


HILLCREST HAPPENINGS



May 1st-5th 2023

Friday, May 5th and Friday, May 12th are early release days, school ends at 1:30PM. Friday May 19th is a half day, school ends at 11:35AM.

8th Grade Dance

The 8th grade dance will take place on Friday May 12th from 6-8pm in the Hillcrest Cafeteria. This is for 8th graders only! You must have your school ID and permission slip to enter. Click the link for the permission slip:  [dance.png](#)

END OF SCHOOL YEAR MEDICATION PICK UP

Parents- Please start making arrangements with the School Nurse to start picking up the medications that your student currently has in the Health Office. You may contact the Nurse at 623-376-3310 or at Kristin.Langdon@dvusd.org to set up a day and time for medication pick up. The last day the Health Office will be open is Tuesday the 23rd of May. If your student has any prescription medication (ie. for diabetes, asthma, ADHD or severe allergies) or over the counter medication (ie. Tylenol, Advil/Ibuprofen) in the Health Office, you will need to come to the Health Office and pick up the medication before the 23rd of May. The Health Office will be open from 0730-4pm the last week of school (May 15th thru 19th) and on May 22nd and then will be open 0730-2 pm on May 23rd. Any medication left in the Health Office after the 23rd of May will be destroyed.

BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our 7th grade girls basketball team for winning the district championship on Thursday, April 27th! Congratulations to our 8th grade girls basketball teams for winning the district championship on Saturday, April 29th! Go Falcons!

Congratulations to both boys basketball teams and their coaches for making it to the playoffs this year and for having a great season!

TRACK & FIELD CELEBRATION

Track and Field has their end of season celebration on Monday, May 8th in the Hillcrest Cafeteria from 5-6PM. Families can sign up on Slack to help contribute food and drinks for the celebration.

HMS CHEER STUNT CAMP

If you are interested in learning how to do cheer stunts, Hillcrest is holding a camp this summer. If you are interested in learning more please stop by the counseling office and pick up an information sheet.

2024 WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

There is a parent meeting for families interested in the 2024 D.C. Trip on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6PM in the Hillcrest Cafeteria.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Mountain Ridge High School, in conjunction with team physicians Dr. Maddox and Dr. Timothy Ratliff, will conduct athletic physicals for the 2023 -2024 school year on Saturday, May13th from 7:30 to 11 AM. Location: HonorHealth Deer Valley Orthopedics, 4344 W. Bell Road #102, Glendale, AZ 85308 Date/Time: Saturday, May 13, 2023; 7:30-11 AM Cost: \$30, cash or check Benefitting MRHS Sports Medicine Program To schedule an appointment: • Email vanessa.douglas@dvusd.org A new physical is required for each school year. All paperwork is available on the MRHS Athletics website, <http://mrhsathletics.com/> 

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

8th grade girls, interested in joining a competitive girls flag football team at either Ridge or O'Conner for next year. Please sign up on the door of room 408 to receive more information. Thank you!

RIDGE BASKETBALL CAMPS

The Mountain Ridge Boys summer basketball camp consists of fundamental skill development, agility and strength related to the game of basketball. Tuesday May 30th - Thursday June 29th Click the link for more information and the registration form.



Mountain Ridge is also having a girls basketball camp this summer for current 6th-8th graders. Click the link for more information.

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RIDGE SOCCER

8th graders, interested in playing soccer over at Ridge next year. If interested in participating in any of our summer camps for the girls soccer team, please sign up on the door of room 408.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 8th -12th is teacher appreciation week! Help the PTSA thank the amazing teachers at Hillcrest! Donations needed by 5/2.

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544aba828a0fe3-teacher2#/>

No time to shop? PTSA will do the work for you Donate to our store and the PTSA will purchase the items needed. <https://hillcrestptsa.memberhub.com/store>

DRAMA CLUB SHOWCASE

The drama club has a showcase night on Friday, May 5th at 6:30PM in the Hillcrest Cafeteria. Club members will be performing student directed skits. Anyone can attend, there is no cost!

EL SUMMER WRITING WORKSHOP

The English Language Acquisition department is hosting writing workshops for English Language Learners over the summer (May 30th-June 16th) Click the links below for more information.

EL Writer's Workshop 2023.pdf

EL Writer's Workshop sign up.pdf

8TH GRADE END OF YEAR INFORMATION:

Attention 8th grade students and Parents, as we approach the end of the year we have many fun activities planned for the 8th graders. On May 12, 2023, there will be the 8th grade dance.

On May 16, 2023, we will be having an 8th Grade Fun Day. This fun day will be at the Main Event in Avondale. The event will cost \$25. In order to ensure that we have a safe and enjoyable time, we are letting students and parents know that if a student has received or receives a referral which resulted or results in a suspension off campus, he/she may not be permitted to attend the dance or participate in the fun day activities.

The Promotion ceremony will be held on May 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm. We will be having our Promotion ceremony at the Mountain Ridge High School Football Field. As with the dance and fun day, students' conduct may prevent them from participating in the Promotion ceremony. Notification will be given prior to the ceremony if a student will not be allowed to participate.

. Please click the link for more information. [2023 PROMOTION LETTER.pdf](#)

PROMOTION DRESS CODE

Dress slacks or dress jeans, dress shirts, dresses, skirts and blouses, or pants outfit.

- ❖ Due to the artificial turf field – spiked/stiletto high heels are **NOT ALLOWED**.
- ❖ Wedge, block or kitten heels are acceptable.
- ❖ Skirt length to be respectable, no mini, no floor length formal
- ❖ No backless, no midriff, low cut, strapless, or spaghetti strap dresses/blouses
- ❖ Suits/sport jackets are optional. No tuxedos.
- ❖ No shorts, casual t-shirts or hats
- ❖ Undergarments may not be exposed

Thank you for partnering together with us to help our students make wise choices that lead to a strong and successful finish to their 8th grade year. Thank you for your support!

