



HILLTOP HUSKIES

February 2021

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Important February Dates

PTSA MEETING

Feb. 4th @ 6:30pm (General Mtg)
Feb. 18th @ 6:30pm (Board Mtg)

Early Release

Wednesday, Feb. 24th

Non-School Days

Wed, Feb. 3rd
Mon, Feb 15th
Tues., Feb 16th

Curbside Pick-Up Dates

2/10 Kinder/1st grade 12:00-1:00pm
2/11 Kinder1st grade 3:30-5:00pm
2/24 Kinder/5th grade 12:00-1:00pm
2/25 Kinder/ 5th grade 3:30-5:00pm

Other Important Dates:

Feb 8th- Kick-Off to Kindergarten (info on pg 6)
Feb 10th- Report Cards Released
Feb. 12th- Kindness Day (Wear your hilltop PTSA Shirt)

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Hilltop Families,

The district has not yet announced a new target date to launch a hybrid model, so please continue to read district communications for the latest updates.

Our first semester came to an end on February 2nd. Report cards are available on February 10th, in Skyward. [Here is a link](#) to information about how to login to Skyward. If you would like your child's report card mailed to you, you can select the "Paper Report Card" option in the "Student/Family Information Update" section of Skyward or call us for assistance. More info can be found in this newsletter about Report Cards.

During this time of remote learning, not only does teaching and learning look different, but the ways in which we are reporting semester grades is slightly different as well. Ultimately, the goal is to keep our students and a strong home-school connection at the center of what we do. We understand you want to know what your student learned this semester and what progress they are making. Our teachers are working very thoughtfully to ensure you have the most accurate and complete understanding of your child's progress that they can provide. Here is information about marks used specifically for the 2020-21 school year in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our Hilltop Equity Team, made up of parents and staff, looked at our district's [Black Lives Matter Month of Action resolution # 20-03](#) and the [Race and Equity Policy](#) last month, and we selected the following principles of Black Lives Matter at School to focus on at Hilltop during the February Month of Action.

- *It's so important to make sure that we are always trying to be fair and peaceful, and to engage with other people (treat other people) with love. We have to keep practicing this so that we can get better and better at it. Another way to say that is loving engagement.*
- *Different people do different things and have different feelings. It's so important that we have lots of different kinds of people in our community and that everyone feels safe. Another way to say that is diversity.*
- *Everybody is important, and has the right to be safe and happy. Another way to say that is collective value.*
- *There are lots of different kinds of families; what makes a family is that it's people who take care of each other; those people might be related, or maybe they choose to be family together and to take care of each other. Sometimes, when it's lots of families together, it can be called a village.*
- *There are lots of different kinds of people and one way that we're different is the color of our skin. It's important to make sure that all people are treated fairly, and that's why we, and lots of other people all over the country and the world are part of the Black Lives Matter movement.*

Excerpts from, "Talking to Young Children about the Guiding Principles of the Movement for Black Lives" By Laleña Garcia

One of the things you will see this month, and across the year, is teachers making sure that every student can see themselves represented in the variety of books selected for read aloud. It is easy for teachers to find white characters in children's books, and so we are intentional about including books with BIPOC characters in our classrooms. We are proud of the diversity in our Hilltop community!

Warmly,
Melissa Somoza, Principal
SomozaM341@edmonds.wednet.edu

Report Cards



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Report Card Grades or Marks:

A note about marks:

- IE, Insufficient Evidence (IE) in the past, this may have meant the student was present but was not producing work while at school. In this remote learning situation, the IE could mean the teacher has just begun the unit or content was covered but the teacher is still assessing or gathering data. Expect specific comments as to why the teacher doesn't have evidence at this time and when to expect information regarding that content/skill.
- NF, Not a Focus, means the standard that was not taught for this semester (for example, in 3rd grade fractions is taught in second semester= NF for this semester).
- Standard-based grades (1-4): standards-based grading is about a student's understanding of the standard and growth over time, not about the number of assignments completed or the percent they got correct on a task. It is expected that most students will be 2-approaching or 3-meeting grade levels standards at this time of year.
- Effort: If students are showing any effort to participate in remote learning, however they can, it should be noted as effort.
 - Missing assignments in Canvas and Seesaw should not be counted against students' effort marks if they are showing effort in other ways.
 - We recognize effort can be shown many different ways, and while we love it when we can see children's faces over Zoom, they won't be penalized for having their camera off.

