



HILLTOP HUSKIES

October 2019

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A big THANK YOU to our Hilltop Community



Over **500** individual donations

\$20,000+ Raised

133% of Goal

100% Hilltop

UPCOMING EVENTS

This Week

Thursday

Attend free training from 6-7:30 in Mrs. Blackstone's classroom (building A)

Email blackstonej@edmonds.wednet.edu if you plan to attend



Friday – no school

Next Week



School is out @ 11:40



Contact your child's teacher if you need a conference time



School Carnival



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Dear Families,

A favorite part of my job is ensuring that each student is getting what they need. This week, all teachers will meet in grade level teams to discuss the best ways to meet each child's needs this year. We will discuss how our core instructional program may need to be supplemented with intervention programs for some students.

Another favorite area of my job is putting the pieces together for the ongoing professional growth of our staff. In education, things are always changing. We get new and unique students each year and educational research often informs new and, hopefully, more effective curricula. During our most recent early release, our staff collaborated to plan units using our new inquiry-based Amplify Science program. Our teachers are learning how to teach science concepts through real life engaging problems such as *"What happens to the bacteria population after a course of antibiotics?"* (6th grade) and *"How does a train raise up over a magnetic track?"* (3rd grade.) Teachers are refining their methods for engaging students in rich discussion around science phenomena. Please ask your child what they are figuring out in science this month.

Teachers are gearing up for conferences during the week of October 21st – 25th. Our goal is to have 100% of families attend a conference, so that we can have two-way communication about strengths and areas of growth. Students clearly benefit when we partner with each other.

We love knowing that our students get lots of active play after school. Families are welcome to use our playground or field areas that are not being used by after school programs with building-use agreements. For example when *Move 60* or *Right at School* are on a section of the playground, that area is closed to the public for the safety of those students. Supervised children are welcomed to be on other areas of the playground any time after 3:30PM. Please reach out to the office with questions you may have on this, or any other topics.



In Partnership,

Melissa Somoza

HILLTOP HAPPENINGS



The fall book fair opens on Monday, October 21, and continues throughout parent conference week. 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 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 us build our school library collection.

Parents are welcome to shop immediately after school, before or after a conference, and during the Carnival on Friday from 6-9 PM. Parent shopping continues until 3:45 on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On Tuesday, we will be open all the way until 6:30. On Friday, we will close at 12:45, before reopening for the Carnival.

Remember that the fair is the place to spend any Husky Bucks earned from the PTSA Fun Run. Cash, cards, and checks are also accepted.

Please note that the convenient [new eWallet system](#) allows students to make purchases up to a dollar limit that you set. The cost is charged to your credit card, but you don't have to send them to school with cash. See the link above.

Looking forward to seeing you for an exciting week!
Mr. Garrard



Do you often have too much candy after Halloween and don't know what to do with it?

How about donating unwanted Halloween candy to **Hilltop's 4th Annual Candy for a Cause to support Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA)**

SCCA treats patients undergoing chemotherapy and their caregivers in so many ways. One thing they do is collect Halloween candy, as chocolate and hard candies helps alleviate patients of the dry and metallic taste that is common after chemo treatments.

If you are interested in cleaning your house of Halloween candy, please **bring it to the office by Thursday, November 7th in a bag marked SCCA.**



The Carnival is Coming!

You can wear
COSTUMES!

Save the date and don't be late for the Fall Carnival on October 25 from 6pm - 9pm. Music, food, fun, games and of course our annual costume contest with PRIZES.



**HILLTOP ELEMENTARY
FALL CARNIVAL**

**MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES AND OUR ANNUAL
COSTUME CONTEST WITH GREAT PRIZES**

JUDGING TIME SCHEDULE:

GRADES K-2 @ 7:15	GRADES 3 & 4 @ 7:30
GRADES 5 & 6 @ 7:45	ADULTS & GROUPS @ 8

**PLEASE KEEP COSTUMES
KID-FRIENDLY AND AGE APPROPRIATE**

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 25
6PM - 9PM**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE FABULOUS PTSA · ABSOLUTELY NO DROP-OFFS

A Note About Costumes from the Principal

As we approach Halloween, we want to remind families that students do not wear costumes to school at Hilltop. Classes maintain our instructional program on October 31st, often with some extra engaging activities to keep kids focused on learning.

If students want to wear costumes at Hilltop, they can wear costumes at the PTSA Carnival on October 25th. Costumes should be non-violent, school-appropriate, and not too scary for our youngest family members. No masks please, so we can see each person's face. Coincidentally, we also have a Student Council- sponsored pajama day on October 25th. Lots of fall fun!

**PLEASE
VOLUNTEER!**

This year, we are asking classes to help staff specific game booths, and the list of the booth assignments will be below. To Volunteer, go to <https://tinyurl.com/HTECarnival2019>

- Frog Hop - Dennis and Allsop-Fine
- Putt Putt - Hudson and Lewis
- Fishing Hole - Davidson and O'Brien
- Tip-a-Troll - Carey and Blackstone
- Ring Toss - Stillwaugh and Tom
- Tin Pan Alley - Pickar and Johnson
- Skee Ball - Kempf and Rao
- Balloon Pop - Browne and Kline
- Cake Walk - Swartz and Dumo
- Hoop Shoot - Randall and Schomburg
- Wheel of Chance - Parkhurst and Smith
- Inflatables (2) - Barnard, Dumont, and Grover

SCHOOL FUNdraiser

2019 Donation Drive Results

**Hilltop students
earned \$1,995 in
Husky Bucks!**

Husky bucks will be delivered to classrooms on October 17th.

