



NOVEMBER 2015



Dear Families,

November already, where have the days gone? November brings us cooler weather and month of activities. During this busy time it is also the month to reflect on what we are thankful for. I love November because it is the beginning of one of the most wonderful seasons as we begin our preparations for a season of thanksgiving. I am particularly thankful for my own family but also for the wonderful blessings receive each day as I work with the children, parents, and the wonderful staff of Hillcrest Elementary School. As we enter this season, my hope is that all of our families will take some time together to celebrate in thanksgiving for our many blessings

The weather is quite unpredictable and I suggest layering of clothing, plus head and hand coverings. We start off quite cool in the mornings and warm up significantly during the afternoons. We plan to go outside as often as possible so please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately.

The first quarter marking period officially ends the week of November 6th . Fall parent-teacher conferences will be held on November 12 and 13. Every parent is urged to make an appointment with each child's elementary teacher. These conferences are extremely important and are the single best opportunity to share information about your child. Your attendance is appreciated. The Parent-Teacher Conferences will provide you with an opportunity to ask questions, give teachers information that will help them understand your child's needs, and help the school in planning your child's school year. Children are generally not encouraged to attend the Parent-Teacher Conferences. However, after the appointment, tell your child what was discussed, omitting any information that may be difficult for him/her to understand.

**Some Important Dates to Keep in Mind:**

November 10 - Picture Retake Day

November 11 - Veteran's Day - No School

November 18 - Hangin' @ Hillcrest Culinary Night - Cooking with Chef Michael Bulger

November 25 - 27 - Thanksgiving Recess

November 30 - First Day of Hillcrest After School Program

As we round into the start of the Holiday season, please remember to keep the "Thanks" in Thanksgiving.

Educationally yours,

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