We know families are navigating multiple stresses during this time and this report card is intended to update you on your child's education. It is not a report on your support at home. We trust you are doing the very best you can at this time and we appreciate your partnership.

Kick Off to Kindergarten

Kick Off to Kindergarten



ZOOM WITH US FEB. 8

Kick Off to Kindergarten goes virtual this year!

From 6:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8th

Learn about kindergarten in the Edmonds School District and get a glimpse of our new online registration process.

Neighborhood school finder → <https://esdfinder.site/>

Zoom link → <https://edmondsschools.zoom.us/j/82344326781?pwd=TIpzRVhiQysreXFPMUZDeG5KTDhNZz09>
Passcode: 154403

To learn more information specific to Hilltop Elementary Kindergarten Welcome Zoom will be: March 4th: 6:00-7:00 PM- Zoom link coming soon.

Hilltop Game Night

Get ready for a fun filled night of fun and games with other hilltop families.

Date: March 11th

Time: 6:30pm

Sign-ups and zoom link will be provided towards the end of February.

Virtual
GAME
NIGHT

Hilltop Spirit Days

February 12th: Hilltop Husky Kindness Day



Wear your PTSA Hilltop shirt!

Mark your calendars for our future spirit days!

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!



Move 60

Move 60! Spring Session starts February 8th

For information about registering for the spring session go to the Move 60 website.

Any student who signs up for a **Move 60 At-Home Equipment Bag** on the registration form can get one for free! The bag has the same equipment as the equipment kit from the fall session (jump rope, scarf, paddle, rubber playground ball, and bean bag). We will be distributing the Move 60 equipment kits at the following schools to students who are registered for the spring session and signed up for an equipment bag:

1. Monday, February 1, 2021 - Mountlake Terrace Elementary, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
2. Tuesday, February 2, 2021 - Hazelwood Elementary, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
3. Wednesday, February 3, 2021 - College Place Elementary, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
4. Thursday, February 4, 2021 - Cedar Valley Elementary, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
5. Friday, February 5, 2021 - Oak Heights Elementary, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

For more information about Move 60:

https://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/programs/move_60

<https://sites.google.com/edmonds.wednet.edu/Move-60/home>

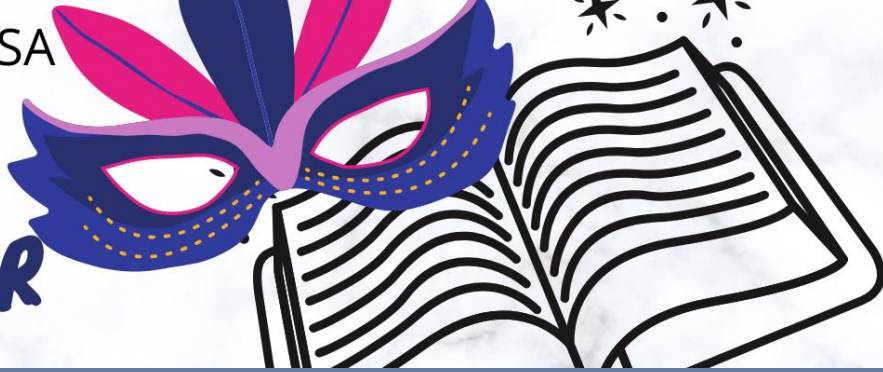
Like us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/move60/>

PLAY HARD. EAT HEALTHY. LIVE WELL

Fall session wrapped up on January 29, 2021. We had over 1,700 students enrolled in the fall session which was awesome! We know that students that participate in exercise, physical activity, and movement focus better in school, sleep better, feel healthier, and have lower rates of depression. We encourage all K-6 students to register for the spring session. The program is FREE, online, and available to all elementary students. Students will have an opportunity to check-in with their Move 60 instructor and other Move 60 students each week via zoom. Move 60 students can access exercise and activity videos on the Move 60 YouTube channel with new offerings each day of the week. We will have new videos, including taekwondo, dance, yoga, and hip hop, starting in the spring session. We will offer super fun ways to get students moving and active! [Register Here!](#)

Hilltop Elementary PTSA
presents

MARCH MASKED READER



Spring Read-a-thon:

During the month of March, the Hilltop PTSA is sponsoring a Masked Reader Read-A-Thon. Each Friday, students will watch a video of a masked member of our Hilltop Elementary community and guess who it is!

