

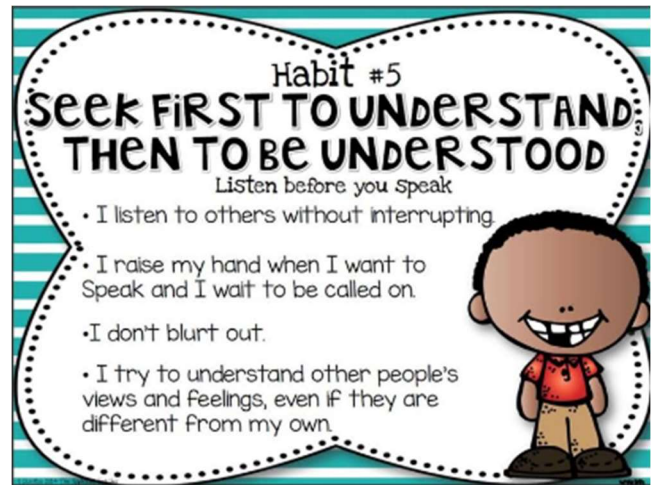


February 2024

Hillis Hound Pack Rally and Habit Five focus

Our next Hillis Hound Pack Rally will be on February 16, 2024, from 8:00am-8:20am in the Hillis gym. Our new habit of focus will be Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood® is the habit of listening to other people's ideas and feelings. It's trying to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. It's about being confident in voicing your ideas. It's about looking people in the eyes when speaking.

Habit 5 is a timeless principle we all strive to teach our kids; it teaches them to be confident when speaking to others while also teaching them the importance of listening to others when they are speaking.



February 14th- Hillis Friendship and Kindness Day!

This year our Hillis school community will be celebrating friendships and kindness on February 14, 2024. Each classroom will be planning their day event. Please look for communication from your child's homeroom teacher.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATE OPENING

At Hillis

Hillis Elementary School is seeking a special education associate. Special education associates serve students with intellectual, behavioral and physical disabilities. Training would be provided. Work hours for the position would be 7:15am-2:45pm daily. Rate of pay would be determined based on years of experience in job related work. Individual and family benefits are offered with the position. If you are interested, know a family, friend or community member that is interested, you may click here to review the job and apply online: [Des Moines Independent Community School District - Frontline Recruitment \(applitrack.com\)](https://www.dmoinesindependentcommunityschool.org/employment/apply)

Hillis Facebook page

Guess what? Hillis now has its own Facebook page, separate from the Hillis PTO page. To check out our school exiting learning experiences and events,

February Hillis School Wide Music Concerts



Who: All Hillis Students

What: Annual Music Concert Performance

Where: Hoover High School Auditorium
4800 Aurora Ave, Des Moines

When: Thursday, February 22, 2024

Times: Kindergarten and First graders- 5:30pm
Second and Third graders- 6:00pm
Fourth and Fifth graders- 6:30pm

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to concert start time.

- Meet your classroom teacher in the hallway to the RIGHT of the stage
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothing
- Keep your student's belongings with you during the performance
- Pick them up from their teacher in the hallways on the LEFT of the stage
- Enjoy the show!

PTO will sell carnations while supplies last \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

ATTENDANCE TEAM

Hillis is focusing on student attendance for the month of February. Students will have the opportunity to be Hillis H.E.R.O.s. To be a Hillis H.E.R.O. the student will have to be at school and on time every day in the month of February. If your student is tardy, they will be disqualified for the H.E.R.O.s award. We understand that doctors' appointments and sicknesses come up therefore we will continue this opportunity through the end of the school year. Each month we will acknowledge, award and reward students who are prioritizing getting to school each day on time. Attendance plays a huge role in student success, please help us by doing your best to getting your student school.



February Important Dates

10th- 10:00am-12:00pm Hillis books and bagels event.

12th- No School for students. 3:30pm-7:00pm parent- teacher conferences

13th- No School for students. 12:30-7:00pm parent- teacher conferences

14th- Friendship and Kindness Day

22nd- Hillis music concert at Hoover High School.

16th- Hillis Hound Pack Rally at 8:00am in the school gym.



Hillis Spring 2024 Conferences - Sign-Up Genius Links

Please select the link next to your students teacher to schedule your conference time.

Belloma <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Belloma>

Davenport <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Davenport>

Hensley <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Hensley>

Bandy <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Bandy>

Hadaway <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Hadaway>

Joyce <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Joyce>

Egge <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Egge>

Suceska <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Suceska>

Krzton-Presson <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAAAA2AA0F5CF8-47023486-3rdgrade>

Lowe <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Lowe>

Ortiz <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Ortiz>

Gaskin <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Gaskin>

Gilbert <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Gilbert>

Draeger <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Draeger>

Gajewsky <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Gajewsky>



Butter Braids

This fundraiser starts on Feb 5th and ends on Feb 19th. We will have paper forms sent home before the 5th and there will be an online store which is highly recommended. Two volunteers will need to stand at the doors in the morning so students hand money directly to us. I do not want teachers to be responsible for keeping money. We should have someone 19th-21st. I can do the 20th for sure and will submit the order on the 21st. The fundraiser is to benefit Hillis Celebrations and Family Nights. Samples are available during conferences outside of the library. The top class in each hall will receive a popcorn party. Delivery will be 3/4 so adults will need to come into the school to pick up orders.

[Seller Registration](#) | [My Fundraising Place](#)

Carnations for the Music Concert

We will sell carnations again at the concert on the 22nd for \$2 each or 3/\$5. Cash only, while supplies last. Does anyone want to help sell?

We can use volunteers to help sell.

Hillis Book Fair and Bagels

On Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 10:00am-12:00pm, come visit the Hillis book fair at school. We will be opening our book fair in the Hillis library for parents and students to shop for books and please stop by the Hillis cafeteria to have bagels and juice!

Mid-Year Supply Drive

We are midway through the school year and supplies are dwindling. Please help us restock classroom and break room supplies, as well as fulfill some classroom Wishlist items. Any help is greatly appreciated!

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