



HILLTOP HUSKIES

October 2020

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Welcome to the October edition of our school newsletter. We have filled this newsletter with lots of important information. We are nearly a month into virtual learning and what an amazing job our staff and families have done. We got this Hilltop!!!

If you would like to show your appreciation to our amazing teachers and staff- below is the link to their "favorite things".

Items can be dropped off at the main office Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm (please wear a mask)

<http://hilltoppta.org/Page/Staff%20Favorites/Staff%20Favorites%202020-2021>

Important Dates

PTSA Meeting	Making Connections
Board Meeting October 15 th @6:30pm Zoom link will be posted on PTSA Calendar: HilltopPTSA.Org	Thursday 10/22 @ 6:30-7:30 3rd-6th grade Thursday 10/29 @ 6:30-7:30 K-2nd grade More info can be found on page: 7

Curbside Pick-up

Thursday 10/8	Kindergarten/1st
Thursday 10/15	2nd/4th/6th grades
Thursday 10/22	Kindergarten/1st
Thursday 10/29	2nd/3rd/5 th

All dates will be from 2pm-5pm

Stay Connected

Email:
HilltopelemPTSA@gmail.com

Website:
www.hilltoppta.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 have been in school for only 3 weeks, but it feels so much longer! Learning how to “do school” in a whole new system has led us to find novel ways to communicate, form relationships, use technology, teach lessons, help students and practice new skills. Our staff extends a huge thank you to parents for your extraordinary part in this transition.

One tool we are using to monitor how students are doing emotionally during this time is a district-wide student wellness survey that students in 3rd-6th grade take once a month. Teachers have guided students through how to take the 5 minute survey. The results will be used by our counseling team to help target whole class lessons and identify students who may need additional support. If the results raise any concerns about your individual child, we will inform you. If you prefer that your child does not participate in the wellness survey during the rest of this year, please let your child’s teacher know.

Some families have asked about preparations that are happening to prepare for a hybrid model. If the number of COVID incidents in our area continue to decline, then the district will start the process by sending out an intent form to all families. This is different than the surveys that were conducted in the summer. The intent form will allow you to choose a hybrid model or a remote learning model for each child. The hybrid model (AA/BB) allows your child to learn at school two days a week and at home three days a week. In the remote learning model (Group C) your child will have the same Continuous Learning 2.0 model that we currently have, with a combination of lessons on Zoom and asynchronous learning. Both students in the hybrid model and the remote model will continue to use the same Seesaw or Canvas platform to manage their at home assignments, schedule, and learning.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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There are a number of safety systems that will be in place for those students who participate in the hybrid model. For example students will be wearing masks (unless medically unable to do so,) sit six feet apart, eat lunch in the classroom, wash hands during transitions, and stay with the students in their classroom across the day. We are also going to have an equal focus on helping kids get used to being at school again, helping them get connected to their classmates, and making sure we have a joyful learning-focused environment. There are still procedures that are being refined as the district reviews ever-changing guidance from the health department and other agencies. The district will send updates to you via email.

I want to give a shout out to our PTSA for all the ways they support our students, teachers and community. The PTSA provides a classroom grant to every teacher and additional grants as needed to purchase materials that enrich the learning program. The PTSA Board is working to find creative ways to help Hilltop families feel connected and have some extra fun. Please consider supporting the PTSA by becoming a member. Scholarships are available for the \$10 fee. Even if you are not an active member, the membership dues help to fund many of the programs across the school year and keep our community strong.

<http://hilltopptsa.org/Home>

Warmly,
Melissa Somoza
SomozaM341@edmonds.wednet.edu

COUSELOR'S CORNER

Hello Husky families!

We are a month into our remote learning and feel so proud of our students' and their families. While we still face lots of challenges, the engagement we have seen from Hilltop Huskies is blowing us away. We hope that you feel proud of yourselves too! This month we want to focus on ways to keep your student engaged during remote learning. It can be challenging to be in front of a screen rather than in our classrooms. However, techniques we use in-person can be simulated at home.

