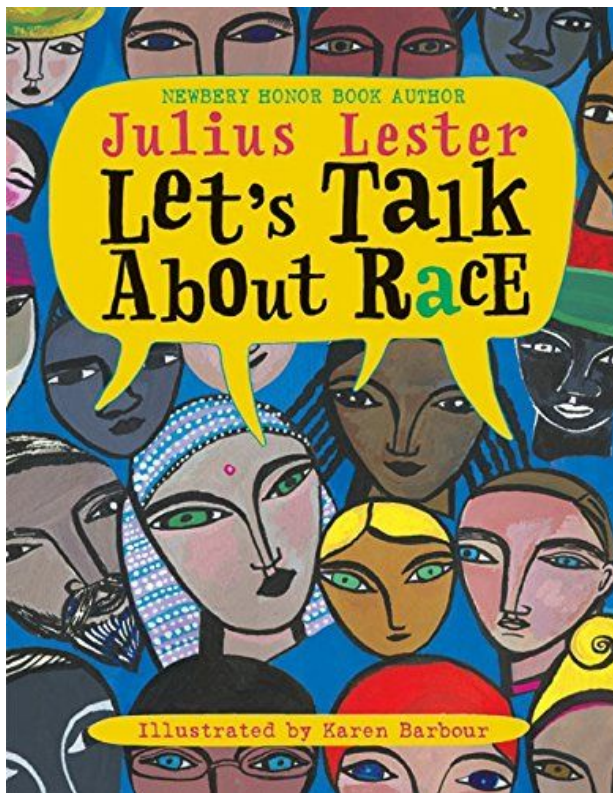




HILLTOP HUSKIES

June 2020

So many people are hurting and crying out for justice. It's ok if you're not quite sure what to do or say. But we can listen. We can learn. And we can take action as parents and educators and be there for our children. [Here is a place to start.](#)



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PTSA BOARD Meeting

Thursday June 11 at 7PM

Email HilltopElemPTSA to get the ZOOM link for the virtual meeting.

STAY CONNECTED!

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Hilltop Families,

The 2019-20 school year is one for the history books! I appreciated all the positive encouragement parents have provided to our staff as we navigated the continuous learning model. I hope you have also heard our staff's messages of appreciation for the parents and guardians of Hilltop. We know that you have guided your children throughout this whole process, and that it is challenging to manage a work life, a home life, and having students learning at home.

We do not yet know if we will start the 2020-21 school year as normal or with some portion of continuous learning. We are as eager as you to find out what is decided by the State, the District, and the Health Department. In the meantime, at Hilltop, we are taking three steps this month to be prepared for fall.

- 1) As a staff, we are exploring how we can have more consistency in the platforms that we use. We want to be responsive to families with siblings, and create a consistent experience from year-to-year.
- 2) Our Positive Behavior and Intervention Support Committee and Counselors are exploring how we can respond to social-emotional learning needs that will be present due to the lack of practice with peer interactions during this time.
- 3) We are asking parents and guardians to fill out [this survey](#) to let us know more about your students' experience with continuous learning.

It's important to note that at the school level, we won't have any control whether we do or do not use a continuous learning at home model. However, your feedback will help us to know what worked for your children and where we should make adjustments if we do this again.

During this week's staff meeting, we took a pause in our planning for next year to deepen our understanding of the roots of institutional racism and its impact on our students. There is so much pain occurring in our nation and in our community right now. The senseless killing of George Floyd has brought the impact of racism to the forefront of our minds. We explored ways that we can be allies for our Black students and ways we can take action to ensure a safe environment for all students that last beyond the protests. I really want to make all students and families feel they belong and are valued at Hilltop. It is critical that we continue to examine ourselves and that we continue to identify and remove practices that create inequities in our education system. If you would like to share your thoughts with me about this, please send me an email. I am interested in hearing from anyone in our community.

This community has made me feel very welcomed this year. Whatever comes next year, I look forward to navigating with you and our staff. This year has highlighted that the home-school partnership is one of the key strengths to schools that do best at meeting student needs. I look forward to continuing to

partner with you, and I cannot wait until I get to be with our students once again.

