

HILLTOP HUSKIES

December 2020

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Stay Connected

Email: HilltopelemPTSA@gmail.com

Website: www.hilltopptsa.org

Facebook: [Facebook.com/hilltopPTSA](https://www.facebook.com/hilltopPTSA)

"Hilltop Parents Group": [facebook.com/groups/hilltopelementaryparents](https://www.facebook.com/groups/hilltopelementaryparents)



Important Dates

PTSA Meeting

Board Meeting
Dec 17th @6:30pm

Zoom link will be posted on PTSA Calendar:
HilltopPTSA.Org

Early Release Days

Wednesday, Dec. 9th

Non- School Days

Dec. 21st- Jan. 1st- Winter Break

December Curbside Pick-up

- Wed, 12/2 (12:00-1:00pm): K, 1st, 2nd, 4th
- Thurs., 12/3 (3:30-5:00pm): K, 1st, 2nd, 4th
- Wed, 12/9 (12:00-1:00pm): 6th
- Thurs., 12/10 (3:30-5:00pm): 6th
- Wed., 12/16 (12:00-1:00pm): K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th
- Thurs., 12/17 (3:30-5:00pm): K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th

Contactless pick-up. Please wear a mask

Hilltop Parent/Caregiver Chat

Thursday, December 10th- info on next page
9:30-10:30 AM or 7:00-8:00 PM

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families,

I hope each of you had a safe and satisfying Thanksgiving break. Our extended family had a Zoom session that included some aunts and uncles being on Zoom for the first time. Combined with a social distanced fishing outing with Grandpa, it was a cheerful weekend. I wish I had a crystal ball to predict when the option of in-person learning returns. Until we are in person again, we will continue to refine what works best with remote instruction, and we will continue to be amazed at how we can still build connections with our students and families through the computer.

Our teachers are each going to take part in a series of professional development sessions this month on Wednesdays to learn even more about the power of small group instruction in reading. Whenever teachers schedule students for small group reading instruction, please know that this time has great impact on their reading development. Small groups allow teachers to focus on needs and strengths that are particular to the targeted group of students. Small group lessons are as essential as attending whole class Zooms.

We are finding even more ways to **connect** with others through Zoom. We recently started a fourth and fifth graders Wednesday recess. We plan to offer recess to other grades in January. Students get to choose from a variety of break out rooms during the 30 minute session. For parents, I will start hosting monthly Hilltop Parent/Caregiver Chats. If you are looking to connect with other parents and caregivers during remote learning, please join us to share how things are going for you, share coping strategies for remote learning in your household, and to ask any questions that you have.

Hilltop Parent/Caregiver Chats

Thursday, December 10th

9:30-10:30 AM or 7:00-8:00 PM

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

ID: 81839696304

Password: 241627

(US) +1 253-215-8782

Passcode: 241627

Warmly,

Melissa Somoza, Principal

SomozaM341@edmonds.wednet.edu

PTSA Sponsored T-Shirt



We are excited to announce that our t-shirt is complete! Shirts will be sorted and given to classroom teachers for distribution during our curbside pick-up dates.

★ 6th graders will receive their shirts on December 10th.

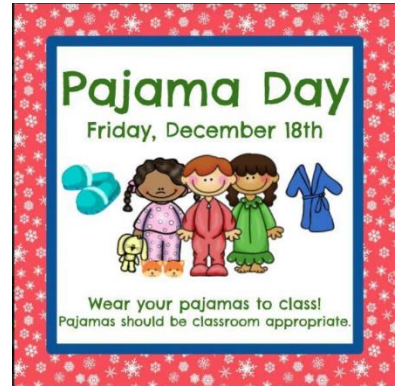
★ K-5th Graders will receive their shirts on December 17th.

If you are unable to attend pick-up, please come to the office from 8:00am-4:00pm on any school day in January.

Hilltop Spirit Days

December 18th: Pajama Day

Wear pajamas! It's our last day before break, so let's get cozy!



Mark your calendars for our future spirit days!

January 22nd: Active Day

Wear something that encourages you to be active!

February 12th: Hilltop Husky Kindness Day

Wear your PTSA-purchased Hilltop shirt!

March 19th: Rainbow Day-

Classrooms can be divided up with kids wearing different colors of the rainbow

April 23rd: Book Character Day

This is actually National Book Day! Perfect timing! :) Let's dress like book characters!

