

ALLENDALE PTO PRESS DECEMBER 2023

Happy December Everyone!

We can't believe we are almost half way through the school year. For December, we are looking forward to our Unite with Light Charity event in support of the CASA of Bergen County. This program helps children in Bergen Country that are in the foster care program. We will also have our 2nd Annual Holiday Shoppe event! Grades K-5 will have the chance to shop for their loved ones for the Holidays.



Wishing you all a happy, healthy and relaxing holiday season. See you all in 2024!

Cheers,
Your Allendale PTO
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Hillside Mural

The Hillside Mural in the All - Purpose room is finally complete and it is beautiful! A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who put in over 150 hours to make this come to life. And of course a very special thank you to Grace Knowlton for creating such a unique and special design!

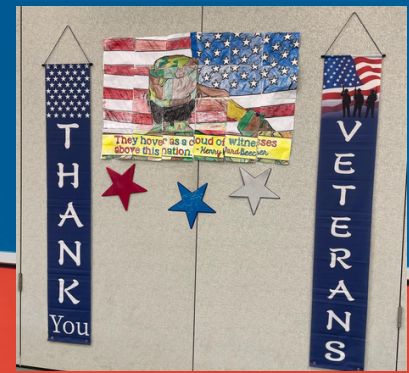


Our November Staff Appreciation included some delicious, fresh pretzels and some sweet pretzel snacks!
We truly do  know what we'd do without  you!

Veteran's Day Celebration



The PTO assisted with Hillside's annual Veteran's Day Celebration, during which local veterans are honored. We were happy to provide a breakfast for all who participated. It is truly a beautiful commemoration of these brave men and women. We thank all families who donated items to the breakfast!





3rd Grade Service Project



For their grade level service project, the 3rd grade organized a snack drive to help create Weekend Snack Packs for children experiencing hunger. The snack packs were packed by the 3rd Graders and donated to the Center for Food Action. In all, over 4,000 items were donated by our Hillside families and over 500 snack packs were made!



**3rd Grade Parents helped the students organize and make the Snack Packs!
Thank you to all those who volunteered!**

Bianca Antonucci, Anita Atamian, Debbie Lebnikoff, Stefanie Morton, Francine Abel, Wayne Booyesen, Jose Churango, Kate Cisco, France Ensenat, Melissa LaPorta, Jen O'Connor, Sarah Powell, Halley Stringham, Jessica Touw, Katalin Vinczi-Sierra



Successful Events

Take out night at Moshi Moshi

Thank you to the Lee Family from Moshi Moshi for partnering with us for a Community Night Out. They very generously donated \$500 to the PTO!

Teacher's Convention Camps

Thank you to Superdome & One River School for partnering with us to host drop-off activities on Oct. 9th and 10th. Both businesses generously donated a portion of their revenue to the PTO!

Parent's Night Out



On 11/2, the PTO hosted a fun night out at the Shannon Rose. Thank you to all those who came out and enjoyed! We hope to plan more of these events in the future.



School Happenings

Hillside Assembly

At the end of October, Hillside had the opportunity to meet David Harrell, who brings to life the story of his childhood in *The Boy Who Would Be Captain Hook*. Mr. Harrell was born without a right hand. In this performance, he serves as both a storyteller and performer as he helps to teach the importance of accepting and including others that may not look exactly the way we do.



Brookside Assembly

This November, Brookside had the pleasure of having Rob Surette, a professional artist who works for Disney, DC Comics, Dreamworks, Star Wars, Muppets and Marvel come visit. He held two performances in which he live painted four huge murals of famous people. His message was inspirational about following your dreams. The students had an amazing time!



November Birthday Bees



2nd Grade BINGO Night

On 11/30, the 2nd grade classes enjoyed a very exciting BINGO Night with Ms. Maroulis! They enjoyed snacks, pizza, 4 rounds of BINGO and had a great evening with their classmates. We had several lucky winners! Thank you to our volunteers and to Ms. Maroulis for another fantastic event!



THANK YOU!

Shout Out to Our Amazing Volunteers!

Veterans Day Breakfast
Sabina McGuirl, Allison O-Connell,
Bernadette Kelly

BINGO Night
Lindsey Kuczma, Jillian Relay,
Meghan Pagano, Courtney and Chris
Lanzalotto, Melissa Cicchetti,
Katharine Miros, Stacey Azmi, Jen
Lanik, Alexandra DePinto

Hillside Mural
Grace Knowlton, Colleen Braff,
Coleen Brennan, Danielle Taylor,
Donna Kaptruski, Francine Abel,
Juliana Dudas, Karina Singh, Katelyn
Van Schaik, Liz Paccione, Melanie Fox,
Michelle Liu, Nicole LaMarca, Sean
Kehoe, Stef Morton, Tetiana
Anisimov, YK Kim, Yulia Studynsky,
Rachel Salazar

SAVE THE DATES

- 11/30-12/1- Tons of Toys Shopping Days
- 12/1- 4th and 5th Grade Musical
- 12/5- Brookside Chorus Concert
- 12/5-12/7 Holiday Shoppe at Hillside
- 12/6- Hillside December Birthday Bees
- 12/7- Map pickup for Unite with Light
- 12/8- Hillside Winter Concert
- 12/10- Unite With Light Charity Event
- 12/14-12/15- Early Dismissal/Conferences
- 12/22- Half Day- Winter Celebrations
- 12/25-1/1- Winter Break
- No General PTO Meeting



UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

- 1/3- Hillside January Birthday Bees
- 1/15- No school MLK Day
- 1/17- General PTO Meeting Zoom 9:15am
- 1/18- 4th and 5th Grade Movie Night
- 1/22- Hillside PTO Sponsored Assembly