Hillside Happenings

November 20, 2026

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Happy Thanksgiving!

As Thanksgiving approaches, we would like to thank you for your support and partnership. We are grateful for the kindness and joy your children bring to Hillside. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable holiday with friends and family!



Parent Teacher Conferences

Hillside School's parent/teacher conferences will be held during the week of November 30, with Tuesday, December 1, as an early dismissal for students. (PK-12:20 p.m., K-4 -12:40 p.m.)
Your child's teacher will provide information for scheduling your conferences.
If you would like to conference with staff members other than your child's teacher (Plus, Art, Music, Physical Education, Science, STEM, Library, Occupational Therapist, Speech/Language Pathologist, and Special Educators), please contact that staff member directly. Email contacts can be found on our website.

As a reminder, Hillside staff have assigned parking spots reserved for their use. Visitors should **park only in designated visitor spaces, numbered spaces 95-136 in the upper loop, or on the street. An open numbered parking spot does not indicate it is available for visitors.** This is especially important during parent-teacher conferences. Ensuring staff spaces remain open helps prevent delays and contributes to a smooth experience for all attendees. We encourage you to plan ahead and utilize the designated visitor parking areas or street parking.

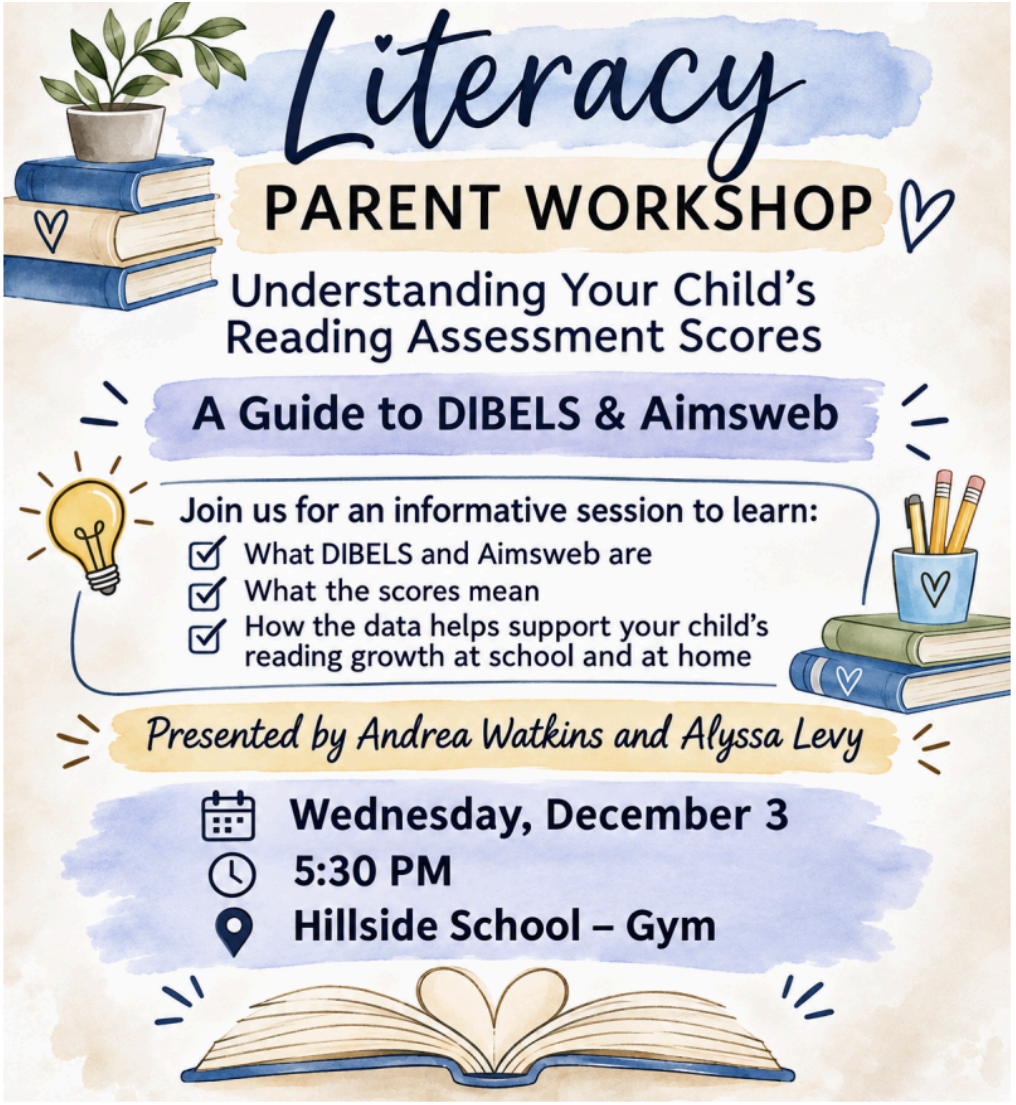
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Report Cards

The first trimester concludes on December 3, 2026. Parents can expect an email and text notification to view report cards through Realtime on the afternoon of December 10, 2026.