*****May 1st: National Principal Day*****

Encourage your students to send a picture or thank you message to Principal Somoza!

Staff Appreciation Week May 3rd-7th.

May 21st: Mustache Day

Wear a mustache! :)

June 11th: Mismatched Day

Find some colors, patterns, or styles that you typically wouldn't put together!

Staff Appreciation

Need some gift ideas for your favorite staff member at Hilltop before the holidays?

Find your staff member, click on the link: Names in bold are updated for 2020-2021. Information will be updated as it is received.



Kindergarten

[Shana Dumo](#)
[Kristina Parkhurst](#)
[Erin Smith](#)
[Kim Swartz](#)
Erin Schomburg

1st Grade

[Sarah Hudson](#)
[Perry Johnson](#)
[Saville Picker](#)
[Esther Tom](#)

2nd Grade

[Mandy Carey](#)
[Debbie O'Brien](#)
[Jason Stillwaugh](#)

3rd Grade

[Jamie Davidson](#)
[Samantha Kempf](#)
[Jesslyn Freeman-Correa](#)
[Jennifer Blackstone](#)

4th Grade

[Susan Rao](#)
Katherine Dumont
[Priscilla Lewis](#)

5th Grade

[Sarah Allsop-Fine](#)
[Matthew Grover](#)
[Mark Randall](#)

6th Grade

[Diana Browne](#)
[Tim Dennis](#)
[Kaleigh Kline](#)

PE

[Jason Mauch](#)
Zach Taylor

Music

[Linda Shatto](#)
Ashley Giri, orchestra
Brian Rascon, band

Specialist

[Corey Anderson](#)
[Denise Mullins](#)
Ruth Eng
Mary Glockling
Katie Turner
Amy Helgoe
Sarah Thompson
Katie Hodapp

Library

[Deborah Fournier](#)

Learning Support

Yuki Adams
Lanei Brown
[Lois Hanks-Vandermeer](#)
[Jennifer Malloy](#)
Martha McCorkhill
Lisa Rongholt
Augusta Swenson
Lisa Reid
Erika Mariotti
Caroline Montreuil
Sandra Portolese

Office Staff

[Michelle Howell](#)
[Melissa Somoza](#)
[Bonnie Sheehan](#)

Custodian

Kevin Lane

Food Service

Eileen Wood

Family Resources



Family in Need? We can help!

We want to connect you with school and district resources. Please fill out this form.

<https://forms.gle/JgVkw9dvfbucjPVP9>



Grab & Go meals available - Comidas para llevar disponible

*Grab n Go meal sites are essential activities for our community and will continue during Gov. Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order for all of Washington State.

Grab and Go meals are available – Every Thursday at Hilltop 11:45am-12:45pm
7 days of FREE breakfast and lunch packaged together.

No paperwork or pre-orders are needed.

Any child 1-18 can get free breakfast/lunch at a site

Please click on the link below for more information and for additional pick-up locations and times:

[Edmonds School District Food Service](#)



Family Resources

Edmonds School District i-Ready Family Night - December 7 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm


Families will have an opportunity to learn about the i-Ready program via a live webinar on Monday December 7 from 6pm to 7pm. Please help advertise this opportunity to your families and community. [Here is a flyer](#) to learn more and to register for this exciting event!

Attention Families of 4th and 5th Graders!

Are your kids missing recess? Do you want some time to hang out with your friends and classmates? Are you looking for something fun to do on Wednesdays?

Come join us for Zoom Recess on Wednesdays from 12:00 - 12:30 pm for fun games and activities, or just to chat with each other. Every week we will have a choice of Zoom activities to choose from, including a chat room.

Here's how:

1. Go to your class Library Page
2. Click the button that says "Husky Den" 
3. Be ready to have fun!

See you there!

Join the Hilltop Equity Team

If you are interested in growing in your understanding of equity and/or in sharing your own experiences with our team, please complete [this form](#). Edmonds School District uses an equity team model to increase cultural competence and empower families in an effort to reduce inequities in school, particularly for those communities that have historically been underserved. All parents/guardians are invited to join. Our next meeting will be December 15th: 6:30-8:00PM. If you have not attended an equity team meeting, please submit the form above and we will send you a Zoom link for the meeting.