Warmly,

Melissa Somoza, Principal

SomozaM341@edmonds.wednet.edu



Counselors' Corner

Whew!! Hilltop Huskies - you are almost there!

It is hard to believe that we are only a couple of weeks away from the end of this no-one-could-have-imagined school year. As summer vacation approaches, many of you may be wondering, "How in the world am I going to entertain my kiddos for yet another 3 months?" Fortunately, we are going to point you in the direction of some suggestions....

What follows is from a May 22nd CNN news article written by Katia Hetter. One piece that we really like about this article is that even before the many summer suggestions, the article begins by encouraging families to dream big and create their summer wish lists together. This gives parents a view into their child's heart and mind.

Enjoy these excerpts from:

[Summer is not completely canceled.](#)

[Here are 100 things we can do with or without kids.](#)

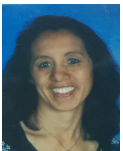
It's time to write down a list of activities you and your family want to do this summer. It's an exercise that will free you from the limits of your four walls. Number your list from one to however far you get and maybe even write it down on actual paper. This is not a homework assignment. It's about finding the joy that still exists inside you — kids and adults alike. Get the first few ideas out. Now keep going, because that's when the ideas get ridiculous and really fun.

Want to walk on the moon? Write it down. Want to play Quidditch with J.K. Rowling? Write it down. Want to use all those wacky kitchen devices you've never removed from their boxes? Time to write those ideas down. No, you can't actually fly to outer space right now, but you could stargaze at night and watch the scheduled SpaceX launch to the International Space Station. My kid hasn't figured out how to play real Quidditch but we do have Ravenclaw-like robes and the Harry Potter edition of Clue, so we can figure it out. We may try to make butterbeer too.

If you want to know what your kids are thinking these days, ask them to make their own lists (and don't critique them). They'll tell you what they're thinking in those lists. And some of their ideas will be possible. Nothing you or your loved ones write down means we won't still be scared or can't get sick or that we won't be in danger anymore. But it can get you to figure out what's important to you, get your kids to think about what's still possible and fun, and connect you to the people you love (even by Zoom).

Here are some favorites from the list in the article just to get you started.....

- **Family dance party:** Host a family dance party to all sorts of different music and show the kids you can boogie (or salsa). Invite more guests via Zoom.
- **Random birthday cake night:** It doesn't have to be anyone's birthday to bake a cake and top it with buttercream frosting to eat and share with neighbors.
- **Use that equipment:** Is there kitchen equipment in your closet or attic that you've never used? It's time to get out that pasta or Popsicle maker and learn how to use it.
- **Your kid's story:** Have your kids write and illustrate a book about the day they were born. (They can interview you or not).
- **Paint with your family:** Arrange a family painting session, with supplies, snacks and a good playlist, and choose a painting to replicate. Learn about one another's artistic tastes and explore your chosen artistic style.
- **Question a day:** If the grandparents live far away, try connecting them with your kids with a question a day. What's your favorite ice cream? Stuffed animal? Why do we love koalas so much?
- **Look for the stars:** Watch the International Space Station overhead, look for multiple meteor showers and get tips from NASA on when to spot specific stars and planets.



Have FUN and ENJOY your summer!!

[Denise Mullins](#) and [Corey Anderson](#)

Your Hilltop Counseling Team



STUDENT COUNCIL

Please check out this [short message](#) from Student Council.

We are so grateful for our community during this time!



End-of-the-Year Virtual Event



YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

Sixth Grade Sendoff

LIVESTREAM EVENT
JUNE 19 • 1:00 PM PST



And an acknowledgement of student leaders from all grades, who were active in:
🐾Husky Helpers 🐾Color Guard 🐾Library Helpers 🐾Patrol 🐾Student Council 🐾

VISIT THIS UNLISTED [YouTube LINK](#) FOR HILLTOP FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

Special 6th Grade Pick Up Time & Staff Wave

Sixth Graders are invited to pick up certificates and yearbooks on

Friday, June 19th from 10:30-Noon.

