



The Hill Informed  
Week of 1/21

### Principal's Memo:

Now, seemingly more than ever, we are asked to consider the words of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when he said, "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right." As we commemorate the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. today, I hope we can push pause on the events that transpired this weekend in Washington. the pending strike in Denver, and the things that are tugging at the peace and love in our hearts. Those flights will still be there tomorrow.

At Hill, we strive to create a *joyful* and *academically robust* learning environment

for all students that is *rooted in relationships*.

Monday, January 21

- No School – MLK JR Day

Tuesday, January 22

- Boys & Girls Basketball Practice; 3:00-4:30
- Art Club; 2:45
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15
- Geography Bee Final Elimination Round; 3:00-4:00 in Library

Wednesday, January 23

- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Boys & Girls Basketball Practice; 3:00-4:30
- Hill Dines Out @ California Pizza Kitchen in Cherry Creek. They will donate a portion of your total ticket. Take-out and Dine-In only.

Thursday, January 24

- Boys & Girls Basketball Practice; 3:00-4:30
- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15
- Rainbow Alliance Club; 2:50-4:00
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Band Mentoring Program; 3:00-4:00 in Room 130
- Comic Book Club; 3:00-4:00 in Room 222
- Hill PTSA Meeting: @ 6:30 in Room 121. We will be reviewing PTSA Budgets and voting on ideas for the Gala Funds. Child Care, dinner & beverages provided. Please join us!

Friday, January 25

- Girls & Boys Basketball vs McAuliffe Manual; 4:00 & 5:00 in The Hawks Nest

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/15 - Dance

### CROSS-CULTURAL EXPLORATION WEEK

Our first Cross Cultural Exploration week is here! The purpose of this week is to give our students an opportunity to learn about four different cultures that are represented at our school from trained adults who exemplify the cultures. Ultimately, we hope that through learning more information about these cultures, then getting an opportunity to discuss the learning in advisory groups, our students will develop or begin to develop an appreciation, empathy, and understanding of others. Students will have an opportunity to display art, sing, dance, recite poetry, etc. to exhibit their culture during the DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY at the end of the day on 1/28.

### SIM CITY

Congratulations to our two championship teams - Kate Little, Oliver Palmer, and Rowen Eklund's New Tampa; and Jenna Bryant, Miren Vlasic, and Ella O'Neill's City of the Wise GOATs. In addition to being the only teams to perfect to-scale construction and demonstrate masterful application of geographic and urban planning principles in their presentations, our teams took home a variety of awards. New Tampa was awarded best in sustainable design for its high-density, public-transport driven adaptation of the multiple-nuclei model and dual solution to rising sea levels. New Tampa also took home best use in materials for the team innovating a mass-production with construction paper to close a difficult deadline quickly. The floating city of Wise GOATs was awarded Best Sim City Model for their consistent use of planning principles, existing urban models, and central place theory in designing their urban pattern and managing city services. Their unique model, based on the Latin-American sector pattern applied to Amsterdam using Dutch Arkenbouw technology to leverage rising sea levels to the city's advantage for renewable energy generation, took 3rd place in the competition.

### NEXTVISTA CREATIVE STORM FILM CONTEST

Aleksander Justin-Brown and Jenna Bryant's film "SOAPS" (starring Matthew Placido) is a finalist in the NextVista Creative Storm Film Contest! <http://www.nextvista.org/soaps/>

### HILL PAC MEETING

Hill's second Parental Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be focused on our 8<sup>th</sup> grade families that are transitioning to high school. The Choice Office will be at Hill and give a short presentation and then help parents and their students completing the choice form. There will be Chromebooks available but students are encouraged to bring their Chromebooks to make sure there is enough technology for everyone. We will see you at Hill on Monday, January 28 from 5:30-7 for the high school choice process.

### THANKS, HILL PARENTS!

Barb Goldstein donated \$100 toward our gym bleacher fund! Deniz Kolozos spoke to our STEM students about Cerebral Palsy. Jean Bitzer donated carpet tiles for our new film green room. \*Our Green Architecture STEM classes would love to hear from someone in the field. Please contact [Sequoia\\_Austin@dpsk12.org](mailto:Sequoia_Austin@dpsk12.org) if you would like to be a guest speaker. As always, we thank our parents for making Hill a great place to learn!