



HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Preparing for a New School Year — 2026–2027

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Getting Ready for the Start of School

Supply Lists

[Click here to view grade-level supply lists.](#)

Teacher Assignments, 2026–2027

Teacher assignments will be available in the Realtime Parent Portal in late August. Ensure all of your emergency contact information is submitted in Realtime. Please be sure all required forms under Surveys and Documents are completed first — assignments won't be visible until that's done.

Meet Our Staff

[View our 2026–2027 teaching staff on our website.](#)

School Calendars

[Closter School District Calendar](#)

[Hillside School A–F Calendar Rotation](#)

The A–F rotation tells you which day your child has specials (music, art, Spanish, PE, library, science lab, and STEM). If there's an emergency closing, such as inclement weather, the day letter rotation will shift accordingly — meaning the day letter scheduled for the day of closing will instead take effect on the day we return to school. *For example, if school is closed on a 'C' day, when we return, that day will now be a 'C' day, and the rotation will continue from there.*

Student Drop-Off — First Week of School (September 3–4, 2026)

What to Bring

- School supplies
- A snack, lunch, and a drink

Bus students will arrive at the main entrance, where staff will escort them to their assigned line-up areas.

Timing

- 8:20 AM — Students may begin lining up.

- 8:35 AM — Teachers meet students on their labeled lines before entering the building. Staff will be on hand to help
- The table below lists grade-level color-coded balloons to assist with line-up location.

Grade-Level Line-Up Locations

Grade	Color	Entrance
Kindergarten	RED	Main Entrance
Grade 1 (GOLD) & Grade 2 (GREEN)	Gold / Green	Left side of building (nearest door 8), Upper Loop
Grade 3 (PURPLE) & Grade 4 (BLUE)	Purple / Blue	Left side of building (nearest door 10), Upper Loop



Kindergarten — Main Entrance



Grade 1 & 2 — Door 8, Upper Loop



Grade 3 & 4 — Door 10, Upper Loop

Student Drop-Off — Beginning September 7, 2026

Once the first week wraps up, drop-off shifts to each grade's regular entrance door.

- Entrance doors are open from 8:20 AM to 8:39 AM.
- Students enter at their designated entrance door and line up outside their classroom.
- Teachers welcome students into the classroom at 8:35 AM.
- Students are supervised in the hallways outside their classroom, and staff is available each day to help students find their way.

Please note: students arriving after 8:40 AM are tardy and must enter through the main entrance — all other doors are locked and secured at that time.

Grade-Level Entrance Doors

Grade	Entrance
Kindergarten, Grade 1, and ALL bus students	Main Entrance
Grade 2 and Grade 3 (Bachmann)	Left side of building, door 8 — Upper Loop

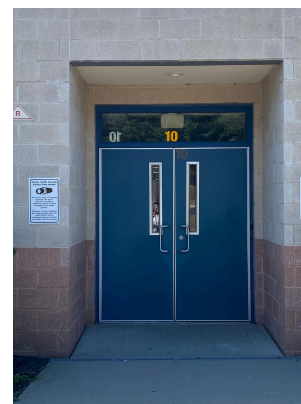
Grade	Entrance
Grade 3 (Belnick, Esposito, Finan, Gerbig, Jimenez) & Grade 4 (Eddy, Brown)	Left side of building, door 10 — Upper Loop
Grade 4 (Cohen, Moskowitz, Sidrow, Talty)	Main Entrance



Main Entrance



Door 8, Upper Loop



Door 10, Upper Loop

Student Dismissal (All Year)

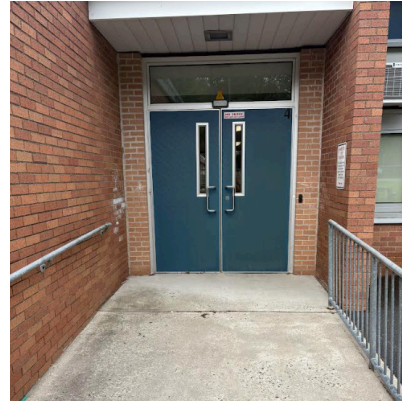
Students are dismissed at 3:15 PM.

Grade-Level Dismissal Doors

Grade	Dismissal Location
Kindergarten (Ms. Manning – C162, Ms. Lee – C153, Ms. Ramm – C159, Ms. Weis – C156, Ms. Yu – C139)	Dismissed from exterior classroom doors
Grade 1 (Dunn, Koniuch, Pleus)	Courtyard, near modular, door 6
Grade 1 (Carpenter, Corio, Kawaguchi/Hollywood)	Near fenced-in area of the Kindergarten rooms near Ms. Lee & Ms. Weis, door 4
Grade 2 and Grade 3 (Bachmann)	Left side of building, door 8 — Upper Loop
Grade 3 (Belnick, Esposito, Finan, Gerbig, Jimenez) & Grade 4 (Eddy, Brown)	Left side of building, door 10 — Upper Loop
Grade 4 (Cohen, Moskowitz, Sidrow, Talty)	Main Entrance



Grade 1 (Dunn, Koniuch, Pleus) — Door 6, Courtyard



Grade 1 (Carpenter, Corio, Kawaguchi/Hollywood) — Door 4

A Friendly Reminder: families with multiple children should use one drop-off and pick-up location — the one for your youngest child.

We can't wait to welcome our Cubs back to school!