Come wave to your sixth grade teachers and other staff members who want to wish you well.

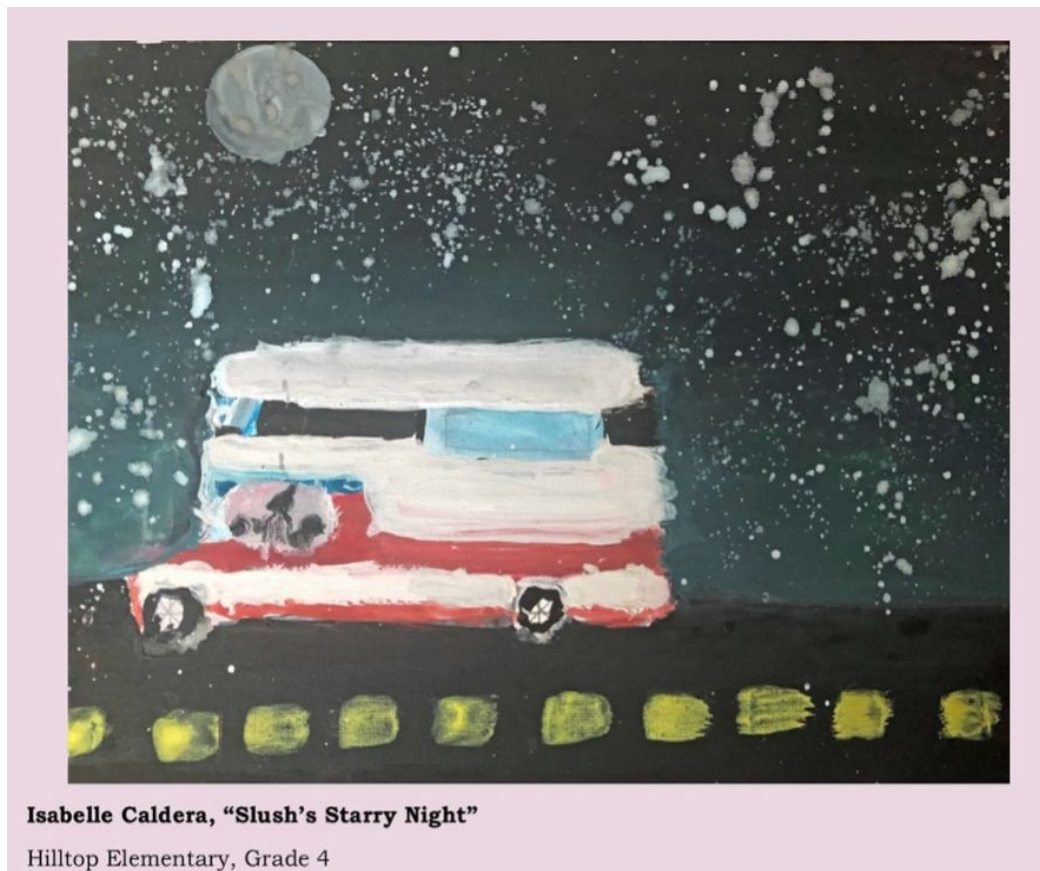
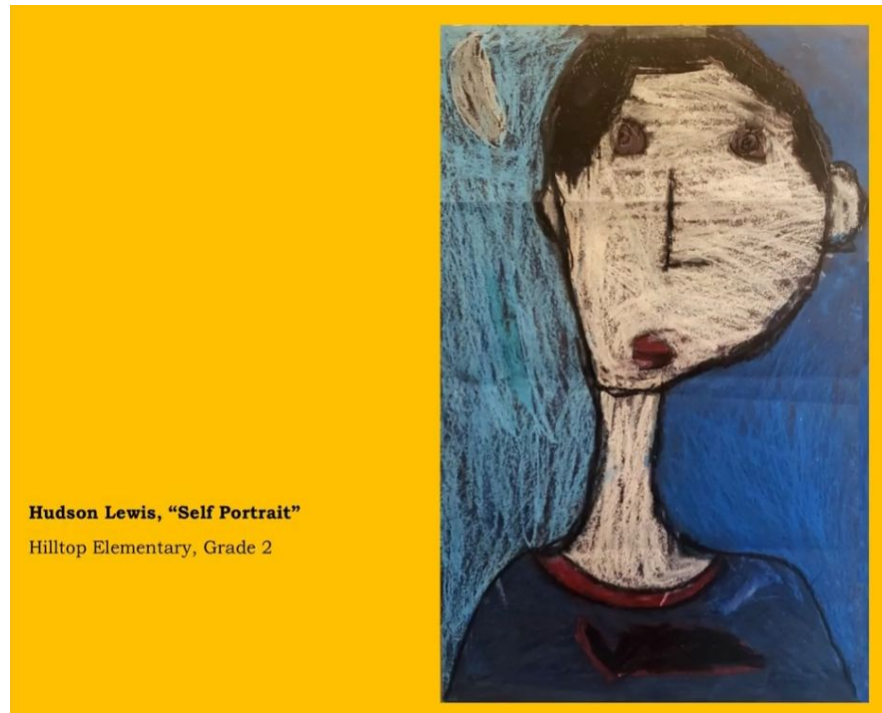
We will have signs that you can see while you drive through in your car.

