



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The beginning of summer vacation is a special time. It brings many sweet memories of bike rides, beach days and pool days. Summer is an important time for family fun, but it is also an important time to keep up with basic learning skills. Experience has taught us that children who do not read and write over the summer lose some hard-fought academic gains. Some ideas to help your children maintain the success that they achieved this year are to have them read over the summer and keep a daily journal. Other fun activities like playing board games which incorporate thinking skills, logic, spelling and basic math skills, doing math facts in the car while traveling and weekly trips to the library are all fun and productive activities.

Striking a balance is truly the key. Whatever your plans this summer, I hope that you will be safe and that you will enjoy some fun and some learning time with your children.

We would like to wish our current sixth graders much success next year in seventh grade. To all our second through fifth graders, we are looking forward to working with all our

wonderful families again next year.

Have a terrific summer and enjoy your time with your children!

Sincerely,
Dr. Sharon Ann Festante,
Principal

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights is the new anti-bullying law passed in New Jersey. Each school district has an Anti-Bullying Coordinator and each school has an Anti-Bullying Specialist and School Safety Team. Hillside's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Policy 5512 is available on the district website at www.hillsidek12.org

**District's Anti-Bullying
Coordinator:**
**Patricia Patterson-
Zuber**
PZuber@hillsidek12.org
908 352-7664 ext. 6405

**Ola Edwards Community
School's Anti-Bullying
Specialist:**
Dr. Tiffani Ellis:
Tellis@hillsidek12.org
Kimberly Simuro
KSimuro@hillsidek12.org
908 352-7664 ext. 7400
1530 Leslie Street
Hillside, NJ 07205



Welcome to the Hillside Public School's Genesis Parent Portal

The Gradebook module in the parent portal is now available. Gradebook gives parents real-time access to view their child's class assignment grades. The web site, parents.hillsidek12.org, will provide you with the information you need to [access](#) your child's attendance and academic records. Information will continually be updated. In order to create user accounts and passwords, you must email:

- **your first and last name**
- **your child/ren's names**
- **your email address**

Please email this information to ppereira@hillsidek12.org. Upon receipt of your information, you will electronically receive instructions to set up an account.

Report Cards will no longer be routinely mailed. If you do not have internet access, contact your child's school. Arrangements will be made for you to receive a hard copy of the report card. Please direct any questions or concerns to your child's school.

REMINDER DATES:

June 2022
Board of Education Meeting
June 30, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

12:45 pm Dismissal
June 7, 2022

School Closed:
June 17, 2022

Make a note of these dates to
remember!

School Hours:

8:35 am - Homeroom

8:55 AM - Classes Begin

Students considered tardy after
8:35AM

2:55 PM - Students Dismissed



Absences and Attendance

On mornings when your child is ill or unable to attend school, **please call the office by 8:30 am.** Our procedures require a contact with parents if a child is absent and we do not know the reason. If your child is absent and has been to the doctor, please bring or email : ppereira@hillsidek12.org a doctor's note to the office when he/his returns to school. We appreciate your cooperation with this, as it ensures your child's safety and helps us keep accurate records.

Regular school attendance is crucial for a child's school success.



A Note from Our Nurse

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The Health Department of NJ requires all sixth graders to have 2 immunizations. The immunizations are Tdap and the Meningococcal vaccine after the student's 11th birthday. These immunizations must be completed, or your child will not be allowed to enter the school when it re-opens for in class learning. Any questions, please contact the Ola Edwards Community School nurse at 908- 352-7664, extension 7441. Please e-mail proof of your child receiving these vaccines to sardino@hillsidek12.org as soon as possible.
Thank you

Healthy Habits:

We cannot stress the importance of frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds and to avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Encourage your child to cough and sneeze into a tissue or elbow and properly dispose tissues. Avoid kissing, hugging and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick. **Please, please** keep your child home when feeling sick and consult your health care provider and remember to get your flu vaccine!

Stay healthy!!
Nurse Ardino



Urgent Request - Change in Student Information

A reminder to parents/guardians to immediately notify the school office at (908) 352-7664 Ex. 7400 whenever any of the following changes occur during the course of the school year:
***Change** in home address or home telephone number.
***Change** of Parent/guardian business telephone or cell numbers.
***Change** in marital or custody arrangements
***Change** of emergency contact.