Minimize distractions: To keep our eyes and ears directed at the screen, it's helpful to have a clear work space. During live sessions, TVs and music turned down/off. Personal devices are put away and other programs on your student's computer are closed. Consider visual reminders to remain focused and if needed, position the workspace near a plainly decorated area. Some students may need a small, quiet, item to keep their body busy but mind focused. Suggestions include: small squishy ball, paper to fold or doodle on, dice, other small fidgety items.

Celebrate successes: When students feel disconnected from peers and teachers, getting a pep-talk from a grownup at home can mean the world. We suggest being specific: if you know it is challenging for your student to get online promptly, celebrate their attendance for the week. Turning in an assignment online can feel daunting; consider validating your student's efforts with positive words or experiences. Once the students feel successful, it's easier to push them to the next level of learning.

Check-in with your 'Zone of Regulation' and develop tools to help: Hilltop students are beginning to learn about The Zones of Regulation. This is a program aimed at managing difficult emotions. Once the student is able to identify what they are feeling, they can turn to calming strategies to "get back to green" and be ready for learning.

The ZONES of Regulation® Reproducible E The Zones of Regulation Visual

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

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For more information on the Zones of Regulation: [click here.](#)
More resources on supporting remote learning: [Engagement and Motivation: Helping Handout for Home](#)

COUSELOR'S CORNER

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One last thing! Do you have a 1st-6th grade student new to Hilltop this year that's looking for connections? Reminder that the counseling team is still hosting "new student lunches" over Zoom. Your new student will receive an invitation to meet other new students in their grade and build new relationships. This helps build emotional and academic support and is highly encouraged! We hope to see you!

Change is difficult but we have seen new collaborative relationships coming from the school community. We can't wait to see all the ways our students continue to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe Huskies during remote learning.

Best wishes from your Counseling team:

Corey Anderson and Denise Mullins



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 n 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



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Join the Hilltop Equity Team

Our Hilltop Equity team is growing. If you are interested in growing in your understanding of equity and/or in sharing your own experiences with our team, please complete the form found at the link below. 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.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfv5-SfXkDKAKHz7hXjD9nzJCVxCjuI7ACWeYZvSgbKu5-osA/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfv5-SfXkDKAKHz7hXjD9nzJCVxCjuI7ACWeYZvSgbKu5-osA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Families New to Hilltop Events- Making Connections!

Lunch for New Kids - Our counselors have invited grade level teams of new students to meet each other during a Zoom lunch date. Email invites will be sent to new families.

Zoom Meet Up for Families - This is actually for current and new-to-Hilltop families. We will put you in break out groups with families, so you can meet families with similar age students.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#) ID: 88198107853 Passcode: 656637
(US) +1 669-900-6833

Thursday, October 22nd @ 6:30-7:30 for 3rd-5th grade

Thursday, October 29th @ 6:30-7:30 for K-2nd grade

Questions or to RSVP please email:

SomozaM341@edmonds.wednet.edu.



2020-2021 Flu Shot Information

Time: 10am - 6pm

Dates & Locations:

Tuesday, October 13th - Meadowdale High School

Wed, Oct. 14th & Thurs, Oct. 15th: Educational Services Center

Drive-through clinics will be open to all Edmonds School District faculty, staff, students and their families (including children ages four and older).

Please complete the registration for each member of your family by visiting the link below, and make sure to register all participants under one phone number.

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

If you have health insurance, please provide your insurance information during registration. If you do not have health insurance, you will be given a flu shot at no cost. Flu shots are considered preventive care and are not subject to deductibles or copays, so there will not be any cost for participating in the drive-through flu clinic. SVNA is able to accept almost all insurance plans with the exception of Cigna and Tricare.

Please join us and help keep our schools, families and communities healthy and flu free this season!



Husky Fall Porch Parade

What is the Hilltop Fall Porch Parade?

