



The Hill Informed
Week of 2/4

Principal's Memo:

The Boys Basketball Team begins its playoff run on Monday in The Hawks Nest. This will be the final home game of the season and we would like to, once again, pack the student/parent section. Please ask your child to wear Hill Gear and come support the school. The game starts at 4:00, and we hope to see you there!

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

Monday, February 4

- Boys Basketball Playoff vs Hamilton; 4:00 in The Hawks Nest
- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:30 in Auditorium
- NO TECH MONDAY for 8th Grade Students – Students should leave Chromebook AT HOME!

Tuesday, February 5

- Art Club; 2:45
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15
- DAG Meeting; 5:00-6:30 in Room 135

Wednesday, February 6

- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- 8th grade Student Celebration; 8:00 - 8:20
- Colorado UpLift 8th grade Field Trip; 8:00-2:30

Thursday, February 7

- 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

Friday, February 8

- 7th grade Student Celebration; 8:00 - 8:20
- Tea with Tiffany; 8:30-9:00
- True North; 9:00-11:00
- Sean Out; College Visit with Son

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/11 – Parent Event: Signs of Suicide Prevention; 5:30
- 2/12 – 2020 Excursions Fair; 6:30
- 2/13 – 7th grade Theater Performance; 7:00
- 2/15 – Dance; 6:00-8:00
- 2/26 & 2/8 – Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parents are invited to come in on Friday, February 8, to help sort and label books for classroom libraries. Please join us for 30 minutes or a couple of hours between 9:30 and 2:30. Email Ginny at gklupo@yahoo.com with the time range you are available.

We have a few classrooms that need painting. We have all of the paint and supplies! Please email Sean_Kavanaugh@dpsk12.org if you are available to help in the evenings and/or Sunday mornings.

With the potential teacher strike, we may need parent volunteers to support teachers/guest teachers in the classroom and during lunch. If you are available, please contact The Family & Community Helpline at 720-423-3054 between 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.

2020 EXCURSIONS FAIR

In the summer of 2020, students will have the opportunity to go to Italy and Greece, Beijing, or Costa Rica. On February 12, come to the Excursion Fair at Hill Campus of Arts & Sciences from 6:30-8:00pm to learn about the three experiences that are being offered. You will be able to meet the teachers that are organizing the trips and gain an idea of which trip you would like to go on. You do not want to miss this!

UNIVERSAL SCREENINGS

Denver Public Schools provides free hearing, vision, dental and body mass index screenings for all 7th grade students at no cost to parents. Screening teams will be at Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences on February 8, 11 and 12. All students will be screened (unless you would like to opt your child out by contacting Merri_Hoffman@dpsk12.org).

THANK YOU!

Denise Archuleta and Archuleta Homes organized a very successful Dumpster Day at Hill that raised \$130 for our Gym Bleacher Fund! We appreciate your support!

DESIGN ADVISORY GROUP (DAG)

Schools that were built during the 1950's and 1960's, including Hill, have been selected to receive funds to transform outdated learning environments into inspiring and energizing spaces for students. Our DAG will host our first design-thinking meeting this week to discuss how we will

spend the \$1.8 million dedicated to Hill Campus of Arts & Sciences. The DAG will participate in a series of meetings with architects and the project manager to define the renovations. Focused Investment projects can include new classrooms or labs for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) courses, updates to gyms, libraries or auditoriums, and renovations to common spaces.

TRUE NORTH

At Hill we strive to create a JOYFUL and ACADEMICALLY ROBUST learning environment for ALL students rooted in RELATIONSHIPS. Those are the words we live by each and every day at our school. We would like to invite parents to participate in our quarterly True North. We want to make sure that our students are getting the opportunities they need to continue to grow and be ready for the next academic challenge.

The last few years we have had success with our English Language Learners in growing on both ACCESS and CMAS. But, we know we can do better. This year, we have had teachers participate in ICLD (Integrated Content and Language Development) in science, social studies, and electives. For the Quarter 3 True North day, we would like you to come to Hill and see how we are doing to align to our True North goals for English Language Learners.

This Friday, following Tea with Tiffany from 8:30 - 9am in room 135, there will be a short presentation on how to use an easy observation tool for EL's within their classes and then break out into various classrooms for about an hour of observations. We will end the morning with parents and community members offering feedback on what we are doing well and where we can still make growth.

If you are able to join us for the TRUE NORTH re-calibration experience, please complete this [Google form](#) so that we know how many people to expect. <https://goo.gl/forms/HQ3zJIQWIZeXLWoc2> Thank you!

MYTECH – 1:1 CHROMEBOOK INITIATIVE PARENT FOCUS GROUP

Are you interested in giving feedback on what is working well and what needs improvement in regard to our 1:1 Chromebook Initiative? If so, you are invited to participate in a 45-minute parent focus group. Email the Assistant Principal, Tiffany Almon at tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org with days of the week and times that are convenient for you to join the group. Thank you!