Lunch:

**Calling all PARENTS - OECS
needs your HELP**

We are asking all parents to apply for the free/reduced meal benefits online. Our school is striving to reach 100% participation. You can visit the Hillside School District's website at www.hillsidek12.org and select the www.lunchapplication.com link or come into Ola Edwards Community School and we will assist you with the application. This is an easy, secure and convenient new way to apply for free and reduced meal benefits. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**Intervention & Referral
Services (I&RS)**

The I & RS Committee is a committee in each school designed to provide a coordinated system for the planning and delivery of intervention and referral services that are designed to assist students who are experiencing learning behavior or health difficulties and to assist staff to address students who are experiencing learning behavior or health difficulties and to assist staff to address students' needs. If you believe your child can benefit from the services of the I & RS Committee. Please contact the principal.

Special Education Child Find

If your child is between the ages of three and twenty-one, and exhibits physical, sensory, emotional,

communication, cognitive or social problems, the child may be eligible for interventions in the general education program, or an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education program, or an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education and related services. A referral is a written request for an evaluation that is given to the school district when a child is suspected of having a disability and might need special education services.

Parents, school personnel, and agencies concerned with the welfare of a student can make a referral. If you believe that your child may have a disability, you may refer to your child or an evaluation by submitting a written request to the Principal or to **Dr. Sandy Mercedes, Director of Special Services.**

**Section 504 of the
Rehabilitation Act of
1973**

The Hillside Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, or social or economic status. The Hillside

Board of Education also does not discriminate on the basis of disability with regard to admission, access to services, treatment or employment in its programs or activities. Any questions with the scope of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 can be directed to: **Dr. Sandy Mercedes, Director of Special Services
Hillside High School
1085 Liberty Avenue
Hillside, NJ 07205
(909) 352-7664 Ex. 8448**

All Hillside Public School Students are eligible to participate in any extracurricular Activities scheduled by the schools or Hillside Board of Education either during or after school. Please consult the monthly newsletter and your child's teacher for activities.



June Spotlight

**Ms. Veech and Mr.
Brandyberry Music/Band
classes**

Lots of Tunes for the
Month of June

The OECS Music department is very proud of our Band, Chorus and String Ensemble members! Students who performed at the spring

concert in late May represented Ola Edwards Community School beautifully. They practiced hard all semester and were able to showcase their talents in front of a live audience for the first time in two years!

The OECS band played 4 selections. "OECS Blues Song", (featuring Leila Allende on saxophone), "Let's Go Band", "Oh! When the Saints Go Marching In", and "Believer".

Our chorus students studied music from movies, musicals and shows for our spring concert selections. The Grades 2-3-4 Chorus selections included "Freedom" from Shenandoah, "Over the Rainbow" from The Wizard of Oz with our string ensemble, "Do, Re, Mi" from The Sound of Music, and "Tomorrow" from Annie.

The Grades 5-6 Chorus students performed "Tonight" from West Side Story, "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman, "Ease on Down the Road" from The Wiz.

The OCES string ensemble played popular selections which included: "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" (featuring Dalylah Martinez, voice), "Heat Waves", "Play Date", and "Hallelujah".

Additionally, our string ensemble and our vocal students collaborated on two musical selections

this school year. We have watched our students make great strides both vocally and instrumentally. We

can only imagine their continued progress next school year! We are still learning new tunes in the month of June.

PE classes

Throughout the year students have been engaged in a variety of activities, including team sports individual sports, lifelong games, juggling, cup stacking and cooperative games, where they demonstrated sportsmanship and teamwork. In June during Field day, the students will explore various games using skills previously learned throughout the year during Field Day.

Ms. Kurdyla: Noah Legette
Mrs. Loizou: Aaliyah Senoya
Ms. Lobosco: Alora Bravo
Mrs. Lourenco: Daniel Segarra
Mrs. Miranda: John Cajuste
Mr. Peart: Liam George
Mr. Pereira: Dangely Espinal
Marmolejos
Ms. Peters: Ana De Souza
Mrs. Revollar: Frantzcheskayla
Delma
Ms. Rokosz: Jason Zarzuela
Ms. Ronca: Zoe JN Louis
Mrs. Russo: Gabriel Rosario
Ramirez
Mrs. I. Silva: Ryan Hartley
Mr. Todaro: Ariana Torres
Mrs. Vidal: Briella Yzurieta
Mrs. Zinstein: Wilna Jeune



Ms. Alborn: Isabella
Velasquez Dos Santos
Ms. Altenor: Aiden Velez
Mrs. Czerwienski: Jade
Peguero
Ms. Gieger: Tavens Ravix
Mr. Greco: Michael Paz
Valdes
Ms. Hoffman: Nia Aulov