The ESD Student Technology Support team is launching a new option for student support on Zoom. Students can now connect with one of our team members by using the following link: <https://edmondsschools.zoom.us/my/esdtechsupport> and passcode: 030727.

This option is available starting today. Tech Support Zoom hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Students will be placed in a waiting room and admitted to a private breakout room once one of our techs is available.

Our student support techs will still be available by phone or email Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM at 425-431-1211 or techsupport@edmonds15.org.

Family Resources

Special Education Speaker Series

Presented by:

**SEAC- Special Education Advisory Council and the
Edmonds School District Student Services Department**

When: Wednesday December 2, 2020

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Zoom Webinar - [SEAC Dec 2nd Zoom Link](#) (link will also be on the ESC website calendar)

What: **Instructional Technology Night for Families.**

Learn more about useful school technology tools for you and your students. Secondary students are also encouraged to attend.

Presenters: Edmonds School District Technology department and our Assistive Technology Specialist.

Interpreters - Families that need an interpreter, in a language other than Spanish, must register three days in advance at specialeducation@edmonds.wednet.edu or call 425-431-7047

If you need an ASL interpreter please send an email to ASLrequests@edmonds.wednet.edu

* Las familias que necesitan interpretación deben registrarse con anticipación: necesitamos 3 días para programar intérpretes para eventos.

* 통역이 필요한 가족들은 미리 등록을 해야 합니다: 행사를 위한 통역관을 준비하는데 3일이 필요합니다.

* Các gia đình cần thông dịch phải đăng ký trước: Chúng tôi cần 3 ngày để sắp xếp thông dịch viên cho các sự kiện.

* Семьи, которые нуждаются в переводчике должны зарегистрироваться заранее: нам необходимо 3 дополнительных дня, чтобы заказать переводчика для мероприятия.

مسبقاً بحاجة إلى 3 أيام لتأمين جدول مواعيد للمتترجمين لهذه الأحداث. بالنسبة للعائلات التي بحاجة إلى مترجم يجب عليهم أن يسجلوا : نحن

For more event information contact Jodie Colello at jrcollello@comcast.net

Zoom Tips For Parents

Set up

- Add scheduled Zoom meetings to a visual schedule for your child.
- Add scheduled Zoom meetings to your calendar and set notifications/reminders.
- Try to disconnect as many other devices you can from your wi-fi to increase bandwidth.
- Place computer on a solid, stable surface to lessen the chance of a shaky video (not on lap or in hands).
- Clear computer space of distractors (e.g., toys, food, pets, noise like TV or siblings).
- Angle screen so that the student can see their own face clearly.
- Place the screen an arms length away so their whole face is seen.
- Make sure your child is dressed completely (i.e., top and bottoms) before attending the meeting.

Monitoring

- Help set Speaker View on screen if distracted by peers.
- Be nearby to help with technology, reinforce their participation (e.g., thumbs up, token), and/or redirect to participate (e.g., show visual expectations, guide eyes back to screen).

Communicate

- Communicate your needs to your child's teacher:
 - Are there technology barriers you have?
 - Are there behaviors your child exhibits that are limiting their access to meetings or academics?
 - Are there materials that would be helpful for you and/or your child?

The Zoom logo is centered within a solid blue square. The word "zoom" is written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font.

FUNDrainers

Support us with
amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Help us earn donations while you shop! It all adds up!

1. Start at www.smile.amazon.com
2. Set your charity to: Hilltop Elementary PTSA
3. It will say we are in Tacoma, as that is where our "parent" PTSA is physically located... it is still our Hilltop!



1. Go to <https://www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards>
2. Login to your Fred Meyer account.
3. Search for the organization by name (Hilltop Elementary PTSA) or the Organization Number CS004



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:



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You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN

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Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN

CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



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Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. You can still clip these and send them to school. Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



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PRODUCTS



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OUT THE BOX TOP
FROM EACH PACKAGE



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YOUR BOX TOPS
TO SCHOOL

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE BOX TOPS APP AT BTFE.COM

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DOWNLOAD THE APP:



Spirit Wear



Have you gotten your spiritwear yet? The PTSA has partnered with **1st Place Spiritwear** to handle all your spirit wear needs. There are many options and styles to choose from. They have t-shirts, sweatshirts, tank-tops, clothing just for our special teachers and even masks. You can order at anytime and items are shipped directly to your home.

