

# From Dr. Madden's Desk to Your Home

2022-2023 THE YEAR OF BRAVERY

## BE BRAVE. BE STRONG. BE FEARLESS

Greetings Hillside Families,

It has been an **awesome** opening to this school year. We have welcomed so many new Hillside students to our school community. All of the students have had the opportunity to come together to discuss this year's theme and how we plan to thread this theme in all that we do together this year. This summer, I had the chance to prepare many different school wide activities that support our theme: **The Year of Bravery**. I am thrilled to share these with our students and staff!

Having completed our first full week of school, I invite our school community to commit to trying new things and embracing our fears head on. Having a willful mindset is critical in developing courage, a quality that we want our students to develop. Throughout this year, our staff will be discussing bravery and courage with our students, and they will help them apply these words to their learning. We will strive to develop our students' courage so they can learn to persevere through the challenges presented to them.

I look forward to year filled with brave beginnings and amazing learning opportunities.

Best,  
Dr. Madden



# PARENT PICKUP FORM LINK IS BELOW!

[Parent Pick-up Form](#)

## SAVE THE DATE FOR HILLSIDE'S BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

### WHEN

THURSDAY, SEP. 22ND, 6-8PM

### WHERE

1370 HAINESPORT MOUNT LAUREL ROAD  
MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP, NJ

### MORE INFORMATION

Swing by the Hillside Gym at 5:30 to meet Hillside's fabulous PTO. Hear about the ways you can get involved in supporting our students and staff.

Back to School Night will begin promptly at 6:00pm.

- Our Special Area Teachers will be available to meet and speak with you about their curriculum in the Gym starting at 6:00pm and throughout the evening.
- The first classroom session begins at 6:35-7:05pm
- The second classroom session begins at 7:15-7:45pm

You may enter through the main office doors which are in the front of the school. Additional parking is located at Harrington Middle School.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Is your child in need of school supplies? We are here to help you! Reach out to Mrs. Marcantonio [jmarcantonio@mtlaurelschools.org](mailto:jmarcantonio@mtlaurelschools.org) if you need anything at all!

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Mortimer to our Hillside team as an additional guidance counselor. She will be supporting Hillside and Larchmont this school year. Click here to [Get to Know Mrs. Mortimer.](#)

## NURSE'S NOOK--JUST A FEW REMINDERS FROM MRS. BLACK

**Medication Transporting**

Any medications, prescription or over the counter, that need to be taken during school hours must be in the original containers along with written authorization from your physician. For the health and safety of all students, all medications must be transported to and from school by an adult.

### **Illness- The 24 Hour Rule**

If your child has a fever, diarrhea, vomiting, or infection such as strep throat or pink eye he/she should not return to school until 24 hours after the symptoms have subsided. If a student starts a course of antibiotics for an infection, please make sure they have had 24 hours of antibiotic therapy before returning to school. When in doubt, a good rule of thumb is to ask yourself whether you want a child sitting next to your child with the same symptoms, if the answer is no, it is probably a good idea to keep your child home. Please notify the health office if your child is positive for flu, covid, strep, pink eye or any contagious infection. It helps us to care for all our students and staff.

### **Physical Examinations**

Physical examinations are required for all kindergarten students and new enrollees. Any other questions, please call the Mrs. Black.

### **Dress Code**

Students should be dressed appropriately for the weather. A light sweatshirt might be necessary even on warm days as the classrooms are air conditioned. Loose fitting comfortable clothes are best for gym and recess activities. Footwear that fits securely is very important. Flip flops or sandals that do not have an ankle strap as well as shoes with a high heel are prohibited.



### **CATCH A GLIMPSE OF MS. CADE'S AND MS. SCOTESE'S SECOND GRADE CLASS**

The students were enjoying a read loud and using the book to help them generate a list of classroom rules to help ground their learning community.



### **MR. STERLING'S SUPERSTARS**

Mr. Sterling's students were ALL smiles for this picture. They have settled into their classroom and are off and running with their learning!



### **GRADE 4 STUDENTS LOVING THEIR READING**

Students in Mr. Jones' class have their noses in their books. Here they are seen independently reading with their just right books during Reading Workshop.

# UPCOMING IN SCHOOL EVENTS FOR STUDENTS---BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PICS COMING SOON!

Grade 4 Leadership Summit on September 21st

Hillside's Schoolwide Constitution Ratification on September 28th

Hillside's Student/Staff Spirit Day on September 30th---Theme TBD!



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