

HILLTOP HUSKIES

December 2020

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Important January Dates

PTSA MEETING

Jan. 21st @6:30pm (Board Mtg)
 Feb. 4th @ 6:30pm(General Mtg)

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

Early Release

Wednesday, Jan 27th

Non-School Days

Monday, Jan. 18th
 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

January Curbside Pick-Up Dates

- January 13th 12pm-1pm (Kindergarten and 3rd)**
- January 14th 3:30pm-5:00pm (Kindergarten and 3rd)**
- January 20th 12pm-1pm (1st and 2nd grade)**
- January 21st 3:30pm-5:00pm (1st and 2nd grade)**
- January 27th 12:00pm-1:00pm (Kindergarten and 5th grade)**
- January 28th 3:30pm-5:00pm (Kindergarten and 5th grade)**

Contactless pick-up. Please wear a mask

Other Important Dates:

- STEAM Planning Meeting: January 14th (Details on pg 6)
- Equity Team Meeting: January 26th (Details on pg: 7)
- Principal Chat: January 28th (Details in Principal Corner)

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)

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Hilltop Families,

We are a week into 2021, and the continued dedication of our staff is evident once again. Our teachers are creating lessons, routines and assignments that intentionally meet the key standards for their grade level while responding to current events and the social-emotional needs of their students. They are doing this in partnership with all you, and your contribution to your child's education this year is a critical component. We are thankful for your efforts, and your continued support of our teachers.

This last month has brought news of vaccinations and changes in the recommendations of when schools can offer in-person learning. More details will be communicated in the coming weeks from the district about when we will be offering a hybrid model for younger grades. The district has heard the feedback that families need more explicit details about what the hybrid (in-person + asynchronous) model will look like. We understand that families might need to change the learning model they selected for their children in the fall, and there will be a process to gather this information.

Our Developmental Kindergarten students started in-person on January 4th, so we already have 10 students on campus learning in-person. Please share with your older students and neighbors that the entire campus is closed from 8AM-4PM on school days to protect our in-person students. Of course, you may still come to the office door when needed.

We are continuing to find ways to build CONNECTIONS at Hilltop. If your child needs a chance for some informal time with peers on Zoom, have them join Wednesday recess. Students choose a breakout room to attend based on their interests, and there is a recess monitor in each room. Counselors are offering other opportunities for Kindergarten (lunch bunches) and 6th Grade (art sessions.)

Wednesday Recess

11:30-12:00 First & Second Graders Use Husky Den button in Seesaw

12:00-12:30 Third/Fourth/Fifth Grade

Our hearts are with those of you who are facing hardships due to the pandemic. We have families who have lost loved ones and have endured COVID in their homes. If you need help with resources or emotional support for your children, we can help you. More information [here](#).

**You are invited to the January Principal Chat
Topic: Hybrid and Fully Remote Learning
Models**

Thursday, January 28th @ 7:00pm-8:00pm

Take Care,
Melissa Somoza, Principal



[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Hilltop Spirit Days

January 22nd: Active Day

Wear something that encourages you to be active or support your favorite team



Mark your calendars for our future spirit days!

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!

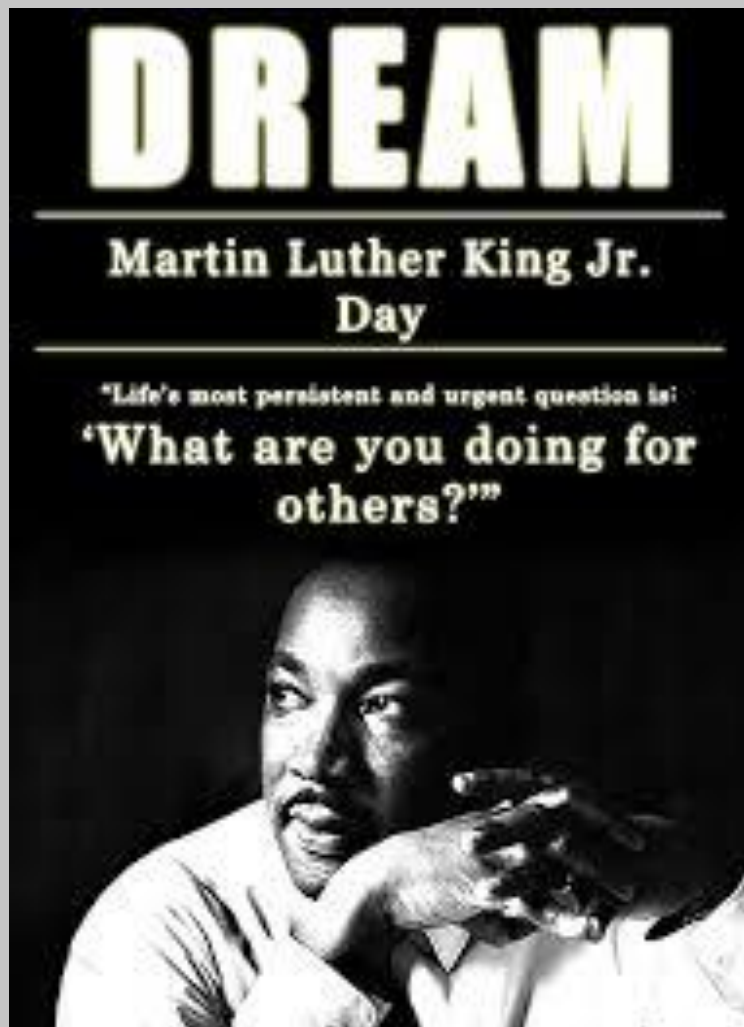


Martin Luther King Jr. Virtual Assembly

This year's assembly will be presented by Bright Star Theater Company.

This will be pre-recorded show that will be shown during class time on January 19th.

Our beloved traditional MLK assembly, featuring our own students, will return next year.



Hilltop Family Game Night

Virtual GAME NIGHT

Mark your calendars for Family Game Night!

Our PTSA will host a family game night via ZOOM on Thursday, February 11th from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Stay tuned for more information... and if you'd like to volunteer to help coordinate, please reach out to Neil Gavin at neilgavin777@gmail.com.



Volunteers NEEDED



Hilltop STEAM Day Volunteers Needed

Let's do a virtual version of the famous Hilltop STEAM Day on April 22nd!

STEAM day helps our students understand how Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math are used in various careers. If you would like to help organize a fun day with hands-on speakers and projects for students, **please join us at our first planning session: January 14th 2:00-3:00.**

If you want to be a presenter or offer video skills for the event, please email Principal Melissa Somoza @ SomozaM341@edmonds.wednet.edu.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Move 60

"Choose to Move 60!" fall session will wrap 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! Here is a video from our Edmonds School District physical education teachers that you can share with families on the importance of physical activity: [The Importance of PA](#)

Move 60! Spring Session starts February 8th. For information about registering for the spring session [Move 60 Registration](#)

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.



Family Resources

Equity Team Meeting: Tuesday, January 26th 6:30-8:00 PM

We have many staff members and parents who are working together on our Equity Team to help Hilltop be an inclusive environment that works against barriers for students. We want to hear more voices so that we can better serve our entire student population. All parents and guardians are invited to join us. Once you are added [to our email list](#) then we will send you a Zoom link.

-The Hilltop Equity Team

Attention Families of 1st thru 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 every Wednesday 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.

1st/2nd Grade Recess: Wednesdays from 11:30am-12:00pm

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Recess: Wednesdays from 12:00pm-12:30pm

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!

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



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>



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

FUNDraisers

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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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)
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.