



THE HAWK TALK (FAMILY)

Principal Message

Hey Hill Families, click [here](#) to view Principal Adams' message regarding our return to in-person schedule.

Grading Updates

At Hill, we are constantly analyzing our instructional programming to create an excellent learning opportunity for students. After school leaders received feedback from teachers on the current gradebook set up, we wanted to provide time for our teachers to revisit this topic to ensure that our gradebook captures a student's understanding of standards and the effort that they put into achieving. Students grades today, may not reflect their current standing because I have asked them to delay updating their gradebooks until next week. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we work to calibrate on this topic as a school community. We will share the updates gradebook with students and families next Friday.

Chromebook Tips!

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

• Remove and Re-Add User

- At the end of the next school day students should sign out.
- Students should go to the little arrow to the right of their user name click it and select remove user.
- Power off the device.
- Power it back on.
- 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

UPCOMING DATES

September 28- No School, Non-Student Contact Day

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

September 30- Skyhawk Express Itinerary Night (Back to School Night)

3-3:45 pm

4-4:45 pm

5-5:45 pm

October 2- Hill Family Forum, 2 pm

October 6- Hill Dines Out- Mici 11 am-8:30 pm

October 6- Family/Teacher Conferences- 3-7pm

October 6- CSC Meeting 5:30-6:30 pm

October 13- Family/Teacher Conferences- 3-7pm

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



Free RTD Passes for Youth 12-18

Do your students need an RTD pass to support their in-person attendance? [Here](#) is an opportunity for free RTD passes, thanks to a partnership with the City of Denver. As a reminder, students who traditionally receive an RTD pass from DPS will continue to do so. The Transportation team will be sharing this resource with secondary students who are traditionally transportation eligible; please reinforce this with students who would benefit. If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please contact mikhail.vafeades@denvergov.org.

Schoolpool (Carpool)

Struggling to find transportation when school returns to in-person learning? Hill is partnered with Schoolpool! Schoolpool is a secure program that helps families get their child to/from school. Get connected with Hill families who live in your neighborhood to form carpools, RTD groups, walking groups or biking groups to and from school, best of all it's free! Families must opt-in to participate. Click [here](#) for more information

Skyhawk Itinerary Night (Back To School Night)

On Wednesday, September 30th we will be hosting a virtual back to school night for our Hill families. During back to school night, you will have the opportunity to hear a few words from Principal Adams and then go to each of your student's teachers for about 10 minutes to hear important information and ask questions. In preparation for this event, please fill out the template below with your student's schedule so that you can easily access their breakout classrooms during the event.

There are a few ways to get your student's schedule:

Sit down with your student prior to Wednesday and have them fill out the schedule template below. Log in to Parent Portal and access their schedule there. [Here](#) is the website for parent portal, along with forgot password options and directions to create an account if you haven't already. You will need your student's ID number and birthday.

Once you have the schedule, fill out [this](#) chart and keep handy for Wednesday evening. Don't forget the teacher's names! (most important)

We will be utilizing Google Meet to see teachers and ask questions. Please make sure you are able to get to meet.google.com before our virtual event. We will send out the zoom link for you to join Skyhawk Itinerary Night next week!

ICAP for 8th Grade Students & Families

Thank you again for attending the ICAP and Schoology presentation for the 20-21 school year. At Hill we want to ensure that all of our students and families have a clear understanding of the outlined criteria for ICAP. Below you will find two links for a parent and student orientation with clear directions on how to log in and access Schoology and ICAP information. Remember that all students have to complete their ICAP assignments in order to participate in Hill's 8th grade Continuation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at desiree_romero@dpsk12.org

[ICAP: Student Presentation](#) [ICAP: Parent Presentation](#)

Textbook Pickup

We will be on site to handout textbooks this Saturday, September 26th from 10am-12pm

Family Teacher Conferences

Family Teacher Conferences will be held on October 6th and October 13th from 3pm-7pm. Stay tuned for more information.

Softball Update

20-21 School Year: Girls Softball season is in full affect. For the next several weeks, the girls will meet for practice on Hill's field; Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00-4:30pm. There will be an end of the season tournament the week of October 12th. More information will come as we get closer to the date. In order for your athlete to participate in both practices and the tournament, they must have a physical on file. Remember your pay to play fee of \$25 is due by Monday September 30th, you can pay cash or check (please make checks out to Prep League). If you need assistance with paying the fee, please contact Director Lewis. Please keep an eye out for a communications email coming from your coaches. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact Coach Groves and/or Coach Acosta. We are so excited to kick off an amazing season!

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Your Hill PTSA!

Hello Skyhawk families!

We are still in membership mode and would love to have you join the Hill PTSA! All are welcome and payment is optional! Just join! [Click here](#).

A few noteworthy PTSA Happenings:

Dine Out @ Chipotle:

Tuesday, September 29, 4:00-8:00pm. Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Hill! Come in to the Chipotle at 745 Colorado Blvd. Bring the attached flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting Hill to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Hill Middle School.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code 8R23LYB before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.

Hill Cares Coat & Outerwear Drive:

Please help Hill's students with your unwanted, gently used coats! As you clean your closets for the winter, set aside coats/jackets, mittens/gloves, and hats for Hill Cares. Drop off boxes will be available next week, with a location TBD. Stay tuned to the website for details. We will distribute them to students and families at Hill.

Haircuts for Hill:

Friendly reminder to get you and your child scheduled for a haircut at the SportClips @ Mayfair Shopping Plaza (1305 Krameria). They will donate \$1/kid haircut and \$2/adult haircut through 12/21/20! Just mention that you're with "Hill Middle School"

For full PTSA information and more details, visit the PTSA's [webpage](#).

Thank you and go Skyhawks!!

QUESTIONS? Please reach out, We'd love to hear from you! HILLPTAPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM