



# THE HAWK TALK (FAMILY)

## Principal Message

Skyhawk Families,

This week, I had many moments to reflect on the monumental shift in teaching and learning that is happening in schools across the nation and right here at HCAS. Teachers are being asked to deliver instruction in ways that they were never trained, but are rising to that challenge. This shift is not only difficult on teachers, but presents so many other challenges for our students who miss being able to learn and grow both socially and academically at school. Not only are we asked to figure out how to engage and teach our students in this new format, but are being asked to plan for a return that is hard for many of us to wrap our brains around. However, I know, this team will conquer this change one day at a time. In my reflection, it was also clear to me that our community has to attempt to ground in the same vision for a return that puts all kids first.

Over the last few weeks, I have worked with the Hill SLT (School Leadership Team) to discuss options for an optimal return for kids. The SLT is a cross representation of the school teacher teams and work alongside the school principal to make decisions that impact the school. In our many conversations, we found it necessary to ground any plan that we come up with in the school values of equity and engagement. And as we ground in these values, I am confident that we will come to consensus as a school team and community on the best in-person return for our kids.

So What's Next .....

Next week, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm via Zoom, school leaders will host a conversation (Hill's Return to In-Person Community Meeting) with families to gain some community input on our return for students. During that time, I will also share some key considerations that our school has to taken into account for a return that encompasses our rich programming and CDC safety guidelines.

Here is the link to our Return to In-Person Community Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5136190793?pwd=Rm4xTmt4TmFqNEdDSnRGcTZzeU1rQT09>

In Partnership,

Principal Adams

#SkyHawkStrong

### UPCOMING DATES

**September 14-15- Softball Tryouts, 3-4:30 pm**

**September 16- Softball Call Backs, 3-4:30 pm**

**September 16- Community Meeting, 6 pm**

**September 17- PTSA Meeting, 6:30PM**

**September 18- Hill Family Forum, 2 pm**

**September 28- No School, Non-Student Contact Day**

**September 29- Hill Dines Out- Chipotle, 4- 8pm**

**You can find more important dates, details and events on our website!**





## Hill Interest Clubs

We recognize the importance of peer relationship building in the school setting. With this in mind, we will begin interest-based clubs at Hill where students can interact with peers and an adult supervisor outside of content and instructional time. These clubs will begin remotely and continue as we transition to in-person learning. Students should fill out the following form, indicating their first, second, and third choice for the theme of the club. Over the next couple weeks, we will work to get students into their highest choice club. During club time they will also be tasked with working on quarterly projects that will enhance the Hill community.

Please fill out the survey [HERE](#).

## Chromebook Tips

- Students have now had their computers in many cases since the Spring. It is a good time to do some basic house cleaning to ensure all computers are accessing files and sites without clutter.

### Remove and Re-Add User

- 1) At the end of the next school day students should sign out.
- 2) Students should go to the little arrow to the right of their user name click it and select remove user.
- 3) Power off the device.
- 4) Power it back on.
- 5) Students will then add themselves as users again.

- User: 6-Digit Student ID (No email)

pass: 8-digit birthday (unless changed by request)

Example user: 777949 (Lunch #)

pass: 09302006 (September 30, 2006)

- Do not charge external devices in the Chromebooks. This can overload the processor and often leads to computers not being able to power on.
- Save files to your DPS Google drive not your hard drive. Files saved locally can slow your device.
- Limit your tabs in Browser during class
- Having websites open that don't pertain to your assignment can slow down your machine.
- Make sure websites accessed at home are school appropriate
- Your digital footprint is everything you do online from sites you visit to post you make on social media. Remember that your digital footprint will stay with you always. All sites you visit are logged and associated with your name.
- Also note that gaming sites and streaming sites often come with unwanted data that can damage or slow your computer. These sites can also compromise personal information.
- If you have any questions or concerns please email Joel Niebauer [joel\\_niebauer@dpsk12.org](mailto:joel_niebauer@dpsk12.org)

## Softball Tryouts

Girls softball tryouts will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00-4:30pm. Tryouts will take place on Hill's Field behind the tennis courts. The school will not be accessible to anyone during tryouts. Parents please stay in your vehicles when you drop off your student and return promptly at 4:30 for pick up. For a head count, please use the two links below to sign up for tryouts and sign the Covid-19 Waiver form. Remember you must have...

A physical, completed before you can try out. You can email your physical to [Ms. Desiree](#) or bring your signed physical form with you to the first tryout. If you need to get a physical you can go to any of [these places](#) that will do a walk in if your physician is booked. [Physical Form](#)

Please bring your own equipment and water bottle.

Use [this link](#) to sign the Covid-19 waiver, and [this link](#) to register for HCAS tryouts

## Textbook Pickup

Language Arts anchor texts will continue to be distributed on Tuesday 7:30am-12pm and 2pm-6pm and Friday 8am-3pm.



# Your Hill PTSA!

Hello Skyhawk Families!

## PTSA Membership

There is still time to join Hill's PTSA! Simply sign up at [hill.ptapal.com](http://hill.ptapal.com) - suggested donation only.

First PTSA Meeting of 20-21 School Year!

When: Thursday, September 17th @ 6:30PM

Where: Zoom - see below for login details

Topic: Hill PTSA

Time: Sep 17, 2020 06:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84518910644>

Meeting ID: 845 1891 0644

One tap mobile

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+16699006833,,84518910644# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 845 1891 0644

Find your local number: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/u/kboSc6DysR>

## UPCOMING DATES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**September 17th**, 6:30pm - PTSA Meeting via Zoom. Stay tuned for link to join.

**Hill Dine Outs** - Where you get to take the night off of cooking dinner AND a % of sales at participating restaurants is shared back with Hill!! There will be more added throughout the year, but here are a few to get the year rolling. Special SHOUT OUT to Casey Lehrer, our Dine Out volunteer extraordinaire, for doing the hard work to put these together:

**September 29th**, 4:00pm - 8:00pm - Chipotle! 33% of sales at 745 Colorado Blvd location goes back to Hill! You can order online and pick it up too. MUST USE Online Ordering Code: 8R23LYB

**October 6th**, 11:00am - 8:30pm - Mici! 20% of sales at 7th & Colorado (727 Colorado Blvd) location goes back to Hill! Dine-In, Takeout, Delivery & Catering. In-person/Phone: mention that you're "dining with Hill". Online Ordering: just add "Hill Middle School" to notes section for online orders.

**November 3rd**, timing TBD - Bertha's Baja Bistro in Mayfair (900 Jersey St). 20% of all carry-out and dine-in orders when you mention Hill.

QUESTIONS? Please reach out, We'd love to hear from you! [HILLPTAPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HILLPTAPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM)

Best, Jodi