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HILLTOP HUSKIES

March 2021



Important March Dates

Hybrid Re-Entry 2nd Grade- Monday, March 22nd 1st Grade- Monday, March 29th

Curbside Pick-Up Dates

March 10th (12:00 - 1:00): K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th March 11th (3:30 - 5:00): K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th

March 24th (12:00 - 1:00): K, 6th March 25th (3:30 - 5:00): K, 6th March 31st (12:00 - 1:00): 5th

Early Release

March 18th March 19th March 31st

PTSA MEETING

March 18 @ 6:30pm (Board Mtg)

No School

March 17th

Other Important Dates:

March 1st-31st- Read-a-thon (pg. 3)
March 4- Kindergarten Info Night (pg. 4)
March 5th Alderwood Middle Orientation (pg. 6)
March 11th Brier Terrace Middle Orientation (pg. 7)

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families,

The link below includes facts you may be curious about as we move to Stage 2 of the district's re-entry plan on March 22nd. We know that there is a lot of information being passed around, and we hope this helps to clarify some of the basics. More detailed information will be sent to the families impacted by each model.

Link to facts about stage 2 re-entry

Hilltop is committed to providing safe and joyful learning for students in every model. We continue to increase our offerings of ways for students to feel connected to their peers and school staff. Please do not hesitate to call the Hilltop office, 425-431-7604 or email me with questions.

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





Hilltop Elementary PTSA is proud to announce its annual Read-A-Thon Fundraiser with a twist! Each week, students will watch a video of a different masked member of our community reading a book and guess who it is by Sunday night

How does it work?

Every day beginning March 1st through March 31st participants will gather sponsors and read books. Sponsors can either pledge a certain amount of money per minute read or make a flat donation. Donations will support future PTSA programs such as Teacher Assistance, Educational Grants, Free Family Events, and much much more!

How do you get pledges?

Ask family, friends, and neighbors!

Register your child at www.GetMovinFundHub.com
and follow the simple registration steps. We prefer online donations. Cash & check donations should be turned into the school in an envelope labeled "Hilltop Elementary PTSA" with your child's name and teacher. Please make checks payable to Hilltop Elementary PTSA. See page 3 for paper sponsorships.

PRIZES TO BE WON!*

*go to www.hilltopptsa.org to learn about the prizes!

We're excited to be partnering with HighTrek Adventures. Any student who reads for **more than 8 hours** during the month of march will receive a voucher to their ropes course.

Prizes will be distributed before the Book Fair which will be April 15th.

If you have questions please contact Michelle Collins at hilltopelemptsa@gmail.com

Important Dates:

February 22nd-April 2nd

Gather Sponsors using the online pledge system: www.getmovinfundhub.com Registration code: 5d374897c6501

March 1st-March 31st

Read, Read! Log your reading minutes each day Online or using the Minute Recording Sheet in the information packet

April 1st, 2021

Go online to: tinyurl.com/4z67gm3d and complete the Minute Log Sheet. Please complete the form <u>no later than</u> April 15th.

Remember to thank your sponsors for their support!
*names will be drawn from list of students participating

Kick Off to Kindergarten

INCOMING KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES!

Hilltop Staff invites you to an Information night

When: March 4, 2021 Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Zoom: https://zoom.us/join
Meeting ID: 895 1628 1755

Passcode: 204512



At this session, we will:

- Welcome you to our community
- Provide general information about Kindergarten
- Discuss the "nuts & bolts" of the enrollment process
- Meet some of our Kindergarten teachers

Find enrollment information at

https://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/.../registration enrollment

Enrollment starts: March 3, 2021

Each student in the Edmonds School District is assigned to a school by address. Please go to www.edmonds.wednet.edu to access Neighborhood School Finder to confirm your home school.

Students eligible to start Kindergarten in September 2021 must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2021.

Contact us if you have questions Hilltop office: 425-431-7604

Email: Hilltop_Office@edmonds.wednet.edu

Remote Wednesday "Building Connections"

Hilltop Remote Wednesday "Building Connection" Offeringsstudents from all learning models are invited to participate! This is a chance for students in other classrooms to connect with each other.

K-2nd Grade Recess on Zoom:

Every Wednesday, 11:30-Noon, Zoom link provided in Seesaw. Choices of themed supervised breakout rooms.

K-3rd Grade Drama Sessions STARTS MARCH 10th

Every Wednesday, 1:30-2:30 PM, Zoom links will be provided in Seesaw & Canvas.

Foundry 10 presenters and school staff supervised.

Drama games and fictional problem solving fun.

3rd-5th Grade Recess on Zoom:

Every Wednesday, Noon-12:30, Zoom link provided in Canvas. Choices of themed supervised breakout rooms.

4th-6th Grade Digital Music Making: STARTS MARCH 10th

Every Wednesday, 1:00-2:30 PM, Zoom links will be provided in Canvas.

Foundry 10 presenters and school staff supervised.

Parents may need to help students sign up for free online software prior to the class.

Alderwood Middle School Family Night

Attention 6th Grade Families

Alderwood Middle School will be hosting a family webinar for incoming 7th-grade students and their families

When: Thursday, March 4th

Time: 6:30pm

Click for Zoom Link
Password: 418521

Our counselors will be providing a video to 6th-grade classes with registration information earlier that week; students will have time to talk with their families and come up with any questions they may have before the webinar.





