



Hillcrest's Parent Newsletter

January 2024

Welcome Back to Hillcrest

Dear Hillcrest Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds you well and that you had a restful and enjoyable holiday season. As we welcome students back for the start of the new year, on Monday, January 8, 2024 we have some important updates and information to share with you.



Thank you for your continued support in making Hillcrest a wonderful learning environment. We look forward to a successful and enriching year ahead.

Best regards,
Dr. Rosado
Principal

Hillcrest Happenings!

1/8/2024 – Back to School
1/9/2024 – PTO's No Cook Night
1/11/2024 – PTO Meeting at 5 p.m.
1/15/2024 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday- No School
1/25/2024 – PTO Event
1/26/2024- Institute Day- No School

1. Weather Advisory:

As we dive into the winter months, please be sure to check weather forecasts regularly. In the event of inclement weather, we will notify you promptly about any changes to the school schedule through our established communication channels. You can also visit our [U-46 District's website](#) for more information. Your child's safety is our top priority, and we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring they are prepared for varying weather conditions.

Students do not go outside if the following weather conditions exist:

- A weather advisory or warning is in effect (such as a tornado watch)
- Rain, hail or thunderstorms are evident in the area
- The temperature is **below 10 degrees Fahrenheit or a wind chill factor of 10 degrees exists in the late morning (at about 10:30 a.m.)**
- Hazardous conditions exist on the playground, such as construction or repairs

Our families are encouraged to ensure their children are dressed appropriately for the winter weather before leaving the house each morning. This includes a winter jacket, hat, gloves, scarf, and snow boots when there's snow on the ground.

2. Attendance is of Most Importance to Us:

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic success. We at Hillcrest are doing our best to promote a positive and inviting culture and climate where your child wants to be in. We encourage you to reinforce the importance of punctuality and regular attendance with your child. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or any other reason, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Consistent attendance contributes significantly to your child's academic progress and helps them stay engaged in their learning. We monitor every child's attendance to ensure we provide attendance guidance. We also send out attendance letters to parents to keep them informed of their child's absences (excused and not excused).

3. Academic Updates:

Our dedicated teaching staff is excited to continue supporting your child's academic growth in the coming year. We have planned various activities and lessons to enhance their learning experience. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's academic progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teachers or schedule a parent-teacher conference.

4. Assessments and Grades in IC:

Throughout the month, students will be engaging in various assessments to measure their understanding of the material covered. These assessments are valuable tools that help us tailor our teaching methods to meet the diverse needs of our students. The teachers enter grades in IC and are available to provide you with insights into your child's academic achievements and areas for improvement.



Dr. Glenda Rosado

Hillcrest Principal