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HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL A Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School

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Hill's Mission Statement – Our purpose at Hill School is to provide a safe environment and ensure learning for all members of our school community.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 24th

Vision Screening – 4 yr. olds, Gr. 1, 3, 5

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25th

Vision Screening – 4 yr. olds, Gr. 1, 3, 5

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th

Vision Screening – 4 yr. olds, Gr. 1, 3, 5

6:15-8:15 pm - PTO Skate World (see flyer)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27th

Vision Screening – 4 yr. olds, Gr. 1, 3, 5

Fire Safety

Gr. 5 @ 9:00-9:45 am

Gr. 3 @ 9:50-10:35 am

Gr. 1 @ 10:40-11:25 am

Brain Freeze Day

7-8pm 5th gr. Celebration Parent Mtg-Art Rm (see information that follows)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28TH

End of Semester – NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, JANUARY 31st

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

7:00 pm – Band & Strings Concert @ Larson (Gym) Atudent Arrive: 6:00 pm Strings, 6:10 Band

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

Brain Freeze Day

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

* 9-10am Hill PTO's First Multi-Cultural Coffee – all parents welcome (Cafeteria). See information that follows

7:00 pm – PTO Game Night

Hill Husky's Behavior Lesson of the Week

Recently your child learned in their classroom another way to be safe, respectful and responsible when at Hill School. One way we achieve these things is to self monitor our behavior and think about how our behavior creates our image. **Image is what you think of yourself, but also what others think of you.** It is extremely important to create a good image for yourself. Each one of us has a lot of control over our own image. We create our image (good or bad) through our actions, words and behavior.

- ✓ Before you make a choice, ask yourself if it the right thing to do or note. If it isn't... stop yourself.
- ✓ Stop to ask yourself what others may think of you if you make a certain choice. Remember it is healthy to want others to like you.
- ✓ Remember nice people like other nice people. Are your actions making others think you are nice or not?

If you do these things, you are creating a good, positive image of yourself that both you and others will notice. **CPR** (Children Practicing Respect) go out of their way to be nice to others and are true bucketfillers!

Safety Request – No Cell Phones !

Parents please be alert when passing through the school parking lot and the school drop off/pick up lane. We have witnessed many dangerous situations where parents are on cell phones and not being alert to students crossing or getting into or out of cars during our busy arrival and departure times. We really do not want to see someone hurt due to a parent being careless or unaware of the students around them in the parking lot areas.

In addition the back parking lot is for **Staff Members** only. Parents should not be parking or picking up students in this area. There are also two parking spots in the front lot marked for TRAVELING TEACHERS ONLY, please do not park in these spots. These parking spaces are reserved for teachers that travel from building to building and have limited time between classes to located a parking space.

Thank you for trying your best to keep Hill students safe!

Janice Brzezinski



LATE STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED IN BY A PARENT

Please remember that the tardy bell rings at 8:50 am. If your child is not at his/her classroom at that time, he/she is considered tardy and **must** be signed in at the office by a parent and receive a late pass to take to the classroom.



ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS



Save the date! Thursday, January 27th at 7:00 pm in the Art Room. We will start planning for the 5th grade graduation celebration that will take place in June. All 5th grade parents are invited to attend!

REMINDER: *The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be administered to all 5th grade students in Troy beginning January 24th through February 11th. Good attendance is especially important during this time period.*



TREE GRANT WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following Hill teachers that were awarded Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence (TFEE) grants. We are very proud that they took the time and effort to make Hill School an even better place to learn.

Cozy Reading & Listening Centers -Melodie Hartley

Hands-on Learning - Danielle Davenport

The Yoga Calm Project - Sheryl Butzine

Technology Tools for PACE - Heidi Apol

Story Grammar Marker Kit - Mary Johnson

RAZ-Kids at Hill - Michelle Mundle

MULTICULTURAL COFFEE - FEBRUARY 4TH

In celebration of our many cultures, the Hill PTO is forming a Multicultural Committee. We would like to meet in a casual setting and discuss anything relevant to our school. We welcome ALL parents to join us. Troy is the second most diverse city in Michigan. We should celebrate this by dialog and acknowledging that our differences make us stronger! If english is not your first language, this will be a great opportunity for you to come and learn about our school environment. If you are interested in the many heritages our children represent, please come and share your ideas. Or just come and have coffee and bagels! We look forward to seeing you on Friday, February 4 at 9 am! Please call or email Kelly Jones with any questions, 248-689-2748, wronajones@comcast.net



CLINIC DONATIONS

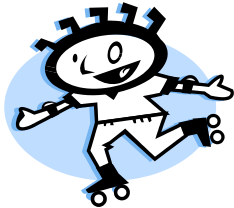


Our clinic is in need of sweat-pants, jeans and socks, especially for the younger children (sizes 6 through 10 please). These are very helpful when a child spills milk, slips in the mud or neglects to bring snow pants on a cold day. Also, please be sure to return any borrowed clothing to the clinic. Thank you for your donations!



