



MARCH 2017

Dear Hillcrest Families,

While this upcoming month is a big testing month for our students in grades 4, & 5, we still look forward to having some wonderful learning experiences for our students. We have been visiting Madden Outdoor Educational Center and we are also having in-house BOCES assemblies on the Water Cycle(4th Grades), and Coral Reefs (5th Grades).

Please note the details which follow and apply to your child(ren). We encourage all families to schedule vacations and appointments around the scheduled testing dates. We have minimal make-up days restricted to a specific window scheduled for students who are ill or absent for unavoidable reasons. We encourage all students to get a good night's sleep the nights before each test and to eat a good breakfast. If you have questions or concerns regarding any of the tests mentioned below, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. This year our ELA testing will be March 28 – 30 with our make-up dates – March 31 – April 4.

Thank you for your child's participation in our Passport To Reading Program – this is our way of encouraging our students to become lifelong readers. They have been writing some extraordinary postcards as their reflection on the book that they have read. We have them posted outside our library...Why not read some of them when you come in to our building?

2 of our students will once again participate in the yearly *You Be The Chemist* New York State Competition. It will be Saturday, March 11th in Tarrytown.

Hillcrest students will also march in Peekskill's St. Patrick's Day Parade – Saturday, March 11th @ 2:30 PM. Please join us for the fun afternoon.

Educationally yours

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