Brier Terrace Middle School Family Night

Attention 6th Grade Families

BTMS will be hosting a family night for incoming 7thgrade students and their families

When: March 11, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Click for Zoom Link

Our counselors will be providing a video to 6th-grade classes with registration information earlier that week; students will have time to talk with their families and come up with any questions they may have before the webinar.





Hilltop Spirit Days

March 12th: Rainbow Day-Students, ask your teacher which color you should wear



Mark your calendars for our future spirit days!

With some of our students returning to the classroom, we have added an extra day, so that all students can be included in our spirit days.

April Book Character Day- Dress like your favorite book character

22nd: K-2 Cohort A

23rd: K-2 Cohort B and all remote students K-6th

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 Mustache Day

20th: K-2 Cohort A

21st: K-2 Cohort B and all remote students K-6

June Mismatched Day

10th: K-2 Cohort A

11th: K-2 Cohort B and all remote students K-6

Yearbook Information

Yearbook Cover Contest

Entries due by March 14th, 2021

We are inviting all Hilltop Students to enter their drawing in our Yearbook Cover Contest. Ten entries will be selected by the yearbook committee and a winner will be chosen by student vote.

Theme:

Connecting to Hilltop
Are you visiting the school on weekends? Hanging out with your
classmates online? Show us how you stay connected to Hilltop while we
are apart

Entry Guidelines:

On 8.5 X11 sheet of white, unlined paper
Focus of the drawing in the center. The background can go to
the edges, a border of ½" may be cut off.
In Vertical orientation (see example at right)
That it is student created! (no parent help)

Tips for a good entry:

Use lots of color (including the background). It need to be bright and easy to see

Mix up your medium. Try: crayons, markers, water colors, paper collage, etc.

Include Slush, the mascot!

To submit the drawing digitally, scan the drawing and go to https://forms.gle/WGrX75W78xv4hQg26 to upload. You can also drop it off in the drop box in front of the school.

Questions? Email Hilltop_Office@edmonds.wednet.edu

Yearbook Photos Needed



We are gathering photos for the yearbook. But of course, with these crazy times, we need your help! With the kids at home for most or all of the year, we can't take pictures of them at school. So we are hoping to get some great candid shots from home. Here are a few of the themes we are looking for!

- Huskies at Home (show us your desk)
- Huskies Having Fun (groups or solo)
- Music Class from Home
- PE from Home
- Spirit Shirts
- Mask Parade (show us your favorite mask or PPE!)
- Spirit Days (Pajama Day/Book Character Day
- Read-A-Thon pictures

We have google forms to collect photo submissions!

For SOLO photos, click here!

https://forms.gle/xLf2Y7ZSwUPW1KnC8

For GROUP photos, click here!

https://forms.gle/kmebC4LUDCbgz3wbA





New Hilltop Staff/Positions

We have several new staff members and a few new roles for some of our current staff members. Please help us welcome and congratulate the following people. If you would like to send them a quick note you can do so here

Michelle Howell- Office Manager

Amara Swan - Office Secretary

Yuki Adams - Health Room Para

Cindy Goergen - In-person School Nurse

Tahereh Shabgardi Matanagh - Evening Custodian

Lydia Montgomery- DK Para

Angela Daly - DK Para

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.



2021-2022 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/cWCfBzaPeaovoy209

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

School Resources 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.



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

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

<u>Diana Browne</u> <u>Tim Dennis</u> <u>Kaleigh Kline</u>

PΕ

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



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

- Start at www.smile.amazon.com
- 2. Set your charity to: Hilltop Elementary PTSA
- 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

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:



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BOX TOPS PRODUCTS You can find Box Tops on hundreds of

products throughout the store.



YOUR RECEIPT

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



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.



BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

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.









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, tanktops, 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





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://hilltopptsa.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		
2 nd Member	Email		
Address	City	Zip	
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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 <u>benefits and discounts page</u> as more opportunities continue to be added. *Member benefits and discounts are available to all WSPTA members. To access them, log in to <u>Benefits & Discount Codes</u>. 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 Deve							velopme	nt Day	Oct 14 Early Release (all grades)						Nov 2-6 Grades K-6 Parent-Teacher				Dec 9 Early Release (all grades)				Jan 1-3 Winter Break continued						

Sep 1-3 Professional Development Day

Sep 8 Professional Development Day

(Teacher Contract/Non-Student)

Sep 7 Labor Day

Sep 9 First Day of School

Sep 23 Early Release (all grades)

(Teacher Contract/Non-Student) Oct 28 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)

Nov 2-6 Grades K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release, K-6) Dec 19-Jan 3 Winter Break

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

Jan 1-3 Winter Break continued Jan 18 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Jan 27 Early Release (all grades)

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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

Mar 17 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)

Mar 18-19 Grades K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release, K-6)

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)

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)

Mar 31 Early Release (all grades) Feb 24 Early Release (all grades)

LEGEND

{1} (1)First Day

Early Release

(1) Early Release

1 Non-Student

Holiday

End of

Last Day of School

Snow make-up days:

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