



Hillcrest Elementary

“Where the World Goes to School”



Hillcrest Elementary Recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School

March 1, 2021 Newsletter

NO SCHOOL

March 5
March 8-12 Spring Break
March 25-26

Upcoming Events

Women’s History Month

March 5

NO SCHOOL

March 8-12

Spring Break

March 14

Daylight Savings

March 15

Hybrid Students return 5 days a week (**new hours**)

March 25-26

NO SCHOOL

Hi Hillcrest Hawks!

As we welcome back our students to five day a week in-person learning on March 15th, we will continue to practice mitigation strategies whenever possible! The difference between our hybrid environment and full in-person, is that our inability to maintain all of the mitigation protocols (e.g. maintaining 6 feet of distance) will not preclude an activity, event, or grouping from occurring. Wearing masks, temperature checks, and frequent sanitizing are still required practices. The [Hillcrest Together Again](#) document has been updated to reflect any changes. For your convenience, the changes have been highlighted in yellow.

Beginning March 15, brick and mortar teachers will no longer be responsible for managing two learning environments. However, as in a typical year, if a student is absent (e.g. sick, quarantined) teachers will need to provide opportunities for the student to continue learning while at home. Teachers may offer assignments in FLVS, provide asynchronous work, or a combination of these options. Due to the pandemic and the reality it has posed, teachers have been prepared to instruct remotely on a moment’s notice all year long. Please be aware that this potential still exists after March 15th. We will maintain our protocols of contact tracing and quarantining, as necessary. Therefore, teachers should continue to send iPads home with students on a daily basis and ensure they are prepared to remote in should circumstances dictate the need to do so.

We have a few requests for our families picking up and dropping off their children. Please ensure your child is ready to exit the car during drop off quickly, adults are to stay in the car. If the adult would like to assist their child, they may park in the available parking spots out front. We will begin dismissal at 3:40, to accommodate more children exiting the building. During dismissal please remain in the car. If you would like to assist your child, please park in the spots out front. Julie, with the iPad, can check your iDismiss number in and you may greet your child at their grade level exit. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we dismiss quickly and safely.

School Hours

8:45am-3:50pm

Wednesday

8:45am-2:20pm

Phone-785.832.5720

School Hours Effective 3/15

8:45am-3:40pm

Wednesday

8:45am-1:15pm

OFFICE STAFF

Principal

Sarah Kruse

Admin. Assistant

Michelle Hindman

Secretary/Translator

Mary Ann Carter

Nurse

Jana Mekus

Health Assistant

Troy Colwell

Parent Involvement

Shannon Berquist



Park here if you need to exit your car during drop off or pick up!

Starting March 17th Wednesday pickup is an hour earlier, at 1:15 p.m.

Welcome to Kindergarten!

We are excited to welcome our incoming kindergarten students for next fall! Children who reach age 5 on or before Aug 31, 2021, are eligible for kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year. Please share this information with your neighbors, friends and/or family who may also have an eligible student. Click here, <https://www.usd497.org/Domain/7439> to begin the online enrollment process and select the link for the 2021-2022 school year. Next, be sure to email or bring the required registration documents below to your school/administrative assistant:

- Certified Birth Certificate - We will need to see the original prior to the first day of school, but can use the scanned copy for now
- Proof of Residency - a current utility bill (water/gas/or electric), current car registration, or a new lease agreement/buyers agreement
- Current Immunizations - We will take immunizations that your child has had to this point. You may follow up with any updated immunizations prior to the first day of school.
- Physical - We understand that some children may not have had their 5 year physical yet and will have more immunizations at that time. You may email it as soon as it is complete, or prior to the first day of school.

Once your student's registration has been completed, you will be added to your school's email/ mailing list to receive an invitation to their kindergarten orientation/information sessions that will be held this spring.

If you are unsure of your school boundary or have questions, please call the enrollment center at 785-330-1921.



If you prefer communication in a language other than English and wish to communicate with your student's school, please contact the LPS Language Line for assistance! Our office will work to respond to your message quickly to help you share or understand new information.

LPS Language Line
785-330-2656

When you call the line, please select from the following message options to leave a message in your desired language.

- Select 1 to leave a message in Spanish
- Select 2 to leave a message in Arabic
- Select 3 to leave a message in Chinese
- Select 4 to leave a message in a language other than English not listed above.

If you would like to request assistance by email in a language other than English, you can contact us at translator@usd497.org.