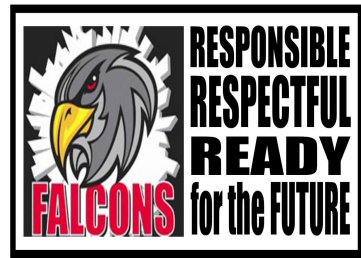


HILLCREST HAPPENINGS



February 16th - February 19th, 2021

SCHOOL NEWS

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A red and white flyer for a Sonic Drive-Through fundraiser. At the top, the Sonic logo is displayed in a blue and white shield shape. Below the logo, the text "Eat and Give Back to Hillcrest Middle School PTSA" is written in a white, cursive font. Underneath, the date and time "WEDNESDAY, February 17th 2021 from 5pm-8pm" and the address "6753 W. Happy Valley Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383" are listed in a white, sans-serif font. A large white banner across the middle of the flyer reads "40% of your sales benefit Hillcrest Middle School PTSA" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is an image of various Sonic food items including burgers, fries, and drinks. Below the image, the text "Must order and pay through switchboard or drive thru. Order Ahead not available for fundraising supporters" and "MUST SHOW THIS FLYER TO YOUR CARHOP TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDRAISER." is written in a small, black, sans-serif font.

DISTRICT NEWS

DVUSD is providing free testing throughout February, at the District Office, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Visit www.dvUSD.org/covidtesting for more information.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Please call the attendance line if your student will be absent. If your student will be late we will adjust their attendance once they arrive at school, no need to leave a message. Due to the block scheduling this message has changed. If they will be absent for a full day's absence please leave the student's name, spell the last name, student ID and date. Please be specific as to the reason such as personal or illness. For illness please list major symptoms. All calls left after 72 hours of absence will not be accepted. If you need to speak to someone please call the front office at 623-376-3300.

Thank you!

- ★ Requests for school work will not be accepted. Contact your student's teachers for work or the front office after 3 days.

******FREE REUSABLE CLOTH FACE MASKS!!******

Could your family use some extra reusable cloth face masks? Your household can receive 5 **free** reusable cloth face masks from the Arizona Department of Health by signing up your family to receive them on the link below!

<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-order-masks>

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Please contact the nurse with any questions.

Nurse: Kristin Langdon

Contact: kristin.langdon@dvusd.org

Phone: [623-376-3310](tel:623-376-3310).

*****IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE*****

QUARANTINE VERSUS ISOLATION

The Health Office would like to try to clarify for parents the difference between Quarantine and Isolation. Per the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Quarantine and Isolation are defined as follows:

Quarantine-- is utilized to keep someone who was in close contact (less than 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24 hour period) with an individual (ie. family member, friend, team mate, classmate) who has tested positive for COVID-19. So if you or your child has come into close contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, you and/or your child must stay home for a total of 10 days, starting the day after the last exposure to the person that tested positive. There is a new Early Release from Quarantine protocol from MCDPH. To be released early from Quarantine, the exposed person/student **must** Quarantine for a total of 7 days and **can not** get tested prior to the 6th day of Quarantine. If your child's COVID test comes back negative, they have no symptoms or fever and a copy of their laboratory report is sent to the School Nurse, your child can be cleared to return to school on the 8th day by the School Nurse. **They can not return to school until they have been cleared by the nurse.** If your child has been exposed, contact the School Nurse so she can go over all of the dates and requirements with you.

Isolation:--is utilized to keep someone who is sick with COVID-19 like symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID -19 (possibly even without any symptoms) away from others, even in their own home. If you are sick or have tested positive for COVID-19 you are to: Stay home for at least 10 days since symptoms appeared and had at least 24 hours with no fever and no fever reducing medication and your symptoms have improved. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms, you need to stay home until after 10 days have passed since your positive test.

If you or someone in your family has either come into close contact or are told they have been in close contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, are currently ill or has personally tested positive for COVID -19, PLEASE contact the Health Office at 623-376-3310 for guidance.

Please help us try and keep everyone in your family, our Hillcrest family and our community safe and healthy!

*Immunizations: Written proof of your child's compliance with the State of Arizona's immunization requirements is a part of the registration process in Arizona Schools. State and Federal Law mandates that all school age children be immunized to prevent certain diseases. If you are unsure of the requirements for immunization, please contact the Nurse's Office. Immunization Exemption Forms are available through the school nurse if needed.

If you receive an "Immunization Notice" for inadequate or missing immunizations, please complete what is required by the date indicated in the notice. Failure to complete the requirements in a timely matter is a violation of state law and your child may be excluded from attending school until you comply with the state requirements.

*Any student with excessive medical needs can apply for Medical Exclusions and Exemptions or for Homebound Status if their health

condition is causing them to have excessive attendance issues. Please speak with Mrs. Linda Lowe in Hillcrest's Front Office about DVUSD's attendance criteria. If it is determined that your child meets the attendance criteria, you may contact the Nurse's Office to request the form's that the student's Physician will complete for the application process. These applications are only good for the current school year and must be resubmitted annually.