For all other grades, please see the times listed in [Important Dates](#)

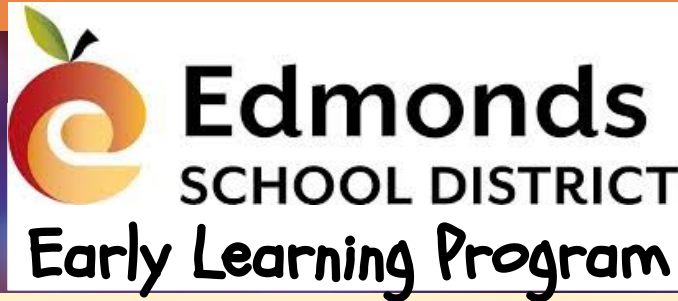


Edmonds School District 2020-2021 Calendar

Many of our students submitted their artwork to be featured in the Edmonds School District calendar. A couple pieces created by our students were chosen. Congratulations Hudson and Isabelle! Keep creating, Hilltop!



HELPFUL NEWS



Washington State Department of
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



Snohomish County
Human Services



Pre-school Programs 2020-2021 School Year

Family Pre-K at various school locations

Free

- For 4 and 5 year olds, during the year before they enter kindergarten
- Focuses on six developmental areas: literacy, language, math, cognitive, motor, and social-emotional
- 2-hour sessions twice a week
- Starts in October, morning and afternoon sessions available
- Parents or guardian MUST attend with child
- Provides coaching and strategies for parents to help prepare children for kindergarten
- No income requirement, open to children NOT attending other preschool/child care programs

To register,
call (425) 431-1018 or
email: pre-k@edmonds.wednet.edu

Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) at Mountlake Terrace Elementary School

- For income-eligible children 3 – 4 years old
- Play-based activities that support reading/writing, language, math, art, science, and social skills
- Health and developmental screenings
- Nutritious meals
- Connections to community resources
- Family fun nights
- Half-day classes available

For enrollment information,
call (425) 431-3339 or (425) 431-3348

Programas preescolares Ciclo escolar 2020-2021

Prekínder en familia en varias escuelas

¡GRATIS!

- Para niñas(os) de 4 y 5 años, durante el año antes de entrar al kínder.
- Con enfoque en seis áreas del desarrollo: Alfabetización, lenguaje, matemática, cognitiva, motriz y socioemocional.
- Sesiones de 2 horas, dos veces a la semana.
- Inicio en octubre. Disponibilidad de sesiones matutinas y vespertinas.
- Madres, padres o tutores DEBEN asistir con estudiantes.
- Brinda entrenamiento y estrategias a la familia para preparar a los estudiantes para el kínder.
- Sin necesidad de comprobar ingresos. Disponible para estudiantes que NO asisten a otro programa de preescolar o cuidado infantil.