The rest of the month of March students will be asked to participate in a Read-A-Thon by recording their reading minutes outside of their school hours which are 9am-3:30pm. Students will also ask family members and friends to sponsor their reading with either a flat donation or a pledge per minute read.



We have teamed up with *Get Movin'*© Fund Hub and HighTrek Adventures in Everett to make this event fun and profitable!



More information will be sent to your email and found on HilltopPTSA.org in mid February

STEAM

Dear Hilltop Families,

We need your help! On Tuesday, April 20th and Thursday, April 22nd, Hilltop will host its Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) Event. This year the event will be remote, with presenters sharing via **Zoom**. We are looking for parents and community members who are willing and able to:

- **Be involved in the planning:** We need volunteers who can assist with planning, recruiting presenters, communication, preparing materials, and the details of the event.
- **Lead a session:** Talk about what you do in your profession or hobby, and/or present an interactive or hands-on activity. Sessions are one hour or less.



The class presentations will be done on Zoom this year. Whenever possible, parents will be matched with requested classroom teacher(s). It is ideal if you can repeat the same presentation for both days if we have A & B hybrid groups. We can help support presenters with gathering and distributing materials for hands-on components.

Some ideas for presentations might include but are not limited to:

- Coding
- Hand Washing Science
- Making Slime
- Tower or Bridge
- Solving an Environmental Problem
- Making Recycled Paper
- Making Rockets with glow sticks
- Graphic Design
- Finance
- Scientific Research
- Road Construction

If you are interested or just considering presenting a session or helping with planning please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/2TGJdCgtMM3iek8P9> . Someone from the STEAM committee will be in touch with you. You can also reach out to Principal Melissa Somoza for more information at SomozaM341@edmonds.wednet.edu.



2021-22 Calendar Call for Art



2021-2022 School District Calendar-----Call for Art

All Edmonds School District students are invited to submit a photo of one piece of artwork they created this school year for consideration. Our goal is to have one or more pieces from each school represented on the calendar. Artwork may also be selected for sharing in other ESD publications or on school district social media. Artwork may be entered through 5PM, April 22, 2021 using the online submission form.

What families need to know:

- Students K-12 are allowed to submit one piece of art for consideration.
- A student email account or Gmail account must be used to upload the photo of the student's artwork. Families submitting for multiple students must use a separate address for each student.
- A parental permission box will need to be checked during the process, parental permission is required.
- Video instructions on how to photograph artwork and upload to the form are provided.
- Artwork must have been created solely by the student (no parental help). School or personal projects are acceptable.
- Artwork must have been created during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Submission considerations: Artwork should be created on unlined paper. Misspelled words, trademarked characters and brand names will not be published. Photos need to include the entire piece of artwork.
- Deadline for entry is 5PM, April 22, 2021.

[2021-22 Calendar Submission Form](#)

If you have troubles using the direct link, copy and paste the address below in your browser:

<https://forms.gle/cWCfBzaPeaovoy2o9>

Questions may be directed to Barb Childs at ChildsBA@edmonds.wednet.edu

School Resource Info

A message from the district:

We wish to inform you that the telephone number 1-844-373-1952 to access a Spanish interpreter will no longer be available after January 30, 2021. If you need assistance in Spanish, please contact your child's school and a staff member will connect you to an interpreter. The Edmonds School District is actively working to have another Spanish line in the future. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Deseamos informarle que el número telefónico 1-844-373-1952 que se ha utilizado para acceder a un intérprete en español, dejará de funcionar a partir del 30 de enero de 2021. Si necesita asistencia en español, comuníquese con la escuela de su hijo y el personal le conectará con un intérprete. El distrito escolar de Edmonds está trabajando con empeño para activar otra línea telefónica en español en el futuro. Lo mantendremos informado. Agradecemos mucho su paciencia y comprensión.



Food Services

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](#)

Staff Appreciation

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

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

FUNDrisers

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



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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.

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



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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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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				
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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- 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)
- April 5-9 Spring Break
- April 13 End of Third Quarter
- April 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.