Visit our page today:

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/WA/Lynnwood/Hilltop+Elementary+School>

10% of sales goes
to our PTSA



PTSA Membership Form



Hilltop Elementary **PTSA**

Council 7.2.55

JOIN THE PTSA PACK

Due to Covid 19, online registration is highly preferred (no service fee!)! Go to <http://hilltoppta.org/Home> or scan the QR code to the right. If you prefer to fill out a form, please complete the information below, place it in an envelope with your child's name and teacher and place it in the box outside the main office of the school.

Questions? email us at: HilltopElemPTSA@gmail.com



2020-2021 Membership

\$10.00 per person

1st Member _____ Email _____

2nd Member _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

All students are honorary members! They can also be voting members for \$10 each. Please list your students name and teacher regardless of membership type

Student's Name	Teacher	Honorary	Voting
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student's Name _____	Teacher _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student's Name _____	Teacher _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I'd like to donate \$10 to cover the cost of a teacher membership

Teacher name: _____

(if requested teacher is already a paid member then the donation will be allocated to an unpaid staff member)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PAYMENT TYPE: | Cash | Check (# _____) | Scholarship Amount Requested \$ _____



Thank you for your support!

When you join PTA, you join a community that encourages student achievement and enriches the learning environment. We believe in building partnerships between our families and our schools. Together we can make a difference!

PTSA Membership Perks

Current and Timely WSPTA Discounts

Savings. Powered by PTA.

Take advantage of these discount offers:

- **Great Wolf Lodge** - 30% off. Learn about the health and safety policy.
- **TrophyCentral.com** - 10% off.
- **The Real Leather Company** - save \$15 off any bag.
- **Tickets at Work** - new discounts for staying at home or working from home.
- **LEGO® Bag** - 20% discount on LEGO® Bag products.
- **FedEx Office** - special rates for printing.
- **CanvasDiscount.com** - save up to 15% on your order.
- **Office Depot/Office Max** - savings on school supplies, office products, technology, furniture, and print.

Keep checking the [benefits and discounts page](#) as more opportunities continue to be added. *Member benefits and discounts are available to all WSPTA members. To access them, log in to [Benefits & Discount Codes](#). Check the promotion codes listed for each provider in the main body of the page and the file list for time-sensitive offers.*

District Calendar



2020-2021 Family and Community Calendar

Please note: There is also a staff specific version of the 2020-2021 school year calendar.

AUGUST 2020					SEPTEMBER 2020					OCTOBER 2020					NOVEMBER 2020					DECEMBER 2020					JANUARY 2021				
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- Sep 1-3 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)
- Sep 7 Labor Day
- Sep 8 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)
- Sep 9 First Day of School
- Sep 23 Early Release (all grades)
- Oct 14 Early Release (all grades)
- Oct 28 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)
- Nov 2-6 Grades K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release, K-6)
- Nov 10 End of First Quarter
- Nov 11 Veterans Day (observed)
- Nov 18 Early Release (all grades)
- Nov 25 No School
- Nov 26-27 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 9 Early Release (all grades)
- Dec 19-Jan 3 Winter Break
- Jan 1-3 Winter Break continued
- Jan 18 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 27 Early Release (all grades)

FEBRUARY 2021					MARCH 2021					APRIL 2021					MAY 2021					JUNE 2021					JULY 2021					
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- Feb 2 End of First Semester
- Feb 3 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)
- Feb 15 Presidents' Day
- Feb 16 No School
- Feb 24 Early Release (all grades)
- Mar 17 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)
- Mar 18-19 Grades K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release, K-6)
- Mar 31 Early Release (all grades)
- Apr 5-9 Spring Break
- Apr 13 End of Third Quarter
- Apr 14 Early Release (all grades)
- May 5 Early Release (all grades)
- May 19 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)
- May 31 Memorial Day
- June 9 Early Release (all grades)
- June 24 Last Day of School, Early Release (all grades), End of Second Semester
- Jul 5 Independence Day (observed)

LEGEND

- First Day of School
- Early Release (all grades)
- Early Release (K-6)
- Non-Student Day
- Holiday No School
- End of Term
- Last Day of School (Early Release)

Snow make-up days:
No snow make-up days while we are in Remote Learning.