

Hillcrest Elementary News



Parent Newsletter

November 2008

Calendar of Events - November

- 2 Daylight Savings Ends – Set clocks back
- 4 PTO Meeting @ 9 in cafeteria
- 4 General election in gym – Precinct #2
- 6 School picture retakes
- 14 3rd Grade Musical
- 21 Teacher Inservice – No School
- 27/28 No School - Thanksgiving

WHAT A WALK-A-THON

A very big congratulations and thanks you to all the participants and organizers of Hillcrest's 1st annual Walk-A-Thon! It was a family night of healthy fun. The crowd was amazing although hard to count. We estimate over 300 people enjoyed the evening walk and festivities.

The students and staff thank the PTO's members for organizing this event. The money raised will be used for the Art Mom Program, to support our Foster Grandparents, and to initiate some safety projects at Hillcrest. Thanks to everyone who supported our walk-a-thon.

\$\$ LUNCH FEES \$\$

Please prepay for November:
\$33.15 for the month (17 days)

OR

\$ 9.75 per week (5 days)

\$ 1.95 per day

Literacy Event a Hit with Kids

Thank you to all the students and parents who participated in our October literacy event. It was a lot of reading fun!

Dress Students Appropriately

As the weather gets colder be sure to send your child dressed to go outdoors. We have recess everyday and the students go outside with few exceptions. The fresh air is good for students and they need to be dressed properly to enjoy it.

Student Fees

\$6.00 1st-3rd

\$3.00 Kindergarten

Student fees pay for assemblies and student awards. Field trips require additional fees throughout the school year depending on the field trip and the cost per child.



PHD AWARD

Present and Here Daily

How to earn: perfect attendance each trimester with less than 3 tardies. We celebrate perfect attendance.

Good for kids – Good for learning!

Student Awards – Student Awards

Accelerated Reader

This program is a supplemental program that provides feedback on student's reading progress. Students are able to read books and take tests on the computer measuring their recall of a story. Students earn points which lead to various certification levels. As students reach each level, they will receive a certificate or award dogtag, bookmark or book to recognize their success.

Math Fact

Students in grades 1-3 are practicing and taking math facts tests on the computer in their classrooms to earn Einstein and Wizard awards. Kindergarten will start later in the year. As students achieve these awards, their names will be posted on the main entry hall.

We like to give students a BIG HOORAH for each award they get! They have earned them by working hard!!



Hillcrest Parking Lot

Please park in the parking lot in designated spots only. Do not leave your car along the rails. The rail area is a bus loading zone only. With half-day kindergarten, developmental pre-school and field trips, we have buses in and out of the parking lot all day. We appreciate your attention to the bus zones. After school, we ask that you use the pick-up zone and avoid the parking lot. We have twelve buses coming and going and the congestion gets dangerous in the parking lot after school. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Mandatory Student Check Out

If you need to check out a child for any reason during the school day, you must come and sign the child out at the office. We require documentation when a child leaves the school during school hours. Even if your child is on the playground, we ask that you come into the office to sign them out officially. This is for the safety of all students.

Pick-up Area Safety

Thank you drivers for being courteous, cautious and safe in the loading and unloading area. Also, a big thank you to those parents who have made arrangements to pick students up by the fence or behind the school. This helps alleviate the congestion in the pick-up zone.

Reading at home is so important and can be slipped into everyday life with ease. Think about reading to your child at bathtime or breakfast. Try having them help you with a recipe. Commuting is a good time as well. Ask your child to read you a book while on the road from here to there. How about reading a poem to a relative on the telephone? Finding the time to read helps them for life.

**Good citizens of the
Hillcrest Royal Reading Kingdom:
We declare 15 minutes of reading at
home everyday is good for brain!!**