CLUBS

Drama club meets on Tuesday, May 2nd, from 3-4 pm in room 706.

Board games club is meeting Wednesday, May 3rd, from 3-4PM in room 504.

Anime club meets on Thursday, May 4th, from 3-4 pm in room 812.

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STUDENT COUNCIL	darci.tipon@dvusd.org clara.valdes@dvusd.org
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STUCO has a meeting on Thursday, May 4th, from 3-4 pm in room 706.

Hillcrest PTSA	hillcrestmiddleschoolptsa@gmail.com
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FALCON ATHLETICS	Courtney.biller@dvusd.org
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Hillcrest opens its gates at 7:45 am. The bus gates open at 7:55 am. Students may wait in the ramada area until the first bell rings at 8:10 am. The last bell will ring at 8:15 am. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria starting at 7:55 am. Only students eating breakfast will be permitted in the cafeteria.

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

Parents please remember that the parking lot entrance has 2 lanes. If you choose the right lane, you will drive around and drop your student off along the walkway that leads to Hillcrest. If you choose the left lane, you will drive around and turn into the middle lane of the parking lot and drop your student off by the flagpole and crosswalk. We will have a staff member on crosswalk duty to help them cross to the school.

Social/Emotional Learning

"Falcon Flight Lessons"

Hillcrest Middle School understands that the social/emotional needs of our students vary day-to-day, year-to-year. That is why we are dedicated to ensuring that those specific needs are met by conducting quarterly school-wide surveys to see what our students need the most. Hillcrest Middle School's SEL program is based on providing social and emotional support and growth for every student; our "Falcon Flight

Lessons" are created with our students' needs in mind as we prepare them to leave the Falcon nest.

In addition to our SEL program, Hillcrest Middle School is also dedicated to recognizing students that exhibit positive behavior and kindness to others by rewarding them with Kindness Kash that can be used to purchase items in our Falcon Store. If you are interested in donating new or gently used items, please contact Mrs. Gabaldon (jennifer.gabaldon@dvusd.org). You can also purchase items from the Falcon Store's Amazon wishlist. Wishlist items are shipped directly to Hillcrest.



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.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Please call the attendance line, 623-376-3390, 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 48 hours of absence will not be accepted. If you need to speak to someone please call the front office at 623-376-3300.

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

Early checkout ends at **2:45pm**. Early Release Days check out ends 15 minutes before the bell. The office staff will not sign out students after this time.

FROM THE HILLCREST CAFE:

Parents and guardians, this is to inform you that when you need your students accounts blocked for ala carte or unblocked or to link or unlink them to call the cafeteria at 623-376-3314 or email the cafeteria manager at renee.flagler@dvusd.org. Only food service has the capability of dealing with your students' accounts. Refunds, negatives are also a food service issue.

We also want to inform you that blocking a student's account from buying lunch, whether it's only for a small amount of time or the whole year, will require documentation from the parent or guardian either in an email, or a letter from you. This is a rare occurrence but we just want you to know that unless documentation is written we never refuse a student a lunch.

It is also our policy to only contact the parent or guardian concerning any negatives on your students account. Unless a student asks the status of his account we do not give out information concerning negatives to them. Thank you and I hope this was helpful.

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

 [instructions to Link Fry's card to Hillcrest Middle School](#)

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 REMINDER

If your child has been ill and has tested positive for COVID-19, **PLEASE** notify the school nurse (Nurse Langdon) .

***** INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE*****

* Medication at School- Please see the School Nurse's website regarding DVUSD's medication policy for children who require medication, both prescription and over the counter medication, at school. There are documents that **must** be completed by a child's physician and/or parent/guardian and submitted to the Nurse's Office prior to any medication being brought to school. **Medication may not be carried by any student without prior approval from the school's health office.** No over the counter medication such as Tylenol, Motrin,

Advil, cough drops, etc may be carried by a student on school grounds. It must be kept in the Health Office. Paperwork for children who require prescription medication to be given at school may be found on the School Nurse's website.

*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.

BELL SCHEDULE

1st Period	8:15AM 9:12AM
2nd Period	9:16AM - 10:08AM
3rd Period	10:12AM - 11:04AM
4th Period	11:08AM - 1:08AM
1st Lunch	11:08AM - 11:38AM
2nd Lunch	11:38AM - 12:08AM
3rd Lunch	12:08PM - 12:38PM
4th Lunch	12:38PM - 1:08PM
5th Period	1:12PM- 2:04PM
6th Period	2:08PM - 3:00PM

-PLC SCHEDULE

1st Period	8:15AM - 8:58AM
2nd Period	9:02AM - 9:40AM
3rd Period	9:44AM - 10:22AM
4th Period	10:26AM - 11:34PM
1st Lunch	10:26AM - 10:56AM
2nd Lunch	10:56AM - 11:34AM
5th Period	11:38AM - 12:46
3rd Lunch	11:38PM - 12:08PM
4th Lunch	12:16PM - 12:46PM
6th Period	12:50PM - 1:30PM

PLC EARLY RELEASE DAYS

1st Semester	2nd Semester
Aug. 5	Jan. 13
Aug. 12	Jan. 20
Aug. 19	Jan. 27
Aug. 26	Feb. 3
Sept. 2	Feb. 10
Sept. 16	Feb. 24
Sept. 23	Mar. 3
Oct. 14	Mar. 10
Oct. 21	Mar. 24
Oct. 28	Mar. 31
Nov. 4	Apr. 28
Nov. 18	May 5
Dec. 2	May 12
Dec. 9	No Early Release Days during State testing

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