PARENT INFORMATION

Parents/Guardians:

Screen your child for signs of illness prior to sending them to school. If your child shows signs of illness you are required to keep them home. If your child has a fever do not send them to school until they are fever free for three days.

Make sure your child brings their own labeled water bottle to school (the use of drinking out of water fountains are highly discouraged) Bottle refill stations or water fountains may be used to refill your child's water bottle.

Face coverings must be worn on campus. It is mandatory that your child wear a face covering at arrival. Please remind your child that their mask must cover their **mouth and nose**. There will be opportunities for breaks with the mask including during lunch while they eat.

We are encouraging every parent to have their child bring hand sanitizer and to have a discussion with their child about the importance of personal hygiene. This includes using their elbow to sneeze or cough into, washing hands prior to eating, washing hands after using the restroom, etc.

Transportation requires a maximum of two students per seat with siblings required to be seated together. All students, bus drivers, and

monitors will be required to wear a face covering. Increased disinfection procedures will occur on a daily basis. Drivers will call school in advance if transporting a student with symptoms.

Throughout the day, your child will be visually screened by a staff member to ensure they are not exhibiting signs of illness.

Please do not drop your child off until the designated arrival time. Students should not be dropped off early and will not be allowed to wait for the gate to open. Students will be required to go straight to class and will not be allowed to congregate in common areas prior to this time. Gates will NOT be opened until 15 minutes prior to the start of the school day. For your student's safety and the safety of the staff, please make sure that this procedure is followed.

There will be no visitors or volunteers allowed on campus until further notice.

The front office will be limiting the amount of people allowed to enter the building. Please make appointments prior to coming to the front office. You may enter the front office for emergencies or for early student pick-up.

All students will continue to receive meals through Nutrition Services for free through December 31st, or they may bring meals from home. Students will eat in their cafeteria or patio physically distanced and facing one way.

We will follow the CDC's "No Sharing" guidelines with all food and drinks.

Dismissal will be staggered to allow for social distancing. We will dismiss students who walk or who have parent pick up 3 minutes earlier than dismissal time. This will allow for a better traffic flow at the end of the day.

HILLCREST CLUBS & COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

STUDENT COUNCIL	kimberly.christensen@dvusd.org
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NJHS	jane.jennewine@dvusd.org
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NJHS is up and running! If your student enrolled in NJHS make sure that they are checking the Canvas page weekly to confirm that they are receiving updates on upcoming events and other important information. Second semester will kick off with our first whole group meeting in January. Volunteer hours are also being required for the second semester. If you or your student has questions please contact any of the NJHS officers or Mrs. Jennewine!

PENTATHLON CLUB	carlene.morrison@dvusd.org & mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org
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Contact Ms. Morrison or Mrs. Kenobbie for more information. Pentathlon meetings will be held on Wednesdays after school in room 502 from 3:05 to 3:45. Students will need to make arrangements for getting home!

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	renea.herold@dvusd.org
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FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES	mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org courtney.biller@dvusd.org
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FALCON ATHLETICS	Courtney.biller@dvusd.org
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Hillcrest will be having an intramural basketball program starting on February 16th. We are excited to announce that basketball this year will be non-cut. Tryouts will be Tuesday February 16th for 7th and 8th grade girls from 3:00-5:30 pm, Wednesday February 17th for 7th and 8th grade boys from 3:00-5:30 pm and Thursday February 18th for anyone who could not make earlier in the week from 3:00-4:30 pm. Please visit the Hillcrest website for the up to date information on the new championship tournament! If your student is interested in being on one of our intramural teams please sign up on Mrs. Biller's door room 412 starting on Monday February 1st.

Physicals from the 2019-2020 school year can be used for this school year, 2020-2021!

Please pick up your athletes physical in the front office and upload them into Register My Athlete (RMA). All sports paperwork must be uploaded using the website <https://www.registermyathlete.com/> in order to be eligible.

See the Hillcrest Athletic page for step-by-step direction for RMA-<https://www.dvusd.org/domain/8365>

Thank you for your support,

Hillcrest Athletic Department

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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Dear Hillcrest Parents and Guardians,

This is a reminder that most **Fridays** school will end 90 minutes earlier than our usual end time. That early release time will be **1:30 pm for Hillcrest Middle School**. Education is a field that continues to change rapidly, and we are dedicated to ensuring that our staff are able to fulfill their commitment of meeting the challenges of today's educational environment. Supporting this commitment includes providing the time for staff to work in Professional Learning

Communities (PLCs) each week, at a regularly scheduled time, to collect, review and utilize student data to more effectively serve our students' academic and behavioral needs.

We are looking forward to collaborating and looking at pre-assessment data to create goals for student learning.

Thank you!

Matt Hreha: Principal

Scott Larter: Assistant Principal

HMS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Publicity Coordinators: Courtney Biller

Contact: courtney.biller@dvusd.org

We work together all year long to find ways to connect to our community. We have many opportunities for you to offer your support through partnerships, advertising, and the donation of supplies or even cash. Please contact Courtney Biller with any questions or to see how you can join in to connect our community with education.

JUST ONE MOMENT OF YOUR TIME...

