



Hillcrest Elementary

"Where the World Goes to School"



Hillcrest Elementary Recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School

October 05, 2020 Newsletter

NO SCHOOL

- Friday, October 16 - Elementary Plan
- Friday, October 30 - Teachers completing progress reports
- Thursday November 5 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Friday November 6 - Students & Staff off

Upcoming Events

- October 16**
NO SCHOOL
- October 19**
First Day of Hybrid
- October 30**
NO SCHOOL
- November 4 & 5**
Parent Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL

Dear Hillcrest families,

We understand that these are uncertain and scary times, but rest assured that we are here for you. We are here to show you that we care about your safety, fears, and concerns. Our staff is here to acknowledge and partner with all families to ensure that we do everything we can to make school a successful and safe place. As a team we will get through this! We will come out of this as a stronger school family and community. We've got this! GO HILLCREST HAWKS

School Hours
8:45am-3:50pm
Wednesday
8:45am-2:20pm
Phone-785.832.5720
OFFICE STAFF

Principal
Sarah Kruse
Admin. Assistant
Beth Hoinoski
Secretary/Translator
Mary Ann Carter
Nurse
Jana Mekus
Health Assistant
Nancy Rothwell
Parent Involvement
Shannon Berquist

We are asking all parents to provide Water Bottles for each student. Due to CDC Guidelines, water fountains have been turned off. Please make sure that you are sending your student with a clean and full water bottle daily.



Your student will be required to wear a mask. Please make sure you are sending them with a clean and properly fitting mask.



As we shift to the hybrid learning model on October 19th, preparing classrooms, and planning with our teachers and staff is important. Please know that on the afternoon of Thursday, October 15th, we will not be monitoring our WebEx rooms, nor offering live instruction. Rather, students will be engaging in asynchronous learning activities. Additionally, pending the Board of Education approval on October 12, the October 23rd teacher plan day is being shifted to October 16th. This will provide both the afternoon of the 15th and all day on the 16th for our staff to reorient their classrooms to accommodate social distancing for the hybrid model. This includes Year Long Distance Learning teachers, as well.

HILLCREST (RE)CREATE ART CONTEST

GUIDELINES

- Students select a famous painting and recreate it using three or more items from home
- Students submit their recreation along with a copy of the original artwork
- (Re)creations due Friday, October 9
- Each student may submit one recreation
- Pieces will be submitted electronically to the student's teacher
- Grade level teachers will select a winner for each grade
- Each grade level winner will receive a prize
- The entire student body will then vote on each grade level winner
- The piece with the most votes wins the grand prize
- Prizes TBA

Do you have a favorite piece of art or favorite historical portrait? Show your creativity and have some fun in the Hillcrest (re)create art contest!



Hillcrest Welcomes Many New Students!

We are pleased to welcome our new students and their families to Hillcrest. We look forward to getting to know you!!! If we can be of any assistance to you, please contact the school office.

First Grade – Cameron, Mason, Rosie, Aria, Messiah, Grady, Owain, Ford, Margot

Second Grade – Nehal, Nointe, Malone, Isaac, Myles, Kayden, Addison, Parker

Third Grade – Isaac, Sophia

Fourth Grade – Noor, Dylan, Lily, Lizzy, Dagen, Keelan, Soham, Sayra, Katelynn, Dominic

Fifth Grade – Aj

A special welcome to our new kindergarten students and families

K-Vossman - Sorayesh, Ailyn, Faye, Callahan, Gennessys, Kaden, Giovanni, Emery, John, Anna, Andres, Avi, Eric, Izabella, EmberLynn, Ohinniya

D-Marsh – Fabiana, Aryam, John, Abraham, Jy'Dinn, Avi, Harlie, Dexter, Rustin, Julia, Sherlyn, Abel, Peyton, Sarah, Rylan, Eric, Lillian

K-McAdoo – Kaleah, Kamdyn, Nora, Aspen, Arabella, Justin, David, Gilly, Lucas, Oscar, Isaac, Heather, Jennifer, Ivory, Daphne, Ivan, Sophie



Parents Right-To-Know Title I Annual Notification Hillcrest Elementary School 2020 - 2021

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law by President Obama in December 10, 2015. Contained within this legislation are regulations regarding highly qualified teachers in classrooms. Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's/children's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals.

Professional qualifications include:

- Whether or not the teacher has met Kansas licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas being taught;
- The baccalaureate degree and any other graduate certification or degree and the field of discipline of both;
- If services are provided by paraprofessionals, their qualifications;
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency or professional waiver.

All teachers at Hillcrest Elementary meet the above criteria. Each one is licensed for the grade levels and subject areas being taught. Each one has a baccalaureate degree and none are teaching under an emergency or provisional waiver. The paraprofessional(s), who work under the direction of the Title I and classroom teachers, meet required qualifications for the position

If you want this information for your child's/children's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals, please contact Samrie Devin, Director Human Resources for Lawrence Public Schools (785-832-5000).

Free and Reduced Lunches

- Even though school looks a little different this year, the Lawrence School District will still be offering breakfast and lunch for our students. Students will need to fill out the Free and Reduced Form to continue receiving this service. Please go to: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>

Paper copies of the Applications will be available at request only by contacting the food services office at 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044-1063 or by phoning 785-832-5000.



Food Pantry Update!

Hi Hillcrest Hawks! The Food Pantry will be open during Hybrid! Parents can come to the school during school hours to get food for their family. The Pantry will be located in the front flex space, right inside the school entryway. If you have any questions, feel free to email shannon.berquist@usd497.org