Parent Information on Literacy Screener for Students in Grades K-3

Join our reading specialists, Ms. Levy and Ms. Watkins, to learn more about the literacy screener. If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to join via Google Meet using Parent Literacy Meeting link. Video call link: https://meet.google.com/grt-aarb-rzk



Counselor's Corner

Friendships are an important part of a child's school experience. Learning how to be a good friend, work through disagreements, understand others' feelings, and show appreciation are all skills that help children build positive relationships.

This month, our ICARE theme is Friendship and Conflict Resolution! Through short, intentional weekly video lessons shared with all students, we are connecting friendship to social skills, emotional awareness, mindfulness, and learning. We are also reinforcing these skills through in-person classroom lessons.
❤️ November ICARE Theme: Friendship and Conflict Resolution

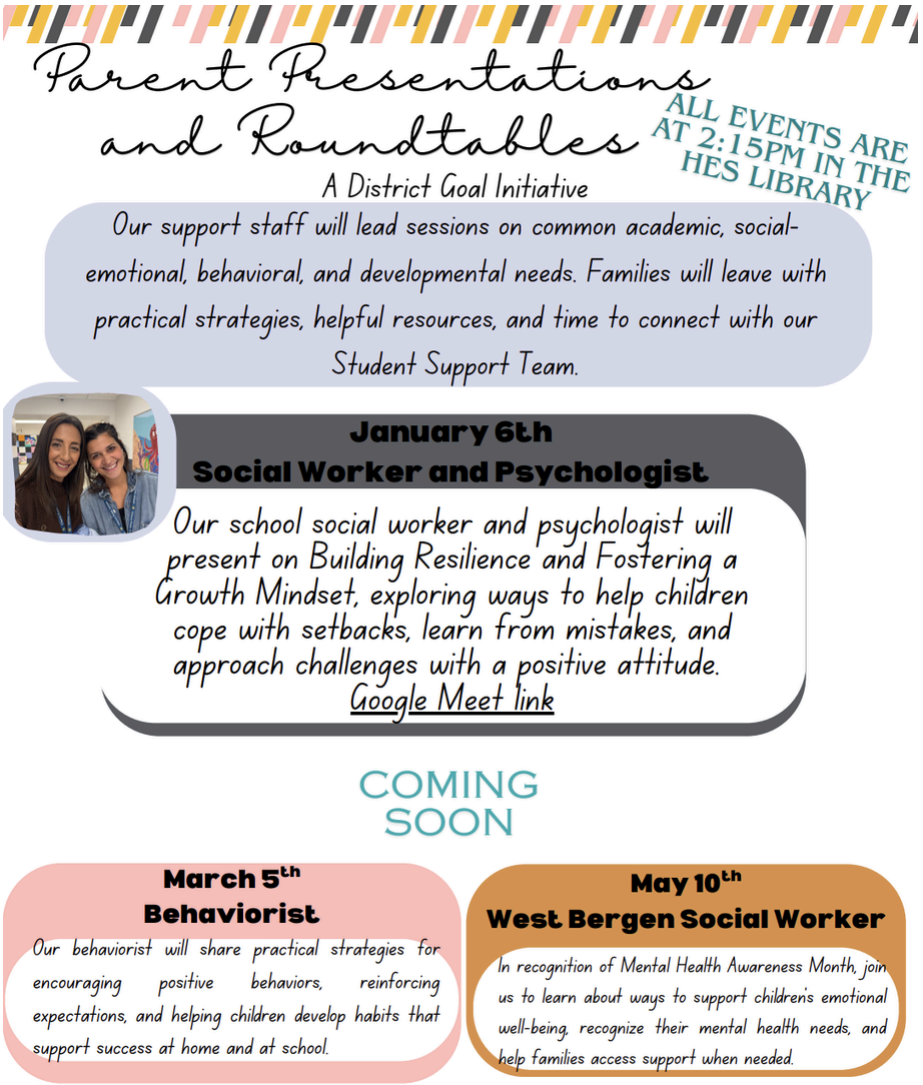
Throughout November, students are exploring what it means to build and maintain healthy friendships. Our weekly lessons so far have included:
🎥 Friendship Starts with Us
🎥 Feelings in Friendship
🎥 Mindful Friends: Notice, Understand, Respond

During our in-person classroom lessons, both counselors are continuing these conversations by helping students practice friendship skills, develop problem-solving strategies for conflicts, and recognize the importance of gratitude in our relationships.

Parent Presentation

Thank you to the families who attended the November 16 Parent Presentation. The presentation is linked here. Please join us for the next date!

Save The Date



Upcoming Dates

11/25- Early dismissal (PK-12:20 p.m., K-4 at 12:40 p.m.)
11/26- Happy Thanksgiving, school closed
Week of November 30- Parent Teacher Conferences
12/1- Early dismissal (PK- 12:20 p.m., K-4 -12:40 p.m.)
12/3- Literacy Screener Information Session for Parents of Students K-3, 5:30 p.m. in the Hillside gym

Reminders

Student Safety During Arrival and Dismissal

Drivers **must remain inside their vehicles** at all times. If your child needs assistance entering or exiting the vehicle, please park in a designated parking space.

Do not double-park or ask your child to walk through the pickup line to reach your vehicle. **This is extremely dangerous and puts children at risk.**

Keeping our children safe requires the entire Hillside community to follow arrival and dismissal procedures. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to student safety.

District calendar for the 2026-27 school year linked here.

A-F letter day rotation linked here.



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