We all want our students to have the best opportunities possible, so this is a great way to jump in and help out, simply by grocery shopping. We would really appreciate each and every one of you taking the few minutes it takes to sign up. Please share with other friends and family members to really incorporate our community.

It is a brief and rather straightforward process that can make such a huge difference in the lives of our 1000+ students.

Please follow the instructions to join Fry's in their support of Hillcrest Middle School!

PLEASE NOTE: Before you can link your Fry's V.I.P card to an organization, you must have an email address.

STEP 1: Creating an Online Fry's Account

****NOTE:** If you already have an online Fry's account, skip to #2.**

Go to www.FrysCommunityRewards.com

Select 'Create an Account'.

Under Sign-In information, enter your email and create a password. (Write down your email & password—will need it in STEP 2)

Select 'Use Card Number'.

Enter your Fry's V.I.P Card Number, last name and postal code.

Under 'Select Your Preferred Store' enter your postal code.

Select 'Find Stores'.

Choose your store then select 'Create Account'.

You will then be prompted to check your email for a confirmation email.

Click the hyperlink in your email to finish creating your Online Fry's Account.

Continue to STEP #2 to register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program of your choice.

STEP 2: Register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program

Go to www.FrysCommunityRewards.com

Select 'Sign-In'

Enter your email and password then select 'sign in'. (This will be the email and password you created in STEP 1)

Select 'My Account' then select 'Account Settings' from the drop down menu.

Click 'edit' under Community Rewards. If prompted, enter personal information.

Under Find Your Organization: Enter Hillcrest Middle School or the school code: **80398**

Under Select Your Organization: Select the box next to your organization.

Then select 'save changes'.

If you have registered correctly, you should now see your organization information listed under 'Community Rewards' on your Account Summary page.

A/B SCHEDULED DATES

JANUARY 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					X	
	A	B	A	B	PLC A	
10	B	A	B	A	PLC B	
17	X	A	B	A	B	
24	A	B	A	B	PLC A	
31						

FEBRUARY 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	B	A	B	A	PLC B	
7	A	B	A	B	PLC A	
14	Underscore Day	X	B	A	B	
21	B	A	B	PLC A	PLC B	
28						

MARCH 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	A	B	A	B	PLC A	
7	B	A	B	A	PLC B	
14	Spring Break	SPRING BREAK				
21	A	B	A	B	PLC A	
28	B	A	B			

APRIL 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				A	X	
4	B	A	B	A	B	
11	A	B	A	B	A	
18	B	A	B	A	B	
25	A	B	A	B	PLC A	

MAY 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	B	A	B	A	PLC B	
9	A	B	A	B	PLC A	
16	B	A	B	HD		
23	A	B	A	B		
30	Underscore Day					



Hillcrest Middle School On Campus Bell Schedule 2020 Block

Regular Full Day Schedule Block A

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
1st Period	8:20am - 10:10am
2nd Period	10:15am - 1:05pm
1st Lunch	10:15am - 10:45am
2nd Lunch	10:50am - 11:20am
3rd Lunch	12:00pm - 12:30pm
4th Lunch	12:35pm - 1:05pm
3rd Period	1:10pm - 3:00pm

Regular Full Day Schedule Block B

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
4th Period	8:20am - 10:10am
5th Period	10:15am - 1:05pm
1st Lunch	10:15am - 10:45am
2nd Lunch	10:50am - 11:20am
3rd Lunch	12:00pm - 12:30pm
4th Lunch	12:35pm - 1:05pm
6th Period	1:10pm - 3:00pm

PLC Early Release Schedule Block A

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
1st Period	8:20am - 9:25am
3rd Period	9:30am - 10:35am
2nd Period	10:40am - 1:30pm
1st Lunch	10:40am - 11:10am
2nd Lunch	11:15am - 11:45am
3rd Lunch	12:25pm - 12:55pm
4th Lunch	1:00pm - 1:30pm

PLC Early Release Schedule Block B

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
4th Period	8:20am - 9:25am
6th Period	9:30am - 10:35am
5th Period	10:40am - 1:30pm
1st Lunch	10:40am - 11:10am
2nd Lunch	11:15am - 11:45am
3rd Lunch	12:25pm - 12:55pm
4th Lunch	1:00pm - 1:30pm

Parent Teacher Conference

Early Release Schedule - Thursday

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
1st Period	8:20am - 9:21am
2nd Period	9:25am - 10:27am
3rd Period	10:31am - 11:35am

Early Release Schedule - Friday

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
4th Period	8:20am - 9:21am
5th Period	9:25am - 10:27am
6th Period	10:31am - 11:35am



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40% of your sales benefit Hillcrest Middle School PTSA



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Thank you in advance for your contribution! Your donation will go toward our continuous promotion of academic achievement and behavioral competence. Please contact Jennifer Gabaldon if you have questions about the Falcon store, or donating items.

THANK YOU to the Long family for your donations to the Falcon Store!

THE BEE KIND PEOPLE PROJECT

We are partnering with The Be Kind People Project and encouragement to our students and our school. Check out The Be Kind People Project's website at:

www.thebekindpeopleproject.org

Your support brings character education, fun, and exercise!



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