LOCKS OF LOVE UPDATE

Our Locks of Love Assembly will be Monday, March 7th @ 9:30 am. Permission slips will be sent out to those interested as we get closer to the date!



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO KEEP THOSE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS TO GET AND STAY FIT?

Hill School PTO is sponsoring their Annual Roller Skating Party on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at Skate World of Troy from 6:15 to 8:15 P.M. Skate World is located at 2825 E. Maple Rd. on the corner of Dequindre and Maple Rd. Adults are welcome as spectators only. All belongings must be put in lockers and locked. You may share a locker with friends or family. Advanced tickets are available Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, by sending the money with your student in an envelope with their full name and the number of tickets they would like to purchase. The cost is \$ 4.50 per ticket Skate rental is \$2.00 and is paid that evening. Or tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.00. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Yearbook Information



SEND IN PICTURES FOR THE 2011 YEARBOOK

Do you take pictures? Some might look great in our yearbook! We would love to have pictures that have clear images of several Hill students on them, doing something at school or on a school field trip—anything taken from the start of the year to the end of January 2011. You can send them to: hillyearbook@gmail.com or share a digital copy with us on a CD. A description of what (field trip, party), who (names, class, grade) and when would be helpful.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP: MARCH 24TH – INFORMATION TO FOLLOW....

Also, if you did not order a yearbook with your picture package, or are new to Hill since yearbook pictures were taken, you can order one by returning a completed flyer with payment to the office by February 1st!



Hill Goes Green



Every month, we throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper - all of these jars are recyclable!

A modern glass bottle would take 4,000 years or more to decompose - and even longer if it's in the landfill!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We still have Entertainment Books available for sale! Regularly sold for \$25, they are now available for the low, low price of \$15. Get 'em while they last! See Teri or Donna in the office.



BONUS BOX TOPS AT MEIJERS!



Buy any 10 or more Box Tops for Education products at Meijer in one transaction between 1/2/11 & 2/5/11 and get a customer coupon for 70 Bonus Box Tops. Limit one per transaction...

ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE @ HILL

Mark your calendars - Our annual Red Cross blood drive will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011.



Please note that you can continue to donate blood up through February 2nd and still give at Hill on March 30th!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

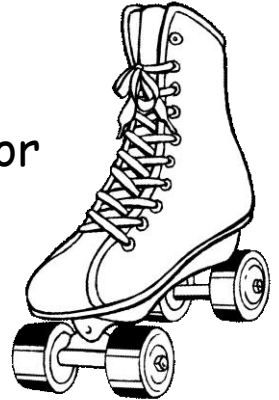
- 1/26/11: SKATEWORLD PARTY
- 1/28/11: OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE
- 2/1/11: YEARBOOK ORDERS & PAYMENT DUE
- 2/4/11: GAME NIGHT
- 2/7/11: REPORT CARDS HOME
- 2/8/11: 4TH GR. TO DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
- 2/9/11: COUNT DAY
- 2/10/11: MARKET DAY INTERNET ORDERS DUE / PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
- 2/16/11: BOX TOP LABELS COLLECTION
- 2/16/11: MARKET DAY PICK UP
- 2/16/11: PTO MEETING

Annual Hill School Skate World Party

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th
6:15-8:15 p.m.



Come join Hill students, families, and staff for an exciting evening of roller skating as we rent out the entire skating rink for two hours of fun and games! Last year we had over 400 people in attendance!!



Students can purchase tickets at school for \$4.50 next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

(Please send money to school with your child in an envelope with the money amount enclosed, the number of tickets being purchased, and your child's teacher's name written on the outside. If you are writing a check, make it payable to Hill School P.T.O.)

Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$5.00 on Wednesday evening.

Skate World is located on Maple Rd. just west of Dequindre

BOUNTY IN A BACKPACK...

...IS BACK! In February, Hill's P.T.O and Student Council will be collecting non perishable food for needy families in Troy. This program is called "Bounty in a Backpack". The food is collected through the month of February and will be delivered the first of March to a Troy school in need. Every Friday in March, the food is packed into backpacks for Troy students to take home to help support their family in need. In March another elementary school in Troy will collect food for the next month. This will continue through the rest of the year. Last year was our first year to participate in this program. The outpouring from our wonderful school was incredible. We met every requirement with extras in every food grouping. We are one of the smallest schools in the district, yet we had no problem collecting our quota. Let's do it again!!

We will be collecting during the month of February, to deliver the food for distribution in March. We are publishing this a little early, just in case you want to pick up your contribution during the holiday sales. Please do not send anything in until February. This food collection is an important awareness tool for our students to understand that there are families struggling at this time right here in the city of Troy. We want to reach out and help in any way possible... that is what "bucket fillers" do.

Thank you for any support you can give with this helpful project!!!



If every student brings in the following items we will reach our goal!

