

November 2016

Dear Families,

After a very busy October , we will continue with a very busy November. During October we practiced our fire drills, security drill and bus evacuation here at Hillcrest. November presents us with the perfect opportunity, not only for thankful reflection of the past year, but also for anticipation... The growing crispness of the air, the colorful leaf changes that I so enjoy and other signs of winter's imminence inspire me to look forward to the winter holidays. Therefore, November is the perfect month to look back and forward at the same time.

With Old Man Winter lurking around the corner, please remember to layer, layer layer! Layering of clothing, plus head and hand coverings are strongly recommended on extremely cold days. We plan to go outside as often as possible. Our students need the exercise in order to refresh and recharge!

Our Fall parent-teacher conferences are around the corner. Sign-up sheets will be coming home. 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.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- November 1 – Picture Retakes
- November 7 – PTO Exec. Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- November 8 - No School – Professional Learning Academy for Teachers
- November 11- Veteran's Day
- November 15 – Hillcrest SLT Presentation to BOE @ 7:00 PM
- November 16 – Hangin' @ Hillcrest -Dodgeball Night/ CCLS – Understanding ELA & Math 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Nov. 17, 18 - Early Release Days for students (11:35 AM Dismissal)- Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 24 – 25 - Thanksgiving Recess

Please feel free to contact me with your comments, concerns, or questions. Please continue to partner with us as we work to develop the mind, hearts, and bodies of our students!

I wish everyone a wonderful time with friends and family over the Thanksgiving Break! May your home be filled with many blessings of love, happiness, and laughter!



Warm Regards
Jacqueline Liburd