**\$20,230
raised**

The top 7 classrooms with the highest % of student participation!
These classrooms will receive a popcorn party!

- Ms. Parkhurst - 78% of students raised money!
- Ms. Pickar - 63% of students raised money!
- Ms. Tom - 61% of students raised money!
- Ms. Blackstone - 55% of students raised money!
- Ms. Dumont - 43% of students raised money!
- Mr. Stillwaught - 40% of students raised money!



All fundraising prizes will be delivered Thursday morning, October 17th.



2019 Husky Fun Run Results

The following students ran the most laps per grade and will have lunch with Ms. Samoza on Tuesday, October 29th:

- Kellen Masters
- Jude Anglis
- Jaden Mason
- Harris Edmondson
- Braden Sherry
- Beckett Hansen
- Alex Cantalan
- Addison Hansen
- Kamryn Mason

School Calendar

2019-2020 School Event Calendar

August 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
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

August
17th School ground clean-up 9-11 am

February 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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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

February
6 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
14 Half Day / Early Release
17 President's Day - No school
18 No School
21 Dance

September 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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29	30					

September - General Meeting/Open House

3 No school - Meet the Teacher 4-5 PM
4 First Day of School
5 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
6 Back to School Picnic - Field 6:00 - 8:00
9 First day of kindergarten
12 6th Grade Camp & Curriculum
13 Staff Appreciation Lunch
20 Half Day / Early Release
18-20 6th Grade camp
19 Gr 1-5 Curriculum Night & PTSA General Meeting
26 Picture Day
27 Fun Run

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

March
5 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
6 Staff Appreciation Lunch
11-13 Parent Conferences / Half Days / Early Release
13 No School
16-20 Book Fair
19 Open House + Art show

October 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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October

3 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
4 Half Day / Early Release
5 Celebrate Schools' Foundation 5k Run
18 No School
21-25 Parent Conferences / Half Days / Early Release
21-25 Book Fair
25 Carnival

April 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

April

2 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 7:30
6-10 Spring Break - No School
24 STEAM
Half Day / Early Release

November 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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November

7 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
8 Veterans Day Assembly Half Day ER
11 Veterans Day (observed) - no school
15 Staff Appreciation Lunch
27 - 29 Thanksgiving Break - no school

May 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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May

7 PTSA General Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
8 Mom's & Muffins / Half Day / Early Release
15 Staff Appreciation Lunch
22 No School
25 Memorial Day - No school

December 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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December

5 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
6 Skate night
20 Half Day / Early Release
12/23 - 1/3 Winter Break

June 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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28	29	30				

June

4 Volunteer Tea
4 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
12 Dad's & Donuts
TBD Field Day
TBD 6th grade graduation
18 Last day of school - early release*

January 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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27	28	29	30	31		

January

1-3 Winter Break
9 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
13 MLK Assembly
16 PTSA General Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
17 Staff Appreciation Lunch
17 Movie night
20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
24 Half Day / Early Release
27 No School

January 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

* Snow Make-up Days, if needed, will be in this order: June 29, May 22, June 22, 23, 24
Note: Dates are subject to change as needed

District Calendar



2019-2020 Family and Community Calendar

Please note: There is also a staff specific version of the 2019-2020 school year calendar.

AUGUST 2019					SEPTEMBER 2019					OCTOBER 2019					NOVEMBER 2019					DECEMBER 2019					JANUARY 2020									
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F					
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19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24					
26	27	28	29	30	30					28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29	30	31				27	28	29	30	31					

Aug 28-29 Professional Development Days (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)	Sep 2 Labor Day	Oct 4 Early Release (all grades)	Nov 8 Early Release (all grades), End of First Quarter	Dec 20 Early Release (all grades)	Jan 1-3 Winter Break continued
	Sep 3 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)	Oct 18 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)	Nov 11 Veterans Day (observed)	Dec 23-Jan 3 Winter Break	Jan 20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
	Sep 4 First Day of School	Oct 21-25 Grades K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release, K-6)	Nov 27 Teacher Noncontract Day/Non-Student Day		Jan 24 Early Release (all grades), End of First Semester
	Sep 20 Early Release (all grades)		Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving Break		Jan 27 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)

FEBRUARY 2020					MARCH 2020					APRIL 2020					MAY 2020					JUNE 2020					JULY 2020									
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F					

Feb 14 Early Release (all grades)	Mar 11-12 Grades K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release, K-6)	Apr 3 Early Release (all grades), End of Third Quarter	May 8 Early Release (all grades)	June 12 Early Release (all grades)	Jul 3 Independence Day (observed)
Feb 17 Presidents' Day		Apr 6-10 Spring Break	May 22 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student), Snow Make-Up Day (if needed)*	June 18 Last Day of School (Early Release), End of Second Semester	
Feb 18 Teacher Noncontract Day/Non-Student Day	Mar 13 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)	Apr 24 Early Release (all grades)	May 25 Memorial Day	June 19 Snow Make-Up Day (if needed)*	June 22-24 Snow Make-Up Days (if needed)*

LEGEND



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