Kindergarten: 1 box saltine crackers/student (total:43) and 1 - 18 oz jar peanut butter/student (total:43)

1st: 2 boxes macaroni & cheese/student (total:130) and 4 individual packages of snacks: cheese & crackers, fruit roll-ups, mini oreos, pudding cups/student (total:260)

2nd: 2 - 15 ounce cans spaghetti's/student (total:86) and 2 - 5 ounce cans tuna fish/student (total:86)

3rd: 2 cans fruit: peaches, pears, mixed/student (total:106) and 2 - 3 ounce packages Chicken flavored Ramen noodles/student (total:106)

4th: 2 cans vegetables: corn, green beans/student (total:88) and 2 cans chicken noodle soup/student (total:88)

5th: 2 - 64 ounce Apple Juice plastic bottles/student (total:124) and 1 box breakfast bars (8 per box)/student (total: 62)



SAVE THE DATE

TROY

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Preschool Open House
February 10, 2011
6:30-8:00 pm
(at the following locations)
Children and Parents Invited

Building Blocks...Hamilton

- Full day preschool for children who will be four years old by December 1 of the current school year
- Full day 8:20 am -3:10 pm
- Follows the Troy School District calendar

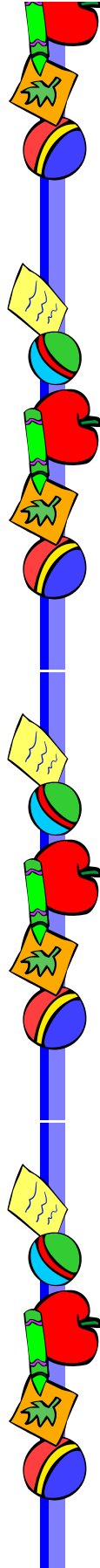
P.A.L. Preschool for Active Learning...Hill, Martell, Troy Union, Wass

- Active hands-on learning environment
- Half day, morning or afternoon classes
- Classes for three and four Year olds

T.O.T.S. Tots of Troy Schools...Niles Center

- Full day, active hands-on learning environment
- Ages 3-5 years old
- **Two Options:**
 - Full or Part-time schedules, open 7:00 am -6:00 pm
 - Full time 7:00 am-4:00 pm
- School Year and Summer programs available

Fall 2011 registration begins online March 1, 2011 www.troyceonline.com
Walk-in registration begins March 15, 2011, Niles Center, 201 W. Square Lake Rd.
For additional information call (248) 823-5100.





Hill School has a group of Brownies in grades 2 and 3 who are selling your favorite Girl Scout Cookies for \$3.50 a box. Troop #72522 will be selling cookies until March 15th. Please show your support for Hill's only Brownie troop by ordering today. Please call in your order to Danielle Buser (co-troop leader) at 248-740-8431 or e-mail at dmbuser@comcast.net.

girl scout cookies inspire a better world

SAMOAS

0g trans fat

Chewy and rich!
Tender vanilla cookies, covered with caramel, rolled in toasted coconut, and striped with a rich, chocolaty coating.
Approx. Count Per Pkg: 15 7.5 oz. ©=

TREFOILS

0g trans fat

Light and delicious!
Delicate-tasting shortbread that is delightfully simple and satisfying.
Approx. Count Per Pkg: 36 9 oz. ©=

THIN MINTS

0g trans fat

Extra thin, extra minty!
A thin wafer covered with a smooth chocolaty coating. Made with natural peppermint.
Approx. Count Per Pkg: 28 9 oz. ©=

TAGALONGS

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Wildly popular!
Tasty cookies topped with creamy peanut butter and covered with a luscious chocolaty coating.
Approx. Count Per Pkg: 15 6.5 oz. ©=

DO-SI-DOS

0g trans fat

Peanutty excitement!
"Naturally Good!" Crisp and crunchy oatmeal cookies with creamy peanut butter filling. No artificial color or flavor.
Approx. Count Per Pkg: 20 8 oz. ©=

LEMON CHALET CREMES

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The height of lemon flavor!
Uniquely designed to feature Our Chalet, this delicious vanilla sandwich has a hint of cinnamon-ginger spice and a refreshing zesty lemon creme filling.
Approx. Count Per Pkg: 20 8 oz. ©=

NEW! THANK U BERRY MUNCH

0g trans fat

With gratitude and premium cranberries!
Real premium cranberries provide a delightful tartness in these hearty cookies sweetened with creamy, white fudge chips. Crispy rice delivers a satisfying crunch. Thank U for supporting Girl Scouts.
Approx. Count Per Pkg: 14 6 oz. ©=

NEW! DULCE DE LECHE

0g trans fat

As fun to say as they are to eat!
Inspired by the classic confections of Latin America, these sweet, bite-size cookies are rich with milk caramel chips.
Approx. Count Per Pkg: 22 6 oz. ©=

All products contain wheat, soy and milk ingredients. Do-si-dos and Tagalongs contain peanuts. Lemon Chalet Cremes may contain peanuts. Dulce de Leche may contain peanuts and tree nuts. Trefoils and Thank U Berry Munch may contain tree nuts or traces of tree nuts. Go to www.littlebrownie.com for the most current cookie information.

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