



Dear Hillcrest Families,



June marks the beginning of probably the busiest time of the year. Busy is good, especially when it includes many opportunities for the students to highlight what they have learned throughout the school year! So, while the end of the school year is almost here we are still planning lots of things for the final weeks in June.

- June 9th - We have our BOCES Weather Assembly Programs for our 5th Grades classes.
- June 13th - Awards Ceremony - 4th Grade – 9 AM, 5th Grade – 1:30 PM - Invitations will be sent to parents if your child will be receiving an award.
- June 15th - Science Fair in our cafeteria from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. We will also have our final enrichment projects on display
- June 16th - 4th Grade Field Day - Our students will run, jump, throw, and climb their way to glory (or at least a lot of fun).  
Meet the Principal Night - Incoming 4th graders tour their new school
- June 17th - 5th Grade Field Day - Our students will run, jump, throw, and climb their way to glory(or at least a lot of fun).
- June 21st - 5th Grade DARE Graduation @ 9:00 AM

Please remember our early release days this month - we have a few! They are June 10, 22, 23, and 24. Our final day of school for this academic year is June 24th.

#### YEARBOOKS:

It's not too late to order a Yearbook! Extra Yearbook envelopes are in the school office. A yearbook makes a great keepsake, and your child will treasure it always. Yearbook quantities are limited, and we will be selling the remaining ones on a first come first served basis.

#### LOST & FOUND ITEMS:

Please make sure you collect your child's clothing, lunch bags, etc. as all lost & found items left at the school after Friday, June 24th will be donated.

#### THANK YOU!

As we close out the school year, we pause to thank Mrs. Martha Taylor, Mrs. Angelia Johnson and Mr.

Howard Squires for their years of dedicated service to our students and to the Peekskill City School District as they look forward to retirement.

As always, feel free to let me know of any questions, concerns or compliments! The office phone number is 739-2284.

The first day of school next year is September 6th!



### *FACTS ABOUT SUMMER READING*

**It takes 4** - Did you know? By reading 4 books or more over the summer, kids can avoid the “summer slide: or gap in academic skills, when they return to school in the fall.

**Let them choose** - Forget asking kids to read the latest Newberry tearjerker. Ask them to choose the books they want to read.

**Big Vocabularies** - Kids learn 4,000 - 12,000 new words every year by reading. That means 3 months without books can make a huge difference in their vocabularies and test scores.

***Encourage your child to read. You won't be sorry you did!***

So in my final newsletter for the 2015-2016 school year it is my sincere wish, on behalf of our Hillcrest Community School family, that you and your family have a safe, restful and fun-filled summer!

Educationally Yours,

Jacqueline Liburd

