



HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

June 12, 2026

[Hebrew translation](#)

[Korean translation](#)

[Spanish translation](#)

To Note

- We appreciate your understanding and support as our staff dedicated considerable time and care to developing class lists for the upcoming school year. This process involves thoughtful consideration of various factors, including student personalities, the distribution of those receiving support services (such as Special Education, PLUS, ESL, and related services), class size balance, and academic levels. Our goal is to create well-balanced classrooms that foster a positive and productive learning environment for all students. **Our staff has completed the process of classroom assignments for the 2026-27 school year.** Assignments for the 2026-7 school year will be available for viewing in the Realtime Parent Portal in late August. Please note that we are unable to accommodate specific teacher requests, as our placement process is designed to consider the best overall fit for each student within the broader classroom community.
- The Parent Portal will open to view trimester three grades on the afternoon of June 24. Families will receive a text notification to alert them when grades are available.
- If your child will not be returning to Hillside School for the 2026-27 school year, please email Ms. Callahan (callahanr@nvnet.org) as soon as possible.

From The School Nurse

It is hard to believe this school year is coming to an end! If your child has medication kept in the nurse's office, it will need to be picked up at the main entrance on the following dates:

- Tuesday, June 23, 2026 between 11:40- 12:40 P.M. or
- Wednesday, June 24, 2026 between 8:15 A.M- 9:15 A.M.

All medication must be picked up by the parent/guardian—medications are not permitted to be sent home with a student. Any medication that is remaining in the health office after the last day of school will be discarded.

Just a reminder, medication orders must be renewed annually. Forms will be available in the health office for next year when you pick up your child's medication.

Thank you for your cooperation. Have a safe and healthy summer!

In The Halls of Hillside

During the year, you will find information about what our students are learning in Music, Physical Education, Art, Spanish, Science, STEM and Library.

From Ms. Jost, Science Teacher

Science Lab projects to close out our 25-26 year:

Kindergarten: How can we use the science of push, pull and bounce to design and build a fun mini golf course for our class?

1st Grade: What happens when we put different materials in front of a flashlight and how can we use this to help us make shadow puppets?

2nd Grade: How can we change the properties of materials to make them better for building tall towers and strong towers?

3rd Grade: How do forces help objects move or stay still? How can we use these ideas to design, build and test a model of an ice board?

4th Grade: How does the shape of a wind turbine blade affect the amount of energy the turbine produces? Which one of our two blade designs will generate the most energy when tested with a meter?

Counselor's Corner

This week, we're sharing our [ICARE Wrapped](#) to look back at the highlights, lessons, and memorable moments from the ICARE program throughout the year. We hope you enjoy this reflection on the learning, growth, and connections that ICARE has fostered for our students. Thank you for your continued support of the ICARE program and for partnering with us to help our students thrive!

Parent Tip

As summer approaches, some children may begin to experience "pre-summer dread" which is a quiet anxiety about the upcoming change in routine and being away from the caring adults and

structure they rely on during the school year. While many children are excited for summer break, others may feel uncertain about the transition.

One way families can help is by keeping routines as consistent as possible, including regular sleep schedules, activities, and opportunities for social connection. Talking positively about summer plans while also acknowledging children's feelings can help ease worries and build confidence.

Check out more tips [here](#).

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support as we help our students finish the school year strong!

Monday, June 22nd: Wear your brightest colors to celebrate that summer is here!

Upcoming Dates

6/17- Bike To School event

6/18, 22, 23, 24-Early dismissal (K-4 at 12:40, PK at 12:30)

6/19- Juneteenth, school closed

6/22- Wear bright colors to welcome summer!

6/24- Last day of school

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN!

Students must be five years old on or before October 1, 2026 to be eligible for kindergarten.

Register today! www.closterschools.org

Bike To School With The Closter Police

ANNUAL BIKE *to* SCHOOL



WITH THE CLOSTER POLICE!



WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 17



MEET AT
CLOSTER POLICE
HEADQUARTERS



CHILD MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT



HELMETS
REQUIRED



SAFE RIDES. STRONGER COMMUNITY.



Closter Celebrates America's 250th Anniversary



Closter's Townwide Celebration

On Saturday, June 13, 2026, our town will celebrate America's 250th anniversary. The day will start with a Parade at 11:30am, an all-day family fun event with "FREE" kids rides including pony rides and a petting zoo, live performances, reading of the Declaration of Independence, reading of winning student essays, historical talks about Closter, food from the revolutionary era, live music and more. We will conclude the festivities with fireworks at approximately 9pm. The rain date is 6/14/26, with the same time schedule. Please save the date and plan on coming!



FREE CHINESE CULTURAL DANCE PROGRAM

CLOSTER CHINESE ASSOCIATION

DANCE • CULTURE • COMMUNITY

Join us for a fun and engaging program that celebrates Chinese culture through dance, music and friendship!

WHEN: SATURDAYS 10:00 AM

WHERE: CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
280 High Street, Closter, NJ 07624

SCAN FOR DETAILS

LEARN
Traditional Chinese Dance

ENJOY
Music, Rhythm & Movement

BUILD
Confidence & New Friendships

CELEBRATE
Our Culture Together

AGES: 7-12
Open to students of all backgrounds

WHAT TO WEAR:
Comfortable clothes and sneakers

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
All are welcome!

4-WEEK PROGRAM
ENDING WITH A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE!

Come dance with us and be part of something amazing!

CLOSTER CHINESE ASSOCIATION
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