been extended until March 26th due to the snow days we had in January.

Registration for the spring session will close on Friday, March 6, 2020.

The Spring session runs: April 13, 2020 - June 5, 2020

The annual "March Mile" is Friday, March 27th at 4:15 pm at Edmonds-Woodway High School. FREE! Participants run/walk 4 laps on the track and receive a ribbon for participating. FUN!

SPRING BOOK FAIR

MARCH 16TH - 20TH

Get ready to go wild for books! The Spring Book Fair opens on Monday, March 16, and everyone is excited to get a look at the amazing selection of books being offered. You will find some of the latest and greatest titles for kids, as well as some books of interest to parents. You can also contribute books to your child's classroom library. And every purchase made on site or through the online fair helps build our school library collection.

Remember that parents are welcome to shop during the school day, as well as immediately after school, and before, during, and after the Open House/Art Show on Thursday, March 19, from 5-8 PM.

The fair is the place to spend any Husky Bucks earned from the PTSA Read-a-thon. Note that the convenient new eWallet system allows students to make purchases up to a dollar limit that you set. The exact cost is charged to your credit card. Cards, cash, and checks (payable to ESD) are also accepted. Look for a link to book fair information on the Hilltop Library webpage.

Hope to see you at the Book Fair!



UPCOMING EVENTS

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH



Do you think you make the best chili? Let's let the teachers and staff decide! It's a Chili Cook off! Find that favorite recipe and bring in a batch. All varieties are welcome and don't forget that we have vegetarians on staff, too!

If you can't take the chili pressure, we will also need help with side items like avocados, corn bread, cheese, chopped onions, sour cream, bacon bits and a few sweet treats. The PTSA will provide Buns and dogs for those chili dog lovers! Please label your containers with name and phone number to ensure it gets back to you. Please deliver to the Hilltop Office no later than 11:00am. Thank you for helping us celebrate the amazing staff here at Hilltop Elementary

<https://signup.com/go/biZKbCm>

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Hello Husky Families,

One of the benefits of having full-time counseling services at Hilltop is that your students receive monthly guidance lessons in their classrooms. Each grade level receives lessons on how to recognize and report bullying, how to be an up-stander, and ways to maintain personal safety. Primary grades (K-3) receive other lessons which include conflict resolution (Kelso's Choices), emotional management, mindfulness, and character building lessons on friendship, empathy, and self-confidence. Intermediate grades (4-6) receive reviews of the previous lessons as well as stress management, coping strategies, growth mindset, and more extensive discussions on ways to maintain safety. Sixth graders also receive transitional support for middle school.

We are so pleased to be able to offer these lessons. This is a wonderful way for us to become familiar with all students. Our goal is not only to support their social-emotional education, but also to build connections with every student so that we are viewed as a resource should they need extra emotional support at school. We also look forward to meeting many of you and remaining connected through email or phone.

We are proud to be members of your Husky family!

Your Hilltop Counseling and Psychology team:

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Corey Anderson
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OPEN HOUSE & ART SHOW

THURSDAY MARCH 19TH



Join us Thursday March 19th!

6:30-7:30 PM: Open House in Classrooms

6:00-7:30 PM: Art Show in Gym

Students have been working hard all year and this is their night to show off! Let your student show you around their classroom and visit the gym to see some of the art work they've been creating. The book fair will also be going on, so don't forget to stop by the library



STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATES



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Update...

Thank you for donating to our food drive! The Lynnwood Food Bank appreciates the donations very much. With the extension through the end of last month, we are still working on getting a final number for our donations, so stay tuned!



BOX TOP DRIVE

Update...

Thank you for donating your box tops to Hilltop! With the Box Tops company moving towards a digital platform, we know it takes some adjustment. Did you know you can submit Box Tops at any time of the year through the new app? Super cool! Simply download the app, register your account to our school, and snap a picture of your receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app does the rest of the work! For more information, check out the How to Scan the Box Tops Mobile App video on Youtube!

UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS

Heads up, Hilltop! March 12th is Rainbow Day! Each grade level will be assigned a color so that our school will be overrun by a flurry of rainbow! You can find your grade's color below:

- o Kindergarten: Purple
- o 1st Grade: Blue
- o 2nd Grade: Green
- o 3rd Grade: Yellow
- o 4th Grade: Orange
- o 5th Grade: Red
- o 6th Grade: White



Check the calendar for future spirit days

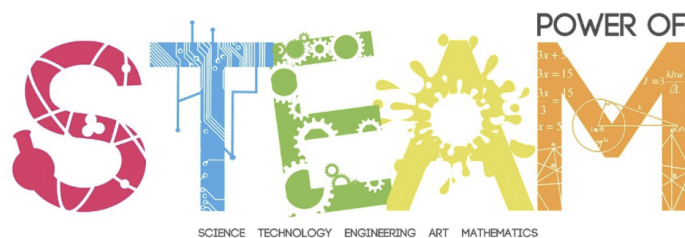
MY INTENT BRACELETS

Through the My Intent Project, Hilltop is working on school-wide bracelets to encourage students and staff to work towards a goal. It can also open up communication in our school community and help us keep each other accountable. Everybody at Hilltop has chosen a word and a handful of volunteers are hard at work making them. Ask your child what word they have chosen and why!



VOLUNTEER

GET INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



WHAT: Hilltop will host its Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) Event, and we are looking for parents who are willing and able to help!

WHEN: Thursday April 16th

PLAN: We need volunteers who can assist with planning, recruiting presenters, and communicating the details of the event. You would meet with Principal Somoza 2 mornings a month. The next one will be February 7th, at 9:30AM.

LEAD: Talk about what you do in your profession or lead an interactive or hands-on activity. There will be 2 sessions during the day, 40 minutes each. Whenever possible, parents will be matched with desired classroom teacher(s) and/or grade level(s). It is ideal if you can repeat the same presentation for both sessions. Some ideas for presentations might include but are not limited to:

- Coding
- Making slime
- Hand washing skills
- Sign Language
- Graphic design
- Finance
- Making rockets with glow sticks
- Tower building with toothpicks & marshmallow

FOOD: We need volunteers to organize, pick up pizza and serve food.

If you are interested or considering presenting a session or two, please email somozam341@edmonds.wednet.edu with the following: Parent Name, Phone Number, Area of interest: Planning, Presenting, Food

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MORE EVENTS
WE'LL NEED
HELP WITH!

- Open House and Art Show in March
- Staff Appreciation Week (Date TBD)
- Moms and Muffins in May
- Dads and Donuts in June
- Field Day in June

Email HilltopElemPTSA@gmail.com or come to a PTSA Board meeting!

Sign up to become a PTSA member! >>

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2019-2020 CALENDAR

For the Most Current Information visit: Hilltop Elementary Website or Hilltop PTSA Website

March 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

March	
2-8	Read-A-Thon
2	Chorus Quad Concert
5	PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30-8:30PM
6	Staff Appreciation Lunch
6	Move60! Spring registration closes
11-12	Early Release - Parent Conferences
12	Early Release - *School Rainbow*
13	NO SCHOOL
16-20	Book Fair
19	Open House + Art Show
24	Principal Coffee Hour 9:00-10:00AM
26	Move60! winter session ends
26	Equity Meeting 6:30-8:00PM
30	Honor Band Festival MDHS

June 2020						
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28	29	30				

June	
2	5th & 6th gr. Band & Orchestra concert 7PM gym
4	Volunteer Tea
4	PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30-8:30PM
4	Move60! spring session ends
11	PTSA General Meeting - Library 6:30-8:30PM
12	Dad's & Donuts
12	Early Release - *Wacky Hair*
15	Field Day
17	6th grade Moving on Celebration
*18	Snow Makeup Day: there WILL be school
*19	Snow Makeup Day: there WILL be school
*22	Last day of school - Early Release

April 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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April	
2	PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30-8:30PM
3	Early Release - *Dress Like a teacher*
6-10	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
13	Move60! spring session begins
16	STEAM
23	Equity Meeting 6:30-8:00 PM
24	Early Release - *Husky Pride*
30	K & 1st grade Chorus concert 7PM

* Snow Make-up Days, if needed, will be in this order:
June 19, May 22, June 22, 23, 24

May 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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17	18	19	20	21	*22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May	
7	PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30-8:30PM
8	Mom's & Muffins
8	Early Release - *Missmatched*
14	4th gr. and Chorus concert
15	Staff Appreciation Lunch
*22	Snow Makeup Day: there WILL be school
25	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
28	2nd & 3rd gr. Chorus concert 7PM

Start and End of School	PTSA Meeting	RED	Music Performances
Early Release	Staff Appreciation	BLUE	-Spirit Days-
No school	BOLD PTSA Event		By Student Council

