



HILLTOP HUSKIES

November 2019

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**We would like all families to join us for Hilltop Multicultural Night!
Thursday, November 21st at 6PM**

Potluck for All Families: The purpose is for us to all come together to learn about each other. We know every family at Hilltop is unique. Imagine the food we might have; Sushi, Mac and Cheese, Tamales, Curry, Apple Pie, Lumpia, Kalua Pork, Noodles, Salmon..the possibilities are endless! Please bring a dish that represents your family. Please no nuts, label your dish for allergens and provide a serving utensil.

Display or Activity Tables: If you would like to create a display or offer an activity, please reserve a 3X5 table here: <http://bit.ly/hilltopmcn> (request edit access and it is immediately granted)

Display and activity ideas include crafts for kids, collections of heritage items, pictures, key-words from your language, traditional dress, sporting gear, music or cooking demonstrations. What are your family's customs, traditions or hobbies? We can't wait to find out!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Dear Families,

I am so thankful to be working with such a dedicated staff, passionate students and caring parents. This week, I've noticed a surge in acts of kindness and advocacy. For example, some fourth graders are writing words of encouragement to send with the candy collected for cancer patients. A third grader has offered to teach others how to draw cartoon characters at recess, and some fifth graders are using their recess to write letters to advocate for a dress code that equally impacts all students. Our entire school participated in honoring veterans at our Veteran's Day Assembly in a very moving assembly.

This type of advocacy work is at the heart of our writing curriculum. When you hear the term Writing Workshop you will know that each day's teaching includes writing strategies, and lots of practice in the writing process. At every grade level students are learning how to tell stories with personal significance, how to share their opinions in a convincing way, and how to grab the attention of the reader in informational pieces. If you have questions about our Writing Workshop please reach out to your child's teacher.

One of our school goals this year is to make sure that all families feel included, welcomed and connected to our school community. We would like to invite all families to take part in our Multi-culture Night on November 21st at 6:00 PM. I can't wait to see the displays, but I am most eager to try lots of yummy food. My husband is Nicaraguan and my roots are a mix of European cultures, so perhaps I'll bring Tres Leches cake or maybe I'll bring mac and cheese. Whatever you want to bring to the potluck is welcomed. Let's teach our children that we can celebrate our different cultures, AND we are all part of the Hilltop Elementary community.

We are happy to announce that we have made some changes to our drop-off/pick-up procedures to get more vehicles in and out of the parking lot in a quicker and safer manner. Please pull forward to as far past the crosswalk as possible. This will get more cars off of Damson Road and ensure that your child is being supervised by our staff. It may feel faster for you to drop off a child near the bike racks, but it stops all of the traffic behind you and leads to back-ups on Damson Road. Back-ups on Damson block the sightlines of our crossing guards and puts our student walkers in danger. [Click here](#) for more details on our new process. Note: If you are meeting a student in our courtyard, please stand near the benches, away from the curb, so classes can walk by you.

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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A few reminders as the weather is changing:

- If driving, give yourself a little extra time for travel to and from school to set your child up for a successful day. The ideal drop off time is 8:20-8:30AM.
- Dress your child for the weather from head to toe! The only extra clothes we have at school are for bathroom accidents.
- Be sure your child's name is on the tag of coats and sweatshirts. If you are missing something, please stop by the Lost and Found. Items not picked up by November 26th, will be donated to Clothes for Kids.

Warmly,

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HILLTOP HAPPENINGS



Thank you for all the candy donations made to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. It was wonderful to receive so many donations and it was the largest annual donation Hilltop has made since we started the program 4 years ago!