The fall carnival has been a tradition at Hilltop Elementary for many years. Unfortunately, due to Covid, the PTSA will not be able to host the fall carnival and costume contest this year. Instead, we are inviting members of our community to join us for our first-ever Porch Parade!

Use the school theme “connections” or go wild with your own ideas and decorate your porches, patios, yard, window – whatever is visible from the road! The Hilltop Fall Porch Parade is an opportunity to unleash your creativity, create new memories, and bring a smile to your friends, family, and neighbors. The Hilltop PTSA will produce a virtual map with the locations of all our registered displays so you can plan a route around your neighborhood to see and share in the fun.

Step 1: Register your display!

- Registration is FREE.
- Your address will be added to our Hilltop Fall Porch Parade Map. The map will be shared on HilltopPTSA.org, and on social media.

Step 2: Decorate!!!!

- The point of decorating is to unleash your creativity and inspire your friends and neighbors.
- Displays must be up by Wednesday Oct 28th, and able to stay up until midnight Saturday, October 31st.
- Don't have a porch? No problem! Feel free to decorate your yard, the sidewalk, a window, or something else visible from the street or sidewalk.**

Step 3: Explore, Celebrate, Share

- Find displays on the Hilltop Fall Porch Parade Map!
- Drive around your neighborhood, take pictures and tag us on social media @HilltopPTSA #HilltopFallPorchParade
- The more people who take part, the more celebration there is to share, so get your friends and neighbors involved!

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Husky Fall Porch Parade

Rules & Regulations:

- Displays must be displayed by 12 noon on Wednesday Oct 28th, and able to stay up until Saturday, Oct 31st.
- Hilltop Elementary PTSA reserves the right to exclude any displays that do not meet our guidelines.
- Registration for the Porch Parade and/or tagging @HilltopPTSA #HilltopFallPorchParade, and with related photos or videos on social media, grants Hilltop Elementary PTSA permission to use your images and footage on any platform.

Get Started Today!

Register Your Display

Register [Here](#) to make your Display official and get it on the Hilltop Fall Parade Map.

Get Decorating

The sky's the limit! Think of how you decorate for other holidays, or what brings you joy when you see it walking around your neighborhood. There's no right or wrong way to decorate!

See the Displays

Follow the map to see who else is taking part in the Hilltop Fall Porch Parade.

Take pictures and tag @HilltopPTSA and use #HilltopFallPorchParade on social media

Displays will be visible from October 28th through October 31st. While exploring, please adhere to social distancing and do not touch any displays.

HAVE FUN!

T-Shirt Contest

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

HELP OUR HILLTOP COMMUNITY
COMMEMERATE THIS UNIQUE SCHOOL YEAR!

The PTSA is sponsoring a t-shirt design contest. All students are welcome to participate. The PTSA will be purchasing 1 shirt for every student at hilltop!

THEME: CONNECTIONS

Design must be black and white (be sure all lines are dark so they show up)

Design should be no bigger than 8.5x11

Design can include drawings and words.

Design should include the school year 2020-2021.

Design can include our mascot – Slush the Husky.

Entries are due by October 9th. Can be dropped off in the lockbox outside the school office

OR scanned and submitted via the google form at: <https://tinyurl.com/hilltoptshirt2020>

Be sure to include the students name, grade and teachers name on the back of your design.

Voting for the winning design will take place the week of October 12th.

Send the PTSA an email if you have any questions!
(hilltopelemptsa@gmail.com)

We need shirt sizing!!!- Please complete this form for each child you have at Hilltop! <https://forms.gle/yVqWyrVeaQsqHQB88>

FUNDraisers



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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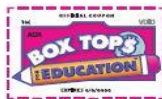


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CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

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Spirit Wear



We are excited to try out a new spirit wear option this year! The PTSA is partnering 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



Congratulations

Congratulations to our virtual 5K participants last Saturday.

Hilltop had 20+ registered participants and have earned a percentage of the net proceeds! Way to go Huskies! There are still a few days left to donate. Go to <https://givebutter.com/celebrateschools5k/hilltop-huskies>



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!

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.