Para inscripciones
Llame al (425) 431-1018 o
email: pre-k@edmonds.wednet.edu

Programa de asistencia y educación temprana (ECEAP) en la escuela primaria Mountlake Terrace

- Para niñas(os) de 3-4 años de edad que son elegibles de acuerdo con los ingresos de la familia.
- Actividades basadas en juegos que ayudan a la lectura, escritura, matemática, arte, ciencia y habilidades sociales.
- Examinaciones de salud y desarrollo.
- Alimentos nutritivos.
- Conexiones con recursos en la comunidad.
- Divertidas noches familiares.
- Clases de medio día disponibles.

Para información sobre inscripciones
Llame al (425) 431-3339 o (425) 431-3348



HELPFUL NEWS



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for the 2020-2021 school year

Registration packets can be picked up and dropped at the Edmonds Service Center or Meadowdale High School during specific times. The process can also be completed through email. Options directions are posted [here](#). *Please contact your family medical provider NOW to ask if your child's immunizations are up-to-date "for Kindergarten entrance." Due to current law, students who do not have the required immunizations or exemption paperwork can not attend school until they are in compliance.*

GRAB N' GO MEALS

[Grab N Go](#) meals are set up by Edmonds School District to provide **FREE** meals to **any** child between the ages 1 to 18. Sites are available Monday through Friday. The following locations are the closest to Hilltop Elementary.



Woodstone Apartments	16520 North Rd, Bothell	8:45-9:00 AM
Lynnwood High	18218 North Road, Bothell	10:00-10:30 AM
Ashbrooke Neighborhood	201st ST SW and 5th Ave W, Lynnwood	11:45-12:00PM
Martha Lake Elementary	17500 Larch Way, Lynnwood	12:30-1:00 PM
Alderwood Boys & Girls Club	19719 24th Ave W #10, Lynnwood	12:30-1:00 PM

More locations can be found [here](#). If you would like to contribute financially to student meals consider donating [here](#).

Thank You!

*Look for an email with a Hilltop Volunteer
Slideshow on Friday June, 5th*

(Our Virtual Volunteer Tea)



*much
thanks*

You served and we appreciate it! Thank you Hilltop 2019-2020 PTSA board!

Melissa Hawkins: President
Kaytie Makin & Noah Mellich:
Vice-presidents
Emmy Bahr: Treasurer
Michelle Collins: Secretary

Lanei Brown: membership
Tammy Wallis & Crista Jacobsen:
member-at-large
Matt Grover & Samantha Kempf:
Teacher liason



Important Dates

June 5:

Fun Friday: Virtual Volunteer “Tea”

Drive through pick up between 1:00-4:00pm

June 11th:

7PM Virtual PTSA Board Meeting.

June 17th :

Multi-Day Curbside Pick up/Drop off

18th:

Curbside Pick-up/Drop-off for June!

19th:

Please stop by during the following times to

Return: library books, classroom books and district-rented instruments

Pick-up: certificates for clubs, pre-ordered yearbooks, donated books for K & 1st graders

Wed. June 17th: 1:00-3:00 pm 4th Grade

3:00-5:00 pm kindergarten

Thurs. June 18th: 9:00-11:00 am 2nd Grade

11:00-1:00 pm 3rd Grade

1:00-3:00pm 1st Grade

3:00-5:00pm 5th Grade and ¾

Fri. June 19th: 10:30-12:00 pm 6th Grade

*Chromebooks are to be kept at home for the summer and can continue to be used for educational reasons. If you are leaving the district, please call 425-431-1211 or email

techsupport@edmonds15.org to return Chromebooks.

June 19th:

1PM Virtual End-of-Year Assembly/ 6th Grade Celebration.

June 19th:

Last Day of School

July 1st:

Last Day to Order School Supplies through [“1st Day School Supplies”](#)

August TBD:

Kindergarten Jumpstart.

Sept 9th:

First Day of School ([key dates for 2020-2021](#))

Check the school and PTSA websites for current updates



HilltopPTSA.org



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