**Thursday, December 12th
from 6 – 8 pm**

School Calendar

2019-2020 School Event Calendar

August 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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Date Change

August 17th School ground clean-up 9-11 am

February 2020						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

February

5 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
14 Half Day / Early Release
17 President's Day - No school
18 No School
21 Dance

September 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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September - General Meeting/Open House

3 No school - Meet the Teacher 4-5 PM
4 First Day of School
5 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
6 Back to School Picnic - Field 6:00 - 8:00
9 First day of Kindergarten
9 6th Grade Camp & Curriculum
12 Staff Appreciation Lunch
13 Half Day / Early Release
18 6th Grade camp
19 Get 1-5 Curriculum Night & PTSA General Meeting
26 Picture Day
27 Fun Run

March 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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March

5 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
6 Staff Appreciation Lunch
11-13 Parent Conferences / Half Days / Early Release
13 No School
16-20 Book Fair
19 Open House + Art show

October 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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October

3 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
4 Half Day / Early Release
5 Celebration Schools Foundation 5k Run
18 No School
21-25 Parent Conferences / Half Days / Early Release
21-25 Book Fair
25 Carnival

April 2020						
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April

7 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 7:00
8-10 Spring Break - No School
11 STEAM
24 Half Day / Early Release

November 2019						
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November

7 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
8 Veterans Day / Assembly / Half Day EPR
11 Veterans Day (observed) - no school
15 Staff Appreciation Lunch
21 Multi-cultural Potluck
27-29 Thanksgiving Break - no school

May 2020						
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May

7 PTSA General Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
8 Moms & Muffins / Half Day / Early Release
15 Staff Appreciation Lunch
22 No School
25 Memorial Day - No school

December 2019						
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December

5 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
12 Skate night
20 Half Day / Early Release
12-23-13 Winter Break

January 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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January

1-3 Winter Break
9 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
13 MLK Assembly
16 PTSA General Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
17 Staff Appreciation Lunch
17 Move night
20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
24 Half Day / Early Release
27 No School

June 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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June

4 Volunteer Tea
4 PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30 - 8:30
12 Dads & Donuts
Field Day
6th grade graduation
Last day of school - early release*

*Show Make-up Days, if needed, will be in this order: June 29, May 22, June 22, 23, 24
Note: Dates are subject to change as needed

District Calendar



2019-2020 Family and Community Calendar

Please note: There is also a staff specific version of the 2019-2020 school year calendar.

AUGUST 2019					SEPTEMBER 2019					OCTOBER 2019					NOVEMBER 2019					DECEMBER 2019					JANUARY 2020									
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Aug 28-29 Professional Development Days (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)

Sep 2 Labor Day

Sep 3 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)

Sep 4 First Day of School

Sep 20 Early Release (all grades)

Oct 4 Early Release (all grades)

Oct 18 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)

Oct 21-25 Grades K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release, K-6)

Nov 8 Early Release (all grades), End of First Quarter

Nov 11 Veterans Day (observed)

Nov 27 Teacher Noncontract Day/Non-Student Day

Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving Break

Dec 20 Early Release (all grades)

Dec 23-Jan 3 Winter Break

Jan 1-3 Winter Break continued

Jan 20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan 24 Early Release (all grades), End of First Semester

Jan 27 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)

FEBRUARY 2020					MARCH 2020					APRIL 2020					MAY 2020					JUNE 2020					JULY 2020									
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Feb 14 Early Release (all grades)

Feb 17 Presidents' Day

Feb 18 Teacher Noncontract Day/Non-Student Day

Mar 11-12 Grades K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release, K-6)

Mar 13 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student)

April 3 Early Release (all grades), End of Third Quarter

April 6-10 Spring Break

April 24 Early Release (all grades)

May 8 Early Release (all grades)

May 22 Professional Development Day (Teacher Contract/Non-Student), Snow Make-Up Day (if needed)*

May 25 Memorial Day

June 12 Early Release (all grades)

June 18 Last Day of School (Early Release), End of Second Semester

June 19 Snow Make-Up Day (if needed)*

June 22-24 Snow Make-Up Days (if needed)*

Jul 3 Independence Day (observed)

LEGEND



First Day of School



Early Release (all grades)



Early Release (K-6)



Non-Student Day



Holiday No School



End of Term



Last Day of School (Early Release)



Snow Make-up Day

*Snow Make-up Days, if needed, will be in this order: June 19, May 22, June 22, 23, 24