



The Parent Hill  
Informed  
Week of 3/12

### Principal's Memo

We're sending a huge shout out of gratitude to the families that have contributed \$1,500 toward our \$5,000 goal to celebrate students! Please help us continue to purchase items for our school store and items for our monthly celebration by visiting: <https://www.gofundme.com/hillstudentcelebration>

Each month, we celebrate students in the gym. In addition, we host volleyball, basketball and floor hockey games throughout the year. We would love to complete the gym by adding motorized bleachers that will seat over 250 spectators. If you would like to help fund this project, please visit here: <https://www.gofundme.com/hill-gym-bleacher-fund>

At Hill, we strive to create a *joyful* and *academically robust* learning environment for all students that is *rooted in relationships*.

Monday, March 12

- **First Signature Classes of Q4**
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Spanish Club**; 2:45-3:45 in 223
- **Baseball Practice**; 3:00 @ Hill
- **Floor Hockey Practice**; 3:00-4:30 in Gym
- **Girls Soccer @ Bill Roberts**; 4:00
- **Boys Lacrosse Practice**; 3:00 @ Hill
- **Girls Lacrosse Practice**; 5:00 @ Hill
- **CSC**; 5:00-6:30 in Room 115

Tuesday, March 13

- **Floor Hockey @ Denver Discovery**; 3:45-5:45
- **Baseball Practice**; 3:00 @ Hill
- **Girls Soccer Practice**; 3:00-4:30 @ Hill
- **Dance Practice**; 3:00-4:30
- **Girls Tennis Tryouts**; 3:00-4:15 @ Hill

Wednesday, March 14

- **Dance Practice**; 3:00-4:30
- **Dungeons & Dragons Club**; 3:00-4:30 in TBD
- **Baseball Practice**; 3:00 @ Hill
- **Floor Hockey Practice**; 3:00-4:30 in Gym
- **Girls Soccer Practice**; 3:00-4:30 @ Hill
- **Boys Lacrosse Practice**; 3:00 @ Hill
- **Girls Lacrosse Practice**; 5:00 @ Hill
- **Boys Tennis Tryouts**; 3:00-4:15 @ Hill

Thursday, March 15

- **Shakespeare Music Club**; 2:45-4:00 in Room 17
- **Art Club**; 2:45-3:45 in Room 120
- **Comics & Collecting Club**; 2:45-3:45 in Room 223
- **Baseball @ McAuliffe**; 4:00
- **Floor Hockey Practice**; 3:00-4:30 in Gym
- **Girls Soccer @ McAuliffe**; 4:00
- **ELA PAC Meeting**; 5:30-7:00 in Room 20
- **Co-ed Tennis**; 3:00-4:00 @ Hill
- **Europe Trip Info Meeting**; 6:00 in Room 115

Friday, March 16

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 17; MSU Solo and Ensemble Festival

### 2018-2019 ELECTIVES

On Monday, current 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive their elective choice forms during Period 3, and current 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive their elective choice forms during Period 5. Forms will be due back during Period 3 and 5 on Thursday, March 15. Students must get teacher signatures on all classes that have a pre-requisite, which are denoted with an asterisk. For classes that exceed capacity, we will have a lottery and students not selected will receive their alternate choice(s). Please help communicate that a signature does not guarantee students a spot in the class.

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking an Arts Communications Volunteer for 2018-19 school year. Are you handy with Microsoft Word and words? Would you like to support the Arts at Hill with a little of your own time, on your own time? Next year, the Arts Communications Volunteer will use the existing brand and templates to keep Hill Arts looking sharp and the Hill Community well-informed (1-2 hrs/month; training provided). Contact [leslie.baer@energyintersections.com](mailto:leslie.baer@energyintersections.com), 303-887-0440 or any Arts Faculty member. You can have a big impact!

### SPRING STRENGTHENING FAMILIES @ HILL

There is still time to sign up for the spring Strengthening Families Program at Hill this year. Designed for parents & students, this 7-week evidence-based family skills training program is found to significantly improve parenting skills and family relationships. Classes will begin March 22<sup>nd</sup> and will take place Thursday evenings, from 5:00-7:30pm. Free dinner is provided along with daycare for younger children. If you are interested in signing your family up or would like to learn more about the program, please contact Hill's Prevention Specialist, Alice Franco, at 720-423-3144 or [Alice\\_Franco@dpsk12.org](mailto:Alice_Franco@dpsk12.org).

