



The Hill Informed
Week of 2/18

Principal's Memo:

Last week was difficult for teachers, staff, students, and parents. One of the things that got us through was the daily words of affirmation and encouragement from YOU. We appreciate the tremendous support and look forward to getting back to teaching and learning...The Hill Way.

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

Monday, February 18

- No School; Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 19

- Art Club; 2:45
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15
- Floor Hockey Practice; 3:00-4:15
- Boys Basketball Championship; 5:00 @ Bruce Randolph
- After-School Tutoring; 3:00-4:30 by appointment with City Year

Wednesday, February 20

- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Floor Hockey @ The Hawks Nest; 3:00
- After-School Tutoring; 3:00-4:30 by appointment with City Year

Thursday, February 21

- 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
- 7th Grade Math IXL Party; 3:00-4:00 in Library
- East HS Choir; 11:00 @ Hill
- Hill - Focused Investment DAG #2; 5:00-6:30 in Room 135
- PTSA; 6:30-8:00 in Room 135
- After-School Tutoring; 3:00-4:30 by appointment with City Year
- STEM Summer 2020 Trip Meeting; 6:00 in Auditorium

Friday, February 22

- Floor Hockey vs Slavens; 3:00 in The Hawks Nest

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/26 & 2/8 – Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2/26-2/28 – Girls Lacrosse Tryouts; 3:00-4:15
- 2/27 – Band Concert; 7:00pm
- 2/28 – Black History Month Dinner and Performances
- 2/28 – 7th Grade field trip; Denver Museum of Nature * Sciences

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We will host drop-in conferences from 4:00-8:00 on 2/26 and 6:00-8:00 on 2/28. Teachers will schedule conferences for select families on 2/28 from 4:00-6:00. We will have two Spanish interpreters for Tuesday and both Spanish & Arabic interpreters for Thursday. We will have interpretation services via the phone for all languages.

STEM OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

TechGirlz, a nonprofit tech education organization, has a free workshop for middle school girls coming up on 2/23 from 10:00-1:00. "A Day in the Life of a Web Designer" will take place at the Denver Hadley Library. Students will learn the responsibilities of a web designer from defining the site user needs to developing site architecture! Materials and snacks will be provided. Contact Sarah Fields to register at sarah@techgirlz.org

MATH IXL

It is important that our students meet and exceed grade level standards/skills. There are approximately 300 skills per grade level in Math IXL. Would you like know how your child is performing on grade level skills? How about how much time they are engaged in practicing? Students and parents are able to view skills practiced on their analytics page. You can filter this page to show data for the entire school year, the last month, or even by the day. One way to view skills practiced is to hover over the score chart. Here, you can view their skills for each grade level and strand.

Our 7th grade Math teachers are hosting a Math IXL Party this Thursday at 3:00. Students will work on IXL skills while earning prizes and redemption points for On Track/Off Track. Families can support by attending the event and/or donating snacks.

MESSAGE FROM PTSA

PTSA Meeting this Thursday, February 21, at 6:30pm at Hill. Please join us as we preview the Hill Gala, vote on Teacher Grants and more! Child care, pizza & beverage provided.

- Get your Natural Grocer's Gift cards for Feb/March!
email hillptapresident@gmail.com.
- Last week to submit your BoxTops for Hill. Deadline is Thursday, February 21.

MYTECH UPDATE

The MyTech program is hosting a Parent Focus Group to give input on what is working and areas for improvement for our Chromebook 1:1 initiative on March 7th, from 2:30 to 3:30 PM, in room 135. If you are interested in joining the focus group, please email Tiffany Almon at tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org.

STEM TRIP TO BOSTON

Is your child interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)? Would they enjoy traveling to Boston with friends? Hill is offering an opportunity for your child to experience a STEM educational tour of Boston in June 2020. Your child does not need to be enrolled in a STEM class to participate. If you are interested, there is a mandatory information meeting on Thursday, February 21 at 6 pm in the Hill Auditorium. If you have any questions before the meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us. We hope that you and your child are excited to learn more about this incredible opportunity! Warm regards, [Sequoia Austin@dpsk12.org](mailto:Sequoia_Austin@dpsk12.org) and [Justin Walker@dpsk12.org](mailto:Justin_Walker@dpsk12.org)