



The Hill Informed
Week of 12/17

Principal's Memo:

Thank you to everyone who came out last week to support our Dance students. This is our first year offering Dance at Hill and it has been a smashing success! The crowd was remarkable and our students were certainly the stars of the evening. Just a reminder that students return on January 7!

School Schedule: <https://www.dpsk12.org/2018-19-school-calendar-approved/>

Sports Schedule: <http://athletics.dpsk12.org/>

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

Monday, December 17

- Girls & Boys Basketball @ Bill Roberts; 4:00
- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15

Tuesday, December 18

- Boys & Girls Basketball Practice; 3:00-4:30
- Rainbow Alliance Club; 2:50-4:00
- Art Club; 2:45
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15
- City Year Heroes Event; 5:30-7:00 in Room 02

Wednesday, December 19

- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Boys & Girls Basketball Practice; 3:00-4:30 School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15
- PTSA Hill Holidays Event; 5:00-7:00 in Cafeteria

Thursday, December 20

- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15
- Girls Basketball Study Hall; 3:00-4:30 in Library
- Boys Basketball Practice; 3:00-4:30
- 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 Science Fair Celebration; 11:30-2:00
- Hill Science Fair; 3:00-6:00 in Hill Library
- Stafford's Class Field Trip; 12:30-2:30

Friday, December 21

- Boys Basketball Practice; 3:00-4:30

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/7 Student return from Winter Break
- 1/24 PTSA Meeting

SCIENCE FAIR

Just over a week to go! All 7th & 8th grade students have a deadline of Monday, December 17th to complete their Science Fair project. Students can choose to enter their project into a judged Science Fair, which will then be considered for the DPS science fair in February, or a Science Celebration in which their project will be displayed for students/parents to appreciate. So far, we have over 50 students who have opted in to the judged portion! The school Science Fair/Celebration will take place on December 20 from 3:00-6:00 in the Hill Library & Science classrooms. If your child is not participating in the competition and you would like to volunteer as a judge, please contact llyanna_kreske@dpsk12.org

SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULES

Please have your child check their Quarter 3 schedule this week. If your child would like to request a schedule change, have them email Sean_Kavanaugh@dpsk12.org and include the period and desired course.

MESSAGE FROM PTSA

Bookies Book Fair continues! You can get your last minute holiday gifts and help the Hill PTSA through Wednesday, December 19 at Bookies. They will give 15% of your purchase to the Hill PTSA. Bookies: 4315 E Mississippi Ave.

Hill Holidays: There is still time to give Gifts for Students/Families. Collection boxes for new toys and gifts are located around the lobby. Gift cards can be dropped either with Ms. Jazmin or in the Main Office. You may also donate directly to <http://hillptsa.weebly.com/hill-cares.html> Deadline: [December 18](#).

Free Fundraisers: Remember to use your King Sooper's and Safeway cards for your holiday feast shopping. And with AmazonSmile Prime, 0.5% of your purchases will benefit the Hill PTSA.

CHROMEBOOKS

ChromeBooks are a critical part of the student experience at Hill. Access to digital educational content, tools, and learning platforms provides students with increased opportunity to access endless information, collaborate and communicate with peers/experts/students from other schools/students from across the globe, engage in critical thinking, and create like never before.

We have strong systems to ensure students can engage in digital learning at school, but we need help from parents to help students engage in safe online practices and have routines to limit or eliminate post bedtime tech usage. Please work with your child to set up a nighttime routine in which they are plugging in their Chromebook (somewhere outside of their bedroom is ideal) and putting away technology prior to bedtime. Check out Commonsensemedia.org for great parent resources to help students stay safe online and increase their digital citizenship.

Hill staff continues to reflect on and tighten up systems for limiting tech usage and monitoring the sites that students visit while at school. We are currently in the process of designing No Tech periods and days that will be implemented semester 2. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org.

WINTER HILL GEAR FUNDRAISER

Last week, your child should have brought home a Winter Hill Gear Flyer. We have designed some long-sleeve shirts, a full-zip hoodie and a beanie. You can purchase by returning the flyer with payment or by going online here: www.SpiritDrive.com/HillCampus Please support our fundraiser to purchase retractable bleachers for our gym. You can also donate directly here: https://www.gofundme.com/hill-gym-bleacher-fund&rcid=r01-154361570564-567350c4b73e4ce8&pc=ot_co_campmgmt_w

Companies that donate at least \$1,000 will get a company plaque on the gym wall for all of our community to see. Great advertisement!

WE LOVE FEEDBACK!

You can now provide us with feedback through a newly created email: HillFeedback@dpsk12.org. Please tell us how we are doing!

THE KAVANAUGH CUP RETURNS THIS WEEK

The Kavanaugh Cup is an 8th grade collaborative competition. All students were split into two teams at the beginning of the school year (team gold vs. team navy) and have been earning Kavanaugh Cup points for their respective team. Students can earn Kav Cup points for academic achievement in IXL and Accelerated Reader, being nominated for the Golden Skyhawk Award, and by winning any of the events during Kavanaugh Cup day. The team with the most points each quarter receives a reward. Have an idea for a reward that Team Gold or Team Navy could receive? Let us know!