### MARTCH MADNESS

All students are welcome to participate in Ms. Novy's 2018 "mARTch MADness"! Students who are in art class will complete brackets in class this week. If there are any students who do not currently have Visual Arts this term, but would like to be included and complete a bracket, they need to see Ms. Novy during the day or after school to get a bracket. All brackets need to be completed and submitted to Ms. Novy no later than the end of the day on Wednesday. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 winners.

### STUDENT WALKOUT

Hill students have organized a supervised walkout on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> to support the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and to take a stand against gun violence in schools. At 9:45 am, students will head to the field behind the school to be positioned to spell out the school's initials, MSD. At 10 am, we will begin our 17 minutes of silence to honor the 17 lives taken

during the shooting. **This is an optional walkout** and students will be supervised by school staff on the field, or can remain in class. Students who participate are encouraged to wear orange, the color that signifies support of ending gun violence. Please note: students who walkout, but don't participate in the supervised event will be considered truant. Contact [sean\\_kavanaugh@dpsk12.org](mailto:sean_kavanaugh@dpsk12.org) or [tiffany\\_almon@dpsk12.org](mailto:tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org) if you have any questions.

## FAMILY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Families are encouraged to attend the next [Family Leadership Institute](#) on **Thursday, March 15**. DPS parents and school liaisons will have the opportunity to engage in a conversation about communicating effectively. Attendees will learn about school partnership opportunities, how to identify conflict management styles and how to share their voice in the community. They will also nominate candidates to the ELA DAC Board. Food, childcare and interpretation will be provided at no cost.

## HILL STUDENTS HEADING TO CHICAGO!

Over 40 Hill students participated in MathCON, a nonprofit national mathematics organization recognized for its annual student mathematics competition for grades 5-12. This year, over 51,400 students from across the nation competed in the first round of the competition. There were 576 students invited to advance to the Finals in Chicago, Illinois May 2018. Two of those students, Owen Duffy and Lucas Nortman, will represent Hill Campus of Arts & Sciences! In addition, we have two students, Cameron DeLong and August Saldenblatt, who scored in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile and have been placed on the waitlist. Way to go Skyhawks!

## ELA PAC MEETING

On Thursday, March 15 from 5:30-7:00, our ELA PAC meeting will be offering a Marijuana Prevention Workshop. In collaboration with George Washington High School, Alice Franco, Hill's prevention specialist will be providing information how to talk with students about retail marijuana use and how to prevent its consumption. Spanish translation and child care will be provided. Some of the topics that the Free workshop covers are:

- Laws around marijuana
- Different methods of marijuana use
- Health effects on children and adults
- How to talk to your children about marijuana and prevent its consumption among youth

More information can be found at the following link: <https://www.colorado.gov/marijuana>

## MISSING ASSIGNMENTS

We will continue to support students that are missing assignments in Quarter 4. Students will have two days each week during Advisory to work with their teachers. We will also continue to offer incentives for those students that are not missing any assignments. Each Friday, students can participate in open gym, recess outside, or the popular "sleep in" option. Parents must email [Sean.Kavanaugh@dpsk12.org](mailto:Sean.Kavanaugh@dpsk12.org) if their child will be sleeping in on Fridays. The list for missing assignments is published each Monday evening, and students on the list can't earn the Friday Super SOAR incentive. **There is no Super SOAR incentive this Friday because it is the first week of the quarter.**

## STUDENT SHOUT OUT

Hill's Kate Jordan Little is the 100m Freestyle champion in Colorado! She posted a time of 59.15 seconds last weekend at the Silver State Swim Championships! She also set the Denver Tritons Swim Team club record in the 50m free at 26.78 seconds. Congratulations, Kate!

## TRIP TO EUROPE

On Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, we will host a parent/child meeting at 6:00pm to discuss the summer trip that is offered in 2019. The European Mosaic trip is organized through EF Tours and will be led by Monique Roberts. Students and families that enroll for this trip will visit cities in Germany, The Czech Republic, Austria, France and England. This trip is to encourage students to think more broadly about the world in which they live and to open their eyes to new countries and cultures. All students, families and friends are welcome to attend the March 15th information session and enroll in the trip. Please RSVP to the information session using this link [tinyurl.com/HillEurope2019](http://tinyurl.com/HillEurope2019). If you have any questions please contact Monique Roberts at [monique\\_roberts@dpsk12.org](mailto:monique